



Our WHY

To *advance* the science and practice of viticulture and *sustain* the grape industry by keep improving production skills of stakeholders and training the future leaders



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Mission

To serve the grape-wine industry and more broadly the citizens of the State of Ohio and beyond by accomplishing the following objectives:

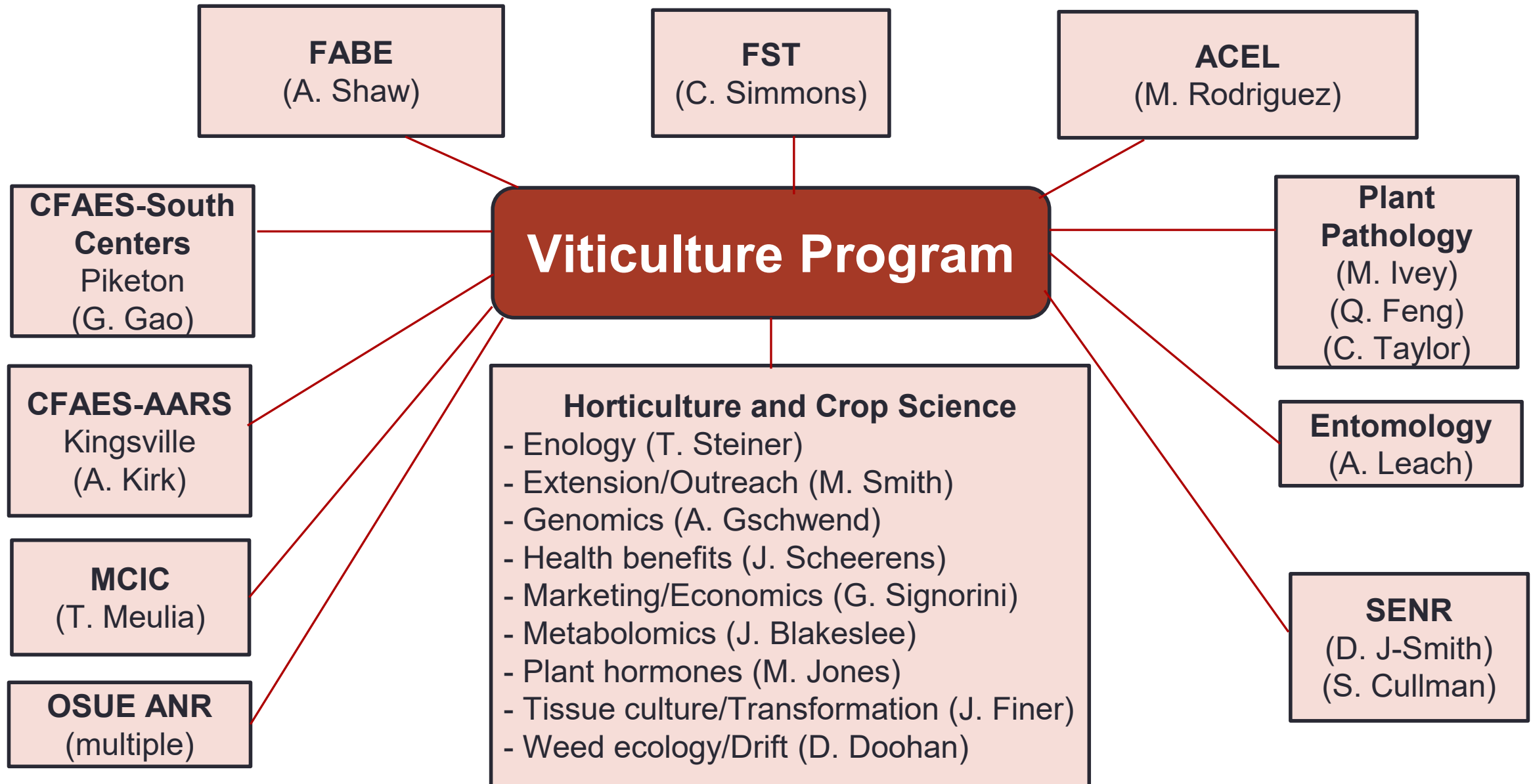
1. Conduct basic and applied research on all aspects of viticulture with the ultimate goal of increasing wine quality and mitigating grape loss by biotic or abiotic stresses.
2. Provide technical expertise through the delivery of relevant, up-to-date educational programs to support the sustainable development of the industry.



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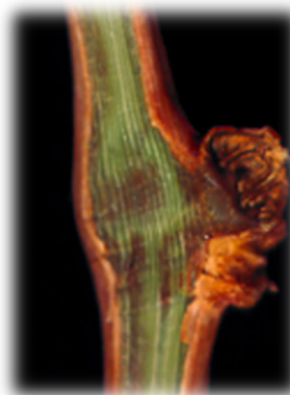
Long-term: To advance the science of viticulture using both applied and basic research

Applied research (direct beneficiary: grape/wine producers): To improve production practices

Issue #1: Need to identify better adapted varieties in Ohio climate (on-going 50+ years)

Issue #2: Need to improve fruit/wine quality and vine health through cultural practices

Basic research (beneficiary: scientific community): To advance our understanding of *freezing stress* in grapevines and develop tools to mitigate.





Viticulture Extension Team



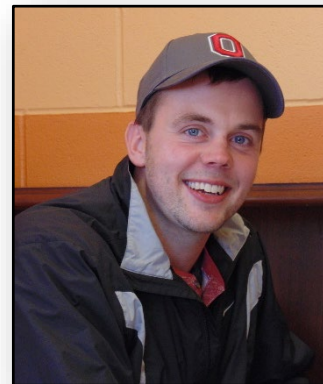
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Disseminate research-based information and educational resources to advance and transfer knowledge on viticulture to producers and students (future leaders)

- Annual Ohio Grape & Wine Conference (50 years)
- Workshops/Field Days (6)
- OGEN Newsletter/Blog
- Publications (bulletins, factsheets, website, videos, social media)
- Grape pricing and marketing
- Site visits (in-person assistance, 60)
- Student training

