The faculty listed below were awarded a million dollar or higher grant during the 2017-2018 fiscal year! The College of Agriculture celebrated their success at a luncheon with the Dean and Associate Deans on Thursday, April 4th. In addition, their names will be engraved on the Millionaire’s Club plaque displayed in Pfendler Hall across from the Deans Auditorium.


Congratulations to three of our Botany and Plant Pathology faculty who have been tenured and/or promoted! Dr. Sharon Kessler and Dr. Anjali Iyer-Pascuzzi were promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Tom Creswell was promoted to Clinical Extension Professor.
**NEW FACES IN THE DEPARTMENT**

Welcome **Ding-Hua Lee** to our department, he is a Post-Doc researcher in Dr. Leonor Boavida’s lab. **Chen Gong** also joined our department as a Visiting Scholar in Dr. Jin-Rong Xu’s lab.

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**AWARDS**

**Josh Kraft**, a PhD Student in Dr. Chris Oakley’s Lab has received a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation. This is a very prestigious award, and provides three years of financial support. Josh was one of just five graduate students working in the Life Sciences in the state of Indiana to be awarded the fellowship this year.  

*Congratulations Josh!*

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The following graduate student and postdoctoral scholar were honored Tuesday, April 23 at the 21st Annual Celebration of Graduate Teaching Excellence, hosted by the Office of the Provost, Purdue Teaching Academy, Graduate School and Center for Instructional Excellence.

**Mina Rostamza**  
received the 2018-19 Certificate of Foundations in College Teaching.

**Stephanie DeSimini**  
received the 2019 Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award.

“Success comes to those who deserve it.”

*Congratulations*

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**WELCOME TO BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY!**


Congratulations to Gail Ruhl on her Retirement! 40 years!
The below photo is Gail’s first and last day.