On Wednesday, April 24th the following Faculty, Staff and Undergraduates will be recognized at the College of Agriculture’s Spring Awards Banquet. This will be held at The Trails Banquet Facility.

Dr. Peter Goldsbrough
David C. Pfendler Outstanding Counselor Award, BTNY

Dr. Bryan Young
Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Award, BTNY

Dr. Gordon McNickle
Kohls Early Career Teaching Award, BTNY

Pam Mow
Outstanding Service to Student Award, BTNY

Jennifer Fishburn
Botany and Plant Pathology Outstanding Senior

Mia Brann
Botany and Plant Pathology Outstanding Sophomore

Aileen Frazier
Botany and Plant Pathology Outstanding Junior

Ethan Smiley
Botany and Plant Pathology Outstanding Freshman

Congratulations
Congratulations to **Samy Belteton**, a PhD student in Dr. Dan Szymanski’s lab, for being recognized as the 2018-19 Weier Outstanding Graduate Student in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology!

Samy has performed elegant cell biological, molecular genetic, and computational modeling experiments to better understand cell morphogenesis in the Arabidopsis pavement cell system. His work has already been published in several high-profile papers.

Great accomplishment Samy, and excellent mentoring skills Dr. Szymanski!

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**NEW FACES IN THE DEPARTMENT**

Welcome **Valérien Méline** to our department, he is a Post-Doc researcher in Dr. Anjali Iyer-Pascuzzi’s lab. **Hye Lin Park** also joined our department as a Post-Doc researcher in Dr. Gyeong Mee Yoon’s lab.

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**WELCOME TO BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY!**
FACULTY MENTORING

Dr. Leonor Boavida has been mentoring a high school student from Jefferson High school, and he has been working on a lab project since August, 2018. He presented his work at the Lafayette Regional Science and Engineering Fair on March 8th and did great!

Mario Perez-Ahuatl received the following awards:

Second place in the College of Science Dean’s Award—Life Sciences

Department of Biology Award

Society for In Vitro Biology Award

Gold medal in Plant Sciences.

Mario was invited to compete at the 2019 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair—Senior Division and won another two awards!

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for Ability and Creativity in In Vitro Biology from The Society of In Vitro Biology

Award for Excellence in a Science Research Project that furthers the Aims and Ideals of Science from The Indiana Academy of Science.

Great Job Mario and good job Leonor for mentoring a great student!

APRIL SEMINARS

Botany and Plant Pathology Seminars are held on Wednesday at 3:30pm in WSLR, Room 116 (unless noted)

April 10  Dr. Erik Nielsen, University of Michigan
April 17  Dr. Joshua Widhalm, Purdue University
April 24  Dr. Rick Vierstra, Washington University in St. Louis *PFEN Room 241
Congratulations to Sally Stevens Chambers for receiving a young explorers award from National Geographic! Sally was a grad student and received her PhD with Dr. Nancy Emery. Nancy had a joint appointment with Botany and Plant Pathology and Biology. Sally now works at the Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida as a botanist with a focus on ferns.

Please see the article at:
https://www.nationalgeographic.org/find-explorers/sally-chambers


PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Retirement Celebration
HONORING
Gail Ruhl
Monday, April 29
3:00pm—5:00pm
WSLR, Room 116

After almost 40 years of service to the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Gail will be retiring from her position as Senior Plant Disease Diagnostician in the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Lab. Please join us as we celebrate all her contributions to the department, the College of Agriculture, Purdue University and the State of Indiana.

A book of letters and photos will be presented to Gail at this celebration. Please send letters and/or photos to mowp@purdue.edu or to Pam Mow, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, 915 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2054 by Friday, April 26 and plan to join the celebration on April 29.
Join the festivities!
April 6-7, 2019 • 10:00am - 4:00pm

Enjoy the lighter side of higher education at Spring Fest! This free, university-wide event showcases animals, art, insects, and more. It's a great way for students of any age to enjoy interactive, hands-on activities — including the legendary Bug Bowl, the Horticulture Show, and the Veterinary Medicine Open House. Part education, part entertainment...and all fun! Plan your visit today!