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From the Dean

This issue of InFocus is devoted entirely to celebrating all our award winners in the College of Agriculture throughout the 2017-2018 academic year. This issue features select national/international, university, and college awards. The second issue, which you’ll see in a few days, will contain all the awards from our units and departments.

Congratulations to all of our award and recognition recipients at all levels, and thanks to all of those who supported our winners in the classroom, put together award nominations, or were involved in the recognition process in some way. We work hard to make sure everything is included in these issues, but if we missed any award winners, please let us know!

Another very busy academic year has come to an end. Thanks very much to all of you for all you do to make Purdue Agriculture great. Have a great summer!

All the best,

Karen
Fellows and Select National/International Awards

Faculty

Kola Ajuwon, Animal Sciences: Biovet Research Award

Tim Baker, Agricultural Economics: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Agricultural and Finance Management Section Publication of Lasting Impact

Arun Bhunia, Food Science: GMA Food Safety Award and Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award, International Association for Food Protection

Sylvie Brouder, Agronomy: Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science; Elected President, American Society of Agronomy
Natalie Carroll, Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: Elected to Board of Directors, University Council on Water Resources

Theresa Casey, Animal Sciences: American Physiological Society Select Award 2018

Indrajeet Chaubey, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Fellow, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

James Eales, Agricultural Economics: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Agricultural and Finance Management Section Publication of Lasting Impact
Elizabeth Flaherty, Forestry and Natural Resources: Association of Public and Land-grant Universities 2017 Innovative Teaching Award

Rick Foster, Entomology: 2017 Entomology Educational Project Award, Certified Entomologists of Mid-America

Michael Gunderson, Agricultural Economics: John Deere Award for Outstanding Teaching and Programs in Agribusiness, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture

Thomas Hertel, Agricultural Economics: Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Peter Hirst, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture: Fellow, American Society for Horticultural Sciences; 2018-2019 Jefferson Science Fellow

Greg Hunt, Entomology: 2017 Entomology Educational Project Award, Certified Entomologists of Mid-America

Liz Karcher, Animal Sciences: 2018 Purina Animal Nutrition Teaching Award in Dairy Science

Brad Kim, Animal Sciences: Outstanding Young Researcher Award, and Early Career Achievement Award, American Society for Animal Sciences
Eileen Kladivko, Agronomy: S.H. Phillips Distinguished Lecture in No-Till Agriculture, University of Kentucky

Christian Krupke, Entomology: 2017 Entomology Educational Project Award, Certified Entomologists of Mid-America

Michael Ladisch, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Fellow, American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Jayson Lusk, Agricultural Economics: 2017 Borlaug CAST Communication Award; Fellow, Western Agricultural Economics Association
Suzanne Nielsen, Food Science: USDA National Excellence in College and University Teaching Award

Doug Richmond, Entomology: 2017 Entomology Educational Project Award, Certified Entomologists of Mid-America

Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Agricultural Economics: Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Analysis, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Cliff Sadof, Entomology: 2017 Entomology Educational Project Award, Certified Entomologists of Mid-America
Darrell Schulze, Agronomy: National Cooperative Soil Survey 2017 Cooperator Achievement Award

Dan Szymanski, Botany and Plant Pathology: Fellow, American Society of Plant Biologists

Elizabeth Tran, Biochemistry: Lifetime Achievement Award in Service, RNA Society

Mitch Tuinstra, Agronomy: Fellow, American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America
Hazel Wetzstein, Fellow, American Society for Horticultural Science

Fred Whitford, Botany and Plant Pathology: 2017 Entomology Educational Project Award, Certified Entomologists of Mid-America

Patrick Zollner, Forestry and Natural Resources: Association of Public and Land-grant Universities 2017 Innovative Teaching Award

Staff

Kimber Nicoletti-Martinez, Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: National Social Worker of the Year, National Association of Social Workers
Undergraduate Students

Dane Chapman, Agricultural Economics: Land O’Lakes Global Food Challenge Emerging Leader

Bailee Cook, Agronomy: Land O’Lakes Global Food Challenge Emerging Leader

Caitlinn Lineback, Food Science: USDA 2018 Agricultural Outlook Forum

Katriel Marks, Plant Genetics and Breeding, Land O’Lakes Global Food Challenge Emerging Leader
University Awards and Recognitions

Faculty

**Sabrina Myoda**, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture: 2017 Udall Scholar


**Natalia Dudareva**, Biochemistry/Horticulture and Landscape Architecture: 2018 Herbert Newby McCoy Award

**Jeffrey Dukess**, Forestry and Natural Resources: Belcher Chair for Environmental Sustainability
Paul Ebner, Animal Sciences: Faculty Engagement Scholar Award

Bruce Erickson, Agronomy, with Janine Black, Agronomy, and Debbie Runshe, IT Teaching and Learning Technologies: Purdue Excellence in Digital Education: Course Design and Teaching (Non-Credit) award

Songlin Fei, Forestry and Natural Resources: 2018 University Faculty Scholar

Timothy Gibb, Entomology: Faculty Engagement Fellow Award

Kevin Gibson, Botany and Plant Pathology: 2018 Dreamer Award
Jules Janick, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture: Purdue Innovators Hall of Fame

Kee-Hong Kim, Food Science: Showalter University Faculty Scholar

Christian Krupke, Entomology: 2018 University Faculty Scholar

Jayson Lusk, Agricultural Economics: Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics
Michael Mashtare, Agronomy: 2018 Exceptional Early Career Teaching Award; 2017-2018 Teaching for Tomorrow Fellowship

Pamala Morris, Agriculture Administration/Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: Susan Bulkeley Butler Center Leadership in Action Award; 2018 On-Campus Vision Award, Center for Intercultural Learning, Mentorship, Assessment, Research (CILMAR)

Larry Murdock, Entomology: 2018 Morrill Award

Suzanne Nielsen, Food Science: 150th Anniversary Professor

Haley Oliver, Food Science: 2018 Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award
Christian Oseto, Entomology: 150th Anniversary Professor

Jerry Shively, Agricultural Economics, 2018 Purdue Policy Research Institute Excellence in Research Award

Andy Tao, Biochemistry: 2017 Outstanding Commercialization Award

Elizabeth Tran, Biochemistry: 2018 University Faculty Scholar
Staff

Tamara Ogle, Purdue Extension: Staff Engagement Award

Graduate Students

Brandon Allen, Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: One Brick Higher Award

Lauren Brizgys, Agriculture Sciences Education and Communication: NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award
Erin Kenison, Forestry and Natural Resources: Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Mentoring Award

Samantha Lee, Biochemistry: Graduate Student Mentoring Award

Sarah Meuller, Agronomy: First Place, Graduate School Three-Minute Thesis Competition

Akane Ota, Forestry and Natural Resources: Second Place, Graduate School Three-Minute Thesis Competition
Undergraduate Students

Allie Abney, Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: France Cordova Leadership in Action Award
Oswaldo Campanella, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Student Choice Award for Spotlight Educator

Paul Ebner, Animal Sciences: David C. Pfendler Outstanding Counselor Award

Michael Gunderson, Agricultural Economics: Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Teaching Award

Douglass Jacobs, Forestry and Natural Resources: 2018 Corinne Alexander Spirit of the Land Grant Mission Award
Shaneka Lawson, Forestry and Natural Resources: Unsung Diversity Hero Award

John Lumkes, with Jose Garcia Bravo and Dan Taylor, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: PK-12 Sustained Faculty Impact Award

Michael Mashtare, Richard L. Kohls Early Career Teaching Award

Paul Preckel, Agricultural Economics: Outstanding Graduate Mentor/Teacher Award
Marisol Sepúlveda, Forestry and Natural Resources: 2018 Agriculture Research Award

Hui-Hui Wang, Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: PK-12 Emerging Faculty Impact Award

Staff

John Cavaletto, Botany and Plant Pathology: Outstanding Service to Students in the College of Agriculture

Barry Delks, Animal Sciences: Student Choice Award for Outstanding Service Leadership
Kelly Delp, Agriculture Advancement: PK-12 Outreach and Engagement Staff Award

Carmen DeRusha, Purdue Extension: Unsung Diversity Hero Award

Andy Oppy, Agricultural Economics: Student Choice Award for Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor

Shelly Wischmeier, Sheri Fell, and Susan Kremer: 2017 College of Agriculture Business Office Service Award
Graduate Students

Torrie Cropps, Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: Graduate Student Pathmaker Award

Rooney Kim Lazcano, Agronomy/Ecological Sciences and Engineering: Graduate Student Pathmaker Award

Megan Taylor, Agronomy: Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant
Malithi Wickramathilaka, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate Students

Brandon Sosa, Forestry and Natural Resources: Outstanding Freshman

Nelson Knobloch, Agricultural Economics: Outstanding Sophomore

Stephanie Price, Biochemistry: Outstanding Junior
Abdias Rodriguez, Biochemistry: Outstanding Senior

Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium

Jamie Arabshahi, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Oral Presentation Selection
Ashley Otero, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Oral Presentation Selection
Janice Chan, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Oral Presentation Selection
Elena Haskins, Agricultural and Biological Engineering: Oral Presentation Selection
Taylor Blanford, Natural Resources and Environmental Science: Oral Presentation Selection
Krizia Lepiz Conejo, Animal Sciences: Oral Presentation Selection
Grace Bickel, Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication: Oral Presentation Selection
Gaotian Zhu, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture: Oral Presentation Selection
Erica Wyss, Agronomy: Interdisciplinary Poster - First Place; Archival Research Poster - Second Place
Gabrielle Williams, Biochemistry: College of Agriculture Poster - First Place
Ashley Ring, Animal Science/Honors College: College of Agriculture Poster - Second Place
Charles Peacock, Animal Sciences: College of Agriculture Poster - Third Place
Megan Riley, Animal Sciences: College of Agriculture Poster - Third Place
Andrew Pietraniec, Animal Sciences: College of Agriculture Poster - Third Place
Mikayla Small, Animal Sciences: College of Agriculture Poster - Third Place

Purdue Extension Professional Development Conference Awards
Director’s Awards
Kris Parker, Paul B. Crooks Award
Barb Beaulieu, Outstanding Extension/Faculty Specialist Award

John Baugh, Director's Award

Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Awards

Individual: Sara Dzimianski, Perry County

Team: Mark Kepler (Fulton), Megan Voyles (Scott), Danielle Howell-Walker (Washington), and Ron Lemenager (professor, Department of Animal Sciences)

Community Development Awards
Health and Human Sciences Awards

Individual: **Nancy Hudson**, Fulton County

Team: **Teresa Witkoske** (Wabash), **Lindsey Pedigo** (Howard), **Jane Horner** (Cass), **Barb Beaulieu** (Human Development Extension Specialist), **Esmerelda Cruz** (Clinton) and **Mindy Mayes** (Grant). Not pictured: **Kim Frazier** (Miami)

4-H Youth Development Awards

Individual: **Malea Huffman**, Greene County
Bob Amick Award: Jill Andrew-Richards, Ohio County

4-H Youth Development Team Award: Lesley Lodmell (Lawrence), Liz Beiersdorfer (Dearborn), Heather VonDielingen (Jackson), Lisa Wilson (Gibson) and Peg Ehlers (Switzerland). Not pictured: Katie Whiteford (Clark)

Cooperative Extension Service Team Award: Megan Hoffherr (Gibson), Hans Schmitz (Gibson) and Meagan Brothers (Vanderburgh)

Diversity Award: Esmerelda Cruz, Clinton County

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialists Association Awards

Kara Stewart, Animal Sciences: Early Career Award
Ronald Lemenager, Animal Sciences: Mid-Career Award

Bob Nielsen, Agronomy: Career Award

Keith Johnson, Agronomy: Leadership Award

Drew Lugar, Animal Sciences: Graduate Student Award

Ann Hancook Award: Barb Beaulieu (Human Development Extension Specialist). Not pictured: Deb Arseneau (Newton), Liz Beiersdorfer (Dearborn), Meagan Brothers (Vanderburgh), Megan Broughton (Washington), Jay Christiansen (Vigo), Jan Dougan (Dubois), Peg Ehlers (Switzerland), Teri Hornberger (Decatur), Jennifer McGuire (Dubois), Mandy Medbourn (Pulaski / Starke), Joni Muchler (Washington), Monica Nagele (Montgomery), Amy Nierman (Southwest District Director), Marcia Parcell (Dearborn), Angela Rathert (Jefferson), Alice Smith (Jasper), Karenlee Spencer (formerly of Parke) and Abby Sweet (Montgomery)
Team Award: **Kris Medic** (Bartholomew), **Kara Salazar** (Sustainable Communities Extension Specialist, Department of Forestry and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant), **John Orick** (Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator) and **Rosie Lerner** (consumer horticulturist, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture). Not pictured: **Laura Esman** (Water Quality Program Coordinator, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources) and **Jane Frankenberger** (professor of Agricultural & Biological Engineering).