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December Recognition

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AWARDS & HONORS

Graduate Students



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

MARVIN & BARBARA PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

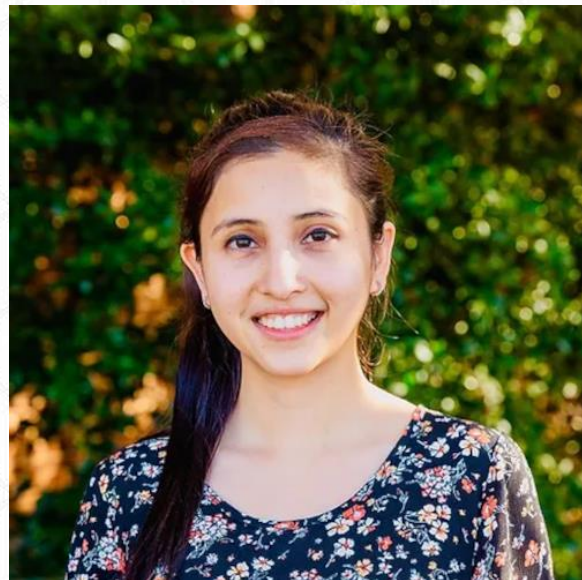


**Malena
Bartaburu**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

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



**Sujata
Bogati**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

AGRONOMY EXCELLENCE AWARD: OUTSTANDING PH.D. RESEARCH



**Chance
Clark**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

DOW AGROSCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



**Binod
Giyawali**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

M.O. PENCE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



**Brendan
Hanson**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

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**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

JOE L. WHITE GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN SOIL CHEMISTRY & MINERALOGY



**Elijah
Openiyi**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

DR. WYMAN E. NYQUIST MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

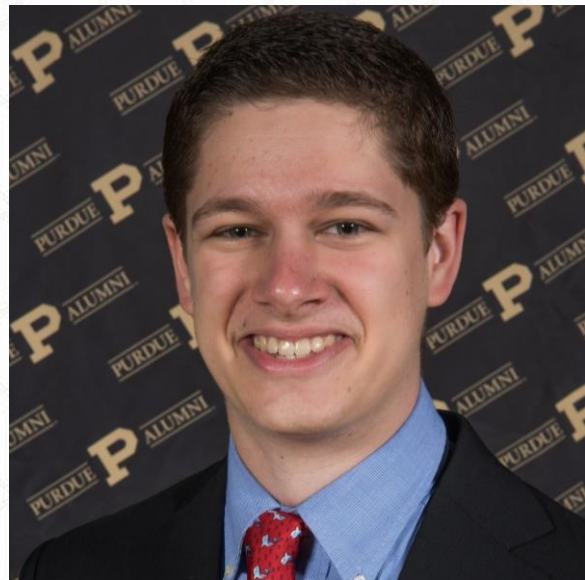


**Maliheh
Shaltouki Rizi**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

DR. WYMAN E. NYQUIST MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



**Nathan
Smith**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS / ASSISTANTSHIPS:

- **Binod Joshi – Ross Fellowship**
- **Túlio Iglésias Machado – CAPES Purdue PhD Fellowship**
- **Samira Safaee – Bilsland Fellowship**
- **Trever Thurgood – Purdue Doctoral Fellowship**
- **Jhacolby Williams – ARGE Diversity Assistantship**



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AWARDS & HONORS

Undergraduate Students



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD SENIOR CLASS



**Isabel
Gordon**



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

- ★ **GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLAR**
- ★ **AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD**
JUNIOR CLASS



Claire
King



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

SOPHOMORE CLASS



Joshua
Havron



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

FRESHMAN CLASS



**Kaitlyn
Hofmann**



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

TRANSFER STUDENT



**Katelyn
Smith**



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

AGRONOMY OUTSTANDING ASA SENIOR



**Josh
Adams**



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

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



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WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

Events, Competitions, & Conferences



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





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

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





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

ASA REGION 3 SOILS CONTEST

- Purdue took 1st place in both overall and group judging

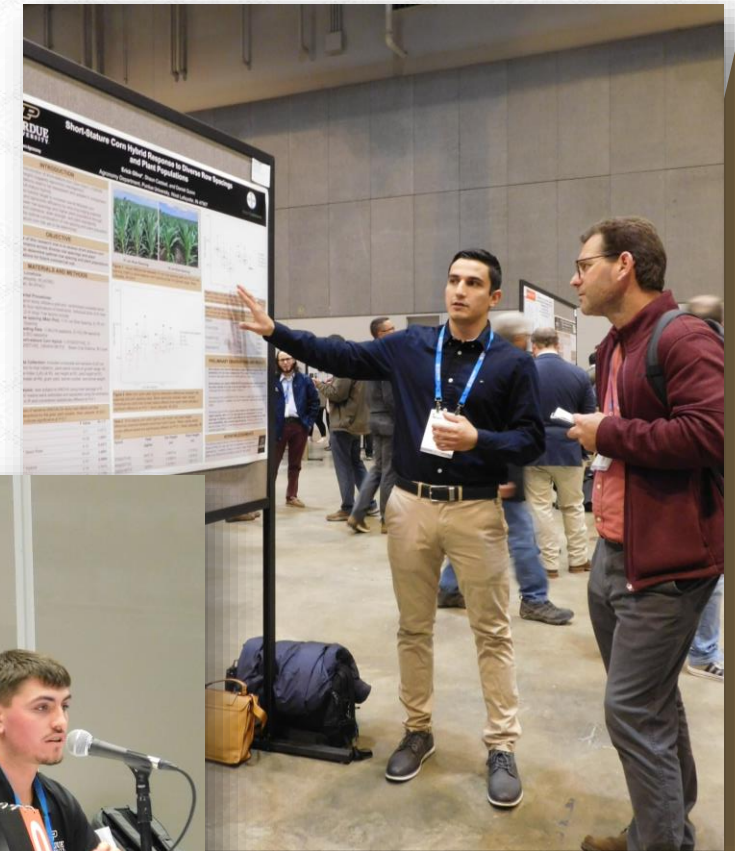




Events, Competitions, & Conferences

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.



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AWARDS & HONORS

Faculty



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*





Awards & Honors – Faculty

2023 INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS (IEEE)

MILDRED DRESSELHAUS 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





Awards & Honors – Faculty

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





Awards & Honors – Faculty

2023 SSSA

DIVERSITY TRAILBLAZER

Dr. Linda Lee

- Distinguished Professor of Agronomy
Environmental Organic Chemistry
- Professor & Program Head, EEE
- Assistant Dean, ARGE





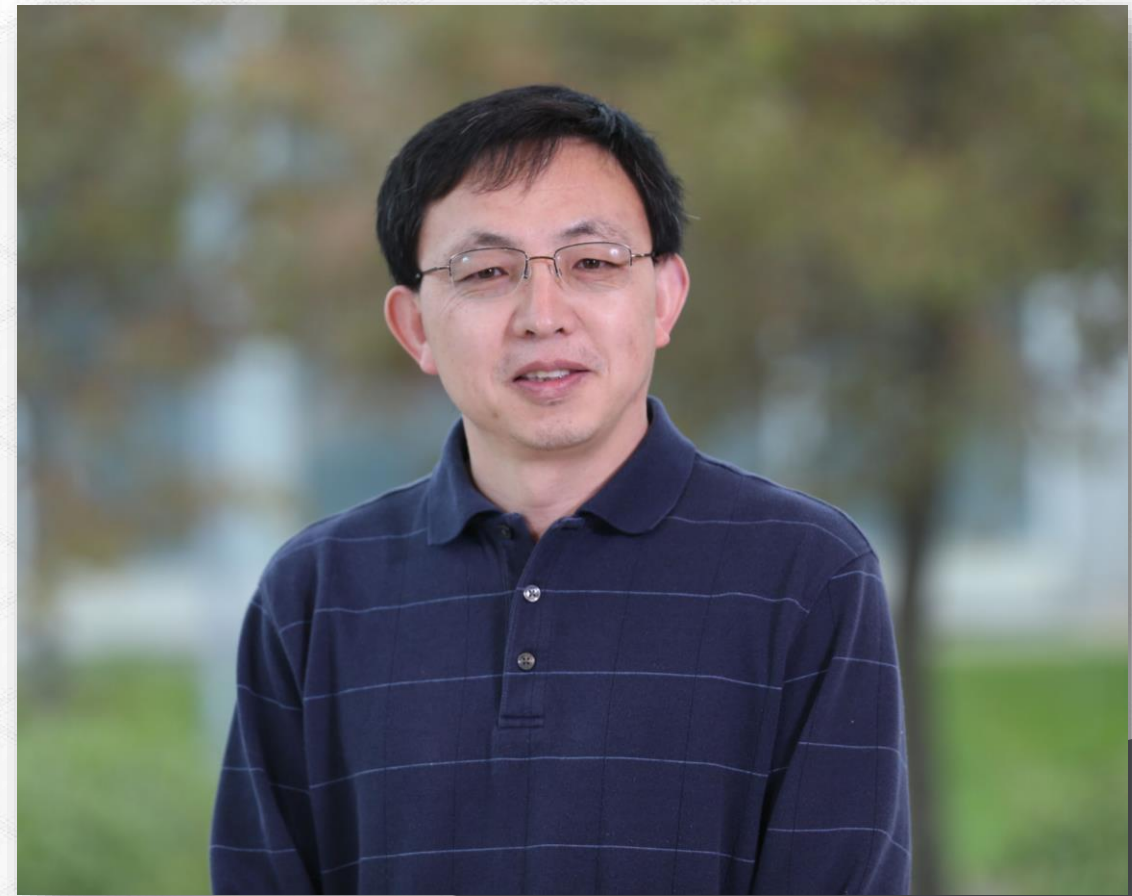
Awards & Honors – Faculty

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





Awards & Honors – Faculty

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE

TRAVEL GRANT AWARD

Dr. Mohsen Mohammadi

- Associate Professor of Agronomy
Small Grains Breeding & Quantitative Genetics





Awards & Honors – Faculty

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





Awards & Honors – Faculty

2023 SHOWALTER FACULTY SCHOLAR

Dr. Cankui Zhang

▪ Associate Professor of Agronomy

Plant Molecular Physiology



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AWARDS & HONORS

Research Teams



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





Awards & Honors – Research Teams

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





Awards & Honors – Staff

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



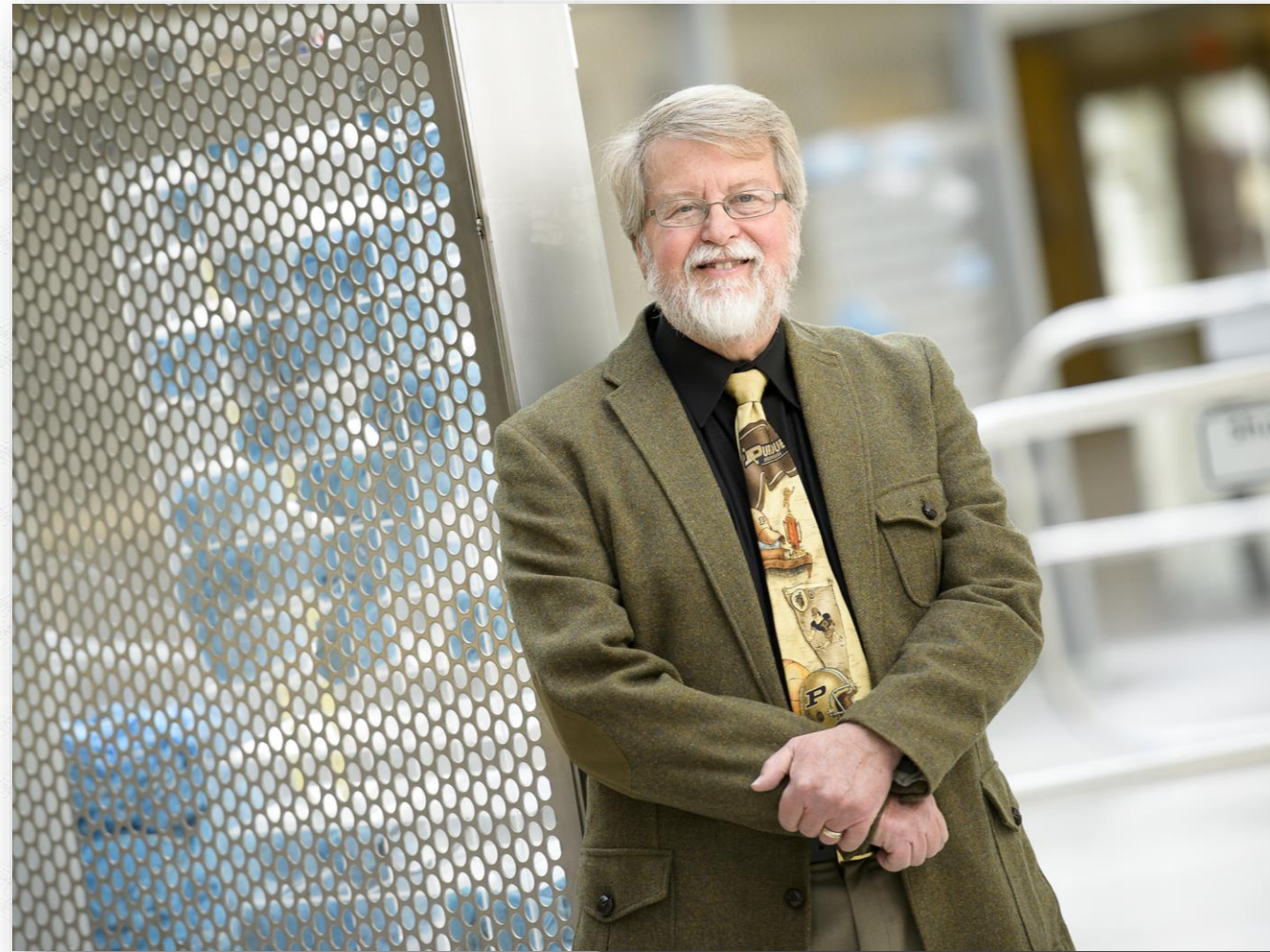


Awards & Honors – Staff

BRAVO AWARD

Jonathan Weaver

- Senior Research Analyst / Applications Manager





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PROMOTIONS

Agronomy Faculty



Promotions

Dr. Bruce Erickson



PROMOTED TO

CLINICAL PROFESSOR



Promotions

Dr. Corey Gerber



PROMOTED TO

CLINICAL PROFESSOR



Promotions

Dr. Linda Lee



PROMOTED TO

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR



Promotions

Dr. Katy Martin Rainey



PROMOTED TO

FULL PROFESSOR

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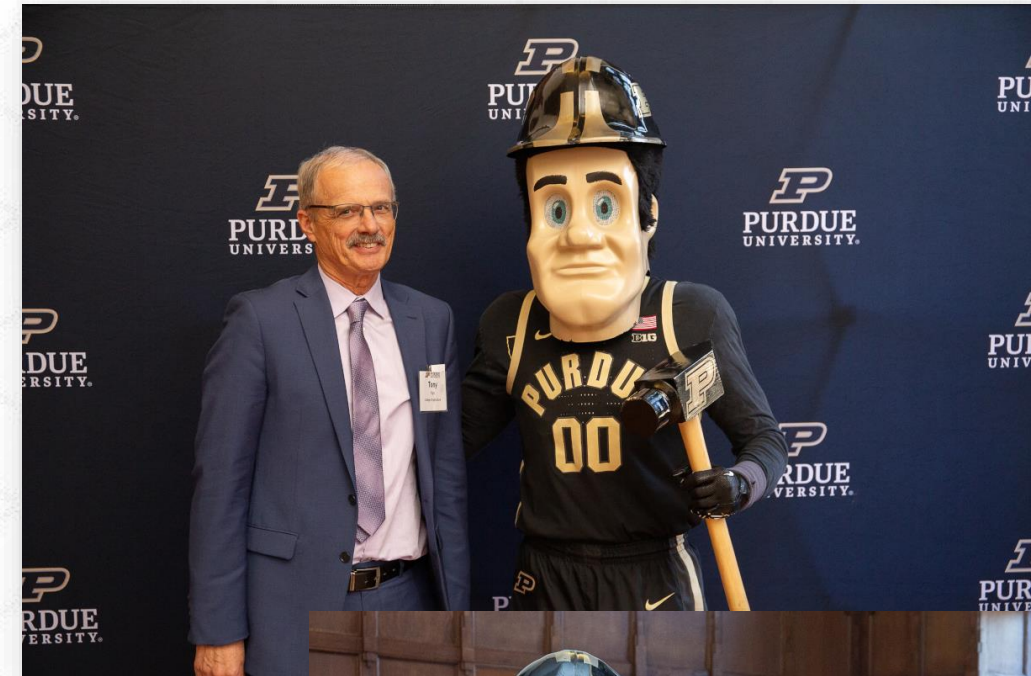
YEARS OF SERVICE

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

+ New Faculty

Dr. Siddhartho Paul



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Geospatial Science

+ New Faculty

Dr. Pratishtha Poudel



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Digital Agroecosystems
Agroecosystem Modeling

+ New Staff

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



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MOVING ON

Saying Goodbye



Moving On

DR. RON TURCO

38 years with Agronomy





Moving On

MELINDA SMITH

6 years with Agronomy





Retirement

CONNIE FOSTER

38 years with Agronomy





Retirement

DR. JIM CAMBERATO

18 years with Agronomy





Retirement

DR. TONY VYN

25 years with Agronomy



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BREAKING GROUND

New Facilities



New Facilities

PHENOTYPING GREENHOUSE



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New for 2024



Awards & Honors – New for 2024

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD

Lynda Peter

• PhD Student with Dr. Linda Lee





Awards & Honors – New for 2024

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD

Chance Clark

• PhD Student with Dr. Jianxin Ma





Awards & Honors – New for 2024

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



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Thank you, and Happy Holidays!