2016-2017
CFANS
College Awards

College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Honors and Awards Committee

Patti Backes-Rosemount Research and Outreach Center
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Winona Johnson-CFANS Undergraduate Student
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Melissa Palmer-Animal Science
Deborah Pehrson-Southern Research and Outreach Center, Waseca, MN
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Eric Rohn-CFANS Development
Eli Sagor-Cloquet Forestry Center
Amy Smith-Agricultural Education
Susan Thurston-Hamerski CFANS Advancement
Cliff Vrieze-CFANS Alumni Society
Veronica Wang-CFANS Undergraduate Student

Honors and Awards are listed for the period 5/4/2016-5/9/2017
This list may not be exhaustive; the Honors and Awards Committee apologizes to anyone who may have been overlooked
Please report any omissions to Betty Davidson at betty@umn.edu

CFANS Faculty

Brett Barney-Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
BBE Professor of the Year 2016
Charles Blinn-Forest Resources
Outstanding Team Award for the Gathering Partners Conference 2016 from the Minnesota Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals
Michael Boland-Applied Economics
CFANS Distinguished Teaching Awards: Undergraduate (tenured)
CFANS Alumni Society Faculty Award
James Bradeen-Plant Pathology
*CFANS Distinguished Diversity and Inclusion Award*

Tom Burk-Forest Resources
*CFANS Alumni Society Outstanding Professor Award*

Chuck Clanton-Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
*Neward Award for Teaching*

Jerry Cohen-Horticultural Science
*CFANS Distinguished Teaching Awards: Graduate*

Dean Current-Forest Resources
*Center for Transportation Studies 2017 Research Partnership Award*

Marcia Endres-Animal Science
*ADSA Representative for National Board of Directors of the Professional Animal Auditors Certification Organization*
*Chair of International Precision Dairy Farming Organization*

Omar Espinoza-Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
*BBE Outstanding Professor of the Year 2016*

Julie Grossman-Horticultural Science
*Fulbright Award to Columbia*

Les Hansen-Animal Science
*Hoard’s Dairyman Youth Development Award*

Dean Herzfeld-Plant Pathology
*Fellow, American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators*

Candice Hirsch-Agronomy and Plant Genetics
*McKnight Land-Grant Professorship*
*Maize Genetics Early Career Award*

Kevin Janni-Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
*CFANS Distinguished Extension/Outreach Award*
*2016 Distinguished Faculty Award from CFANS Alumni Society*
*ASABE Outstanding Reviewer for NRES Community*

Nicolas Jelinski-Soil, Water and Climate
*CFANS Distinguished Teaching Awards: Undergraduate (non-tenured)*

Gary Johnson-Forest Resources
*CFANS Student Board Outstanding Faculty Advisor*
*Arbor Day Foundation-Frederick Law Olmsted Award for lifelong achievements*

Jennifer Juzwik-Plant Pathology
*2016 L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboricultural Research*
*U.S. Forest Service “Inspiring Woman” Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement*

Jim Linn-Animal Science
*ADSA Fellow*

Donald Liu-Applied Economics
*CFANS Innovation in Undergraduate Education Award*

Krishona Martinson-Animal Science
*American Forage and Grassland Council Merit Award*

Sally Noll-Animal Science
*Honorary State FFA Degree*

Tade Okediji-Applied Economics
*Horace T. Morse – U of M Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education*
Mary Rogers-Horticultural Science
*American Society for Horticultural Science Early Career Faculty Award*

Matthew Russell-Forest Resources
*2015 Outstanding Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Forest Research*

Deb Samac-Plant Pathology
*Nonresident Fellow of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation*

Ingrid Schneider-Forest Resources
*Distinguished Alumni, Clemson University*

Tim Smith-Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
*Selected Expert, Governance Committee of U.S. EPA*

Marshall Stern-Animal Science
*Nutrition Professionals Inc., Applied Dairy Nutrition Award*

CFANS Staff

Emma Allen-Bell Museum and Planetarium
*Kennedy Center’s LEAD® Award for Emerging Leaders in Arts and Disability*

Mary Buschette-Alumni Relations
*CFANS Alumni Five Year Mentor Honoree*

Sarah Castle-Plant Pathology
*USDA-NIFA Postdoctoral Fellowship*

Robert Craven-Applied Economics
*CFANS Alumni Society Distinguished Staff Award*

Sarah Ellerton-Agricultural Education1200
*CFANS Student Board Outstanding Award*

Masha Finn-Alumni Relations
*CFANS Student Board Little Red Oil Can Award*

Lee Frelich-Forest Resources
*CFANS P&A Staff Award*

Dana Freund-Horticultural Science
*Outstanding Senior Postdoctoral Scholar*

Samantha Grover-Horticultural Science
*CFANS Distinguished Diversity and Inclusion Award*

Lee Klossner-Southwest Research and Outreach Center
*Recognized for 20 years of service as the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) National Trends Network (NTN) site operator at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center*

Jay Maher-Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology
*CFANS Civil Service Bargaining Unit Staff Award*

Corrie Marion-Food Science and Nutrition
*CFANS P&A Staff Award*

Marisa Miller-Plant Pathology
*USDA-NIFA Postdoctoral Fellowship*

Susan Pohlod-Applied Economics
*President’s Award for Outstanding Service*

Jeff Strock-Southwest Research and Outreach Center
*Friend of Agriculture Award – MN Corn Growers Association*

Dylan VanBoxtel-Plant Pathology
*CFANS Civil Service Bargaining Unit Staff Award*

Lei Wang-Food Science and Nutrition
*ASN Emerging Leader Competition*
**Group Recognition**

**Alpha Gamma Rho**

*CFANS Student Board – Outstanding Organizational Programming Award*

**Alpha Gamma Rho and FarmHouse**

*CFANS Student Board – Outstanding Philanthropic Events Award*

**Dairy Cattle Judging Team**

*First Overall in Intercollegiate North American International Livestock Exposition*

*First in Oral Reasons and second Overall in All American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, PA*

*National Champions in Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest*

**Dairy Product Judging Team Undergraduate - Food Science and Nutrition**

*Second place butter competition, third place ice cream competition, fifth place overall, regional Collegiate Dairy Product Evaluation Contest*

**Gopher Dairy Club – Animal Science**

Forty-four of the 108 members of the Gopher Dairy Club traveled to the annual meeting of the Midwest regional association of dairy science clubs on February 3 and 4 in Brookings, SD. The gathering was hosted by the South Dakota State Dairy Club. The club and its members placed highly in competitions:

- First Yearbook (The Topline)
- First Electronic Yearbook (The Topline)
- First Website
- First team in Dairy Products Judging
- First (Annie Culbertson) and second (Madelin Lindahl) individuals in Dairy Products Judging

**UMN National Dairy Challenge Contest Team**

*UMN National Dairy Challenge Contest Team, First Place*

**Student Awards**

**Madeline Brandt**– Food Science and Nutrition

*First place butter, second place milk, second place cheddar cheese, third place ice cream, tie for first place overall (ended up finishing second in tiebreaker); regional Collegiate Dairy Product Evaluation Contest*

**Cayla Duffy**– Food Science and Nutrition

*MnDRIVE Fellowship*

**Ariel Garsow**– Food Science and Nutrition

*IFT Food Microbiology Division Undergraduate Scholarship*

**Lily Grebe**– Animal Science

*CFANS Dean E.M. Freeman Undergraduate Award*

**Jenny Hayek**– Food Science and Nutrition

*IFT Feeding Tomorrow Scholarship*

**Duy Hoang Do**– Applied Economics

*M.S. Thesis Award*

**Julie Hess**– Food Science and Nutrition

*MnDRIVE Fellowship*

**Chelsey Hinnenkamp**– Food Science and Nutrition

*IFT Feeding Tomorrow Scholarship*

**Mariah Huberty**– Animal Science

*Center of Excellence (COE) scholarships*

**Haley Johnson**– Animal Science

*Third Place in MN Nutrition Conference poster competition*

**Jordan Juckel**– Animal Science

*Nelson Scholarship*

**Rachel Kircher**– Agricultural Communications and Marketing and Animal Science
CFANS Alumni Society Student Leadership Award: Undergraduate

Alexandra Kuechel—Food Science and Nutrition
First place cottage cheese, second place ice cream, third place cheddar cheese, third place overall, regional Collegiate Dairy Product Evaluation Contest

Ben Ma—Food Science and Nutrition
UROP Research Project Presentation at National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Alice Maserati—Food Science and Nutrition
Third Place, J. Mac Geopfert Developing Scientist

Divek Nair—Animal Science
First Place in MN Nutrition Conference poster competition

Feeding Tomorrow Graduate Scholarship from the National IFT

Carmen Owen-Bock—Food Science and Nutrition
Second place, butter competition, regional Collegiate Dairy Product Evaluation Contest

Claire Peichel—Food Science and Nutrition
Poultry Science Association Certificate of Excellence Award

Emily Petterson—Food Science and Nutrition
First place ice cream competition at regional Collegiate Dairy Product Evaluation Contest

Hannah Phillips—Animal Science
First place in the Organic Research Forum Poster Session at the 2017 Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) Conference

Gerald Presley—Bioproducts and Biosystems Science, Engineering and Management

CFANS Alumni Society Student Leadership Award: Graduate

Cristiano Reis—Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
UMII Big Date Graduate Scholarship

Andrew Sathoff—Plant Pathology
Mycological Society of America (MSA) Travel Grant

Kat Sweeney—Plant Pathology
2017 Forest Fungal Ecology award from the Mycological Society of America

Elizabeth Theis—Animal Science
Center of Excellence (COE) scholarships

Michaela Trudeau—Animal Science
Second Place in MN Nutrition Conference poster competition

Xin Zhang—Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering
ASABE AIM 2016 NRES Oral Presentation Winner

CFANS Alumni and Friends

Richard Barnes—B.S. Agricultural Business Administration, 1964; M.S. Public Administration, 1969

CFANS Alumni Society Lifetime Achievement Award

Marvin Bauer—Forest Resources

CFANS Alumni Society Outstanding Friend Award

Don Buhl—Agricultural Education Alumni, 1972

Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture-Production Agriculture
Frank Busta—former Food Science and Nutrition Department Head and Professor, M.S. Dairy Science, 1961

*International Food Technologists (IFT) Myron Solberg Award*

Roger Chamberlain—B.S. Agricultural Business Administration, 1974

*CFANS Alumni Society Alumni Service Award*

Klaus Deininger—Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, 1993, Applied Economics

*Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals*

Alan Ek—B.S., Forestry, M.S. Forestry, 1964, 1965

*CFANS Alumni Society Lifetime Achievement Award*


*CFANS Alumni Society Distinguished Alumni Award*

Kevin Hennessy—M.S. Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, 2009

*CFANS Alumni Five-Year Mentor Honoree*

Mason Hurley—M.S. in Applied Economics

*M.S. Thesis Award*


*Department of Applied Economics Outstanding Alumni Award*

Jennefer Klennert—B.S. Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, 1995

*CFANS Alumni 5-Year Mentor Honoree*

Joel Larsen—B.S. Agricultural Education, 1977; M.S. Agricultural Education, 1993

*CFANS Alumni Society Alumni Advocate Award*

Merlin Lindemann—Animal Science

*Department of Animal Science Golden Alumni Award*

Melissa Lim—Plant Pathology

*Best Student Poster Award at Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (BGRI)*

Sharon Marsh

*CFANS Alumni Five Year Mentor Honoree*

Michael Martin—Applied Economics

*Outstanding Achievement Award*

Emily Nachtigal—B.S., Applied Economics, 2012

*CFANS Alumni Society Service Award*

Sean O’Connor—B.S. Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, 2001

*CFANS Alumni Five Year Mentor Honoree*

Kevin Paap—B.S., Crop Production, 1981

*CFANS Alumni Society Outstanding Friend Award*

Leah Peterson—B.S., Natural Resources Planning Policy and Law, 2003

*CFANS Alumni Society Service Award*

Jeta Rudi—Ph.D. in Applied Economics; M.S.

*Ph.D. Dissertation Award*

Dave Rizzo—Ph.D. Plant Pathology;

*2017 University of California Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement*

Norm Sieling—B.S., Agricultural Education, 1979

*CFANS Alumni Society Service Award*

Travis Smith—Applied Economics

*AAEA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award*
Lee Thompson-B.S., Agricultural Education, 1979

*CFANS Alumni Society Alumni Advocate Award*

Matthew Wohlman-B.S., Animal Production Systems, 2003

*CFANS Alumni Society Service Award*

**CFANS thanks those who have retired for their service**

Linda Brady-Food Science and Nutrition Professor; 29 years of service

Anne Burke-Northwest Research and Outreach Center; Principal Accounts Specialist; 29 years of service

Tom Burk-Forest Resources Professor; 33 years of service

Roxanne Denny-Plant Pathology Researcher 3; 37 years of service

Gary Dobberstein-Southern Research and Outreach Center Farm Animal Attendant; 45 years of service

Alan Ek-Forest Resources Professor and former department head; 33 years of service

Rob King-Applied Economics Professor and former department head; 34 years of service

Chuck Kramer-Cloquet Forestry Center Plot Technician; 40 years of service

F. Abel Ponce de León-Animal Science Professor and former department head; 19 years of service

Robert Seavey-Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering Teaching Assistant Professor; 38 years of service

Faye Sleeper-Water Resources Center Associate Director; 10 years of service

**In memory of the following members of the CFANS community**

George Blake, 1955-1984 Soil, Water and Climate


Jerry Fruin, 1975-2014 Applied Economics

Peter Jordan, 1974-2005 Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology

Thor Kommedahl, 1953-1990 Plant Pathology

Richard Rust, 1956-1989 Soil, Water and Climate

Tim Wagar, 1984 – 2004 Soil, Water and Climate