December Recognition
MARVIN & BARBARA PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Malena Bartaburu
Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

- DOW AGROSCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
- 2022 ROCKEY FOUNDATION FOR FOOD & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (FFAR) FELLOW

Sujata Bogati
AGRONOMY EXCELLENCE AWARD:
OUTSTANDING PH.D. RESEARCH

Chance
Clark
DOW AGROSCIENCES
GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Binod
Giyawali
M.O. Pence Graduate Scholarship

Brendan Hanson
AGRonomy Excellence Award:
Outstanding MS Research

Hannah Levengood
Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

- STANLEY A. BARBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SOIL FERTILITY & PLANT NUTRITION
- G.O. MOTT AWARD FROM THE CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA
- PATHMAKER AWARD
- AGRONOMY EXCELLENCE AWARD: OUTSTANDING EXTENSION

Ana
Morales Ona
Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

- JERRY V. MANNERING AWARD IN SOIL CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT
- 2022 ROCKEY FOUNDATION FOR FOOD & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (FFAR) FELLOW

Rose Mumbi
Joe L. White Graduate Student Scholarship Award in Soil Chemistry & Mineralogy

Elijah Openiyi
DR. WYMAN E. NYQUIST MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Maliheh Shaltouki Rizi
Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

Dr. Wyman E. Nyquist Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Nathan Smith
ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS / ASSISTANTSHIPS:

- Binod Joshi – Ross Fellowship
- Túlio Iglesias Machado – CAPES Purdue PhD Fellowship
- Samira Safaee – Bilsland Fellowship
- Trever Thurgood – Purdue Doctoral Fellowship
- Jhacolby Williams – ARGE Diversity Assistantship
AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
SENIOR CLASS

Isabel Gordon
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLAR

AGRonomy OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
JUNIOR CLASS

Claire King
Agronomy Outstanding Student Award
Sophomore Class

Joshua Havron
Agronomy Outstanding Student Award
Freshman Class

Kaitlyn Hofmann
Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD
TRANSFER STUDENT

Katelyn Smith
AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING ASA SENIOR

Josh Adams
M.O. PENCE AWARD

Ella Robinson
Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

2023 Beck Foundation Agronomy Scholarship

(Left to Right)
- Josh Havron
- Jason Beck
  Beck’s Talent Acquisition Specialist
- Madelynn Keiffer
- Raelyn Butler
Agronomy Club Officers for 2024

PRESIDENT: Josh Havron  |  VICE PRESIDENT: Emily Harker
SECRETARY: Aleah Wright  |  TREASURER: Jason Emsweller
BUSINESS MANAGER: Daniel Adams  |  ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER: Kate Alsdorf
SOILS MANAGER: Jackson Metz  |  SEEDS MANAGER: Jonathan Starke  |  CROPS MANAGER: Maddie Brink
HISTORIAN: Hannah Miller
SOIL INVITATIONAL CHAIR: Kyra Kiel  |  CROPS INVITATIONAL CHAIR: Jeremy Bell
COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Ruby Slentz, Kaia Wright, Corban Warran
WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

Events, Competitions, & Conferences
AMERICAN FORAGE & GRASSLAND CONFERENCE

- January in Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- Forage Team:
  - Benton Berger
  - Andrew Goebel
  - Nikira Lane
  - Emily Harker
  - Camden Calloway
NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGES & TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE (NACTA) CROPS & SOILS JUDGING COMPETITION

- Purdue took 4th place overall in the soils contest, and 5th place overall in the crops contest
ASA REGION 3 SOILS CONTEST

- Purdue took 1st place in both overall and group judging
ASA CONFERENCE 2023 - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

- Purdue had excellent representation at the SASES portion of the conference by students from Agronomy Club.
- Members took top places in the speech and poster presentations, and secured the National Secretary position.
AWARDS & HONORS

Faculty
CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION
PURDUE AG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dr. Shalamar Armstrong

- Associate Professor of Agronomy
  Soil Conservation & Management
Awards & Honors – Faculty

- EXCELLENCE IN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY TEACHING AWARD IN FOOD & AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
- CHARLES B. MURPHY OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD
- RICHARD L. KOHLS OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD (2022)
- BOOK OF GREAT TEACHERS INDUCTEE
- TEACHING ACADEMIC FELLOW

Dr. Laura Bowling
Professor of Agronomy – Watershed Hydrology
2023 INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS (IEEE)
MILDRED DRESELHAUS MEDAL
Dr. Melba Crawford
- Professor of Agronomy, Civil Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Earth Observation | Director of LARS
Awards & Honors – Faculty

NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE

PRESIDENTIAL FELLOW FOR FOOD SECURITY & SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Gebisa Ejeta

- Distinguished Professor of Agronomy
- Sorghum Genetics & Breeding
- Director of Global Food Security Center
AMERICAN FORAGE & GRASSLAND COUNCIL
ALLEN AWARD OF ILLUMINATION

Dr. Keith Johnson

- Professor of Agronomy
  Forage Management
Awards & Honors – Faculty

2023 SSSA DIVERSITY TRAILBLAZER
PURDUE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Eileen Kladivko
- Professor of Agronomy
  Soil Physics & Management
2023 SSSA

DIVERSITY TRAILBLAZER

Dr. Linda Lee

- Distinguished Professor of Agronomy
- Environmental Organic Chemistry
- Professor & Program Head, EEE
- Assistant Dean, ARGE
MID-CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN SOYBEAN GENETICS & GENOMICS

SOY2022 CONFERENCE

Dr. Jianxin Ma

- Professor of Agronomy
- Plant Genetics & Genomics
- Indiana Soybean Alliance Endowed Chair in Soybean Improvement
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE
TRAVEL GRANT AWARD

Dr. Mohsen Mohammadi
- Associate Professor of Agronomy
  Small Grains Breeding & Quantitative Genetics
2023 SSSA

DIVERSITY TRAILBLAZER

Dr. Diane Stott
- Adjunct Professor of Agronomy
  Soil Science
Awards & Honors – Faculty

- Lowell S. Hardin Award for Excellence in International Agriculture
- David C. Pfendler Outstanding Undergraduate Counselor Award

Dr. Mitch Tuinstra
- Professor of Agronomy
  Plant Breeding & Genetics
- Wickersham Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Research
Awards & Honors – Faculty

2023 COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & NATURAL RESOURCES (CAFNR) COLUMN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Dr. Jeff Volenec
- Interim Department Head, Agronomy
- Professor of Agronomy

Crop Ecophysiology
2023 SHOWALTER FACULTY SCHOLAR

Dr. Cankui Zhang
- Associate Professor of Agronomy
  Plant Molecular Physiology
Awards & Honors – Research Teams

BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH AWARD

JOHN MARTINSON HONORS COLLEGE

Research Team of:
Dr. Roland Wilhelm
Assistant Professor of Agronomy
Soil Microbiome | Environmental Microbiology

Dr. Laramy Enders
Associate Professor of Entomology

Dr. Anjali Iyer-Pascuzzi
Professor of Botany & Plant Pathology
ACORN AWARD
RESEARCH GRANT IN EXCESS OF $1 M

Research Team of:
Dr. Beth Hall
Director, Indiana State Climate Office & MRCC

Melissa Widhalm
Regional Climatologist & Associate Director, MRCC

Austin Pearson
Service & Outreach Climatologist

Hans Schmitz
Lead Conservation Cropping Systems Agronomist
Awards & Honors – Teaching Nominees

Dr. Shalamar Armstrong
- Outstanding Graduate Mentor & Teacher

Dawn Bull
- Outstanding Service to Students

Dr. Keith Johnson
- David C. Pfendler Outstanding Undergraduate Counselor

Dr. Mitch Tuinstra
- Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching

Dr. Diane Wang
- Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Early Career

Dr. Cankui Zhang
- John T. Taylor Excellence in Teaching Innovation

Dr. Shams Rahmani
- Outstanding Clinical Faculty & Lecturer

Jane Wiercioch
- Outstanding Undergraduate Advising
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AWARDS & HONORS

Staff
Awards & Honors – Staff

Outstanding Teacher for Clinical Faculty & Lecturers

Award Recipient for 2023-24

Dr. Shams Rahmani
- Soils Laboratory Coordinator
OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2023-24

Jane Wiercioch
- Undergraduate Program Administrator
Awards & Honors – Staff

BRAVO AWARD

Dr. Youn Jeong Choi
- Senior Analytical Chemist
BRAVO AWARD

Jonathan Weaver
- Senior Research Analyst / Applications Manager
PROMOTIONS
Agronomy Faculty
Dr. Bruce Erickson

PROMOTED TO

CLINICAL PROFESSOR
Dr. Corey Gerber

PROMOTED TO

CLINICAL PROFESSOR
Dr. Linda Lee

PROMOTED TO

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
Dr. Katy Martin Rainey

PROMOTED TO

FULL PROFESSOR
YEARS OF SERVICE

Agronomy Faculty Recognition
Faculty Years of Service Recognition

- Dr. Bruce Erickson – 10 years
- Dr. Torbert Rocheford – 15 years
- Dr. Tony Vyn – 25 years
- Dr. Cliff Johnston – 30 years
- Dr. Linda Lee – 30 years
- Dr. Jeff Volenec – 40 years
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NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Saying Hello
Dr. Siddhartho Paul

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Geospatial Science
New Faculty

Dr. Pratishtha Poudel

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Digital Agroecosystems
Agroecosystem Modeling
Marcus Mues

DIGITAL CONTENT SPECIALIST
New Staff

Cameron Wilson

BUSINESS MANAGER
New Staff

Will Werline

BUILDING MANAGER
New Staff

Andrew Westfall

FIELD OPERATIONS MANAGER
DTC
PURDUE CULTIVATE PRODUCE SUSTAIN

AGRONOMY

SOIL PLANTS WATER

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MOVING ON

Saying Goodbye
DR. RON TURCO
38 years with Agronomy
MELINDA SMITH
6 years with Agronomy
Retirement

CONNIE FOSTER

38 years with Agronomy
DR. JIM CAMBERATO
18 years with Agronomy
DR. TONY VYN

25 years with Agronomy
BREAKING GROUND

New Facilities
New Facilities

PHENOTYPING GREENHOUSE
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AWARDS & HONORS

New for 2024
Awards & Honors – New for 2024

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD

Lynda Peter

- PhD Student with Dr. Linda Lee
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD

Chance Clark

- PhD Student with Dr. Jianxin Ma
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE PhD RESEARCH AWARD

Rose Mumbi

- PhD Student with Dr. Jim Camberato
  & Dr. Mark Williams
Awards & Honors – New for 2024

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE EXTENSION AWARD

Erick Oliva Fuentes

- MS Student with Dr. Dan Quinn
Thank you, and Happy Holidays!