



NACAA Program Recognition Council Recognizes National Award Winners

The six committees of the **NACAA Program Recognition Council** are pleased to announce the national award winners for their committees. We are proud of the efforts of these NACAA members from across our nation.

2020 Hall of Fame Award

The NACAA Recognition and Awards Committee is proud to present William A. Hogan, Jr. from Louisiana, Steven E. Munk from South Dakota, and George W. Hamilton from New Hampshire the 2020 NACAA Hall of Fame Award. The Hall of Fame Award recognizes one member or life member from each NACAA region. The state nominees are evaluated on their Extension programming, state and national association activities and humanitarian efforts beyond the normal call of duty. NACAA Members are encouraged to check out the videos featuring this winners at:

<https://www.nacaa.com/ampic/2020/2020VirtualAMPIC.php>

2020 Distinguished Service Award Winners

This is the eighty-third year that the Distinguished Service Awards have been presented by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. This year, NACAA Recognition and Awards Committee is pleased to announce an additional sixty-two distinguished colleagues are being recognized, joining a very distinguished group of 7,457 NACAA members that have been so honored in the past. Congratulations to the 2020 DSA winners. NACAA Members are encouraged to check out the videos featuring this winners at: <https://www.nacaa.com/ampic/2020/2020VirtualAMPIC.php>

2020 Achievement Award Winners

It is with great pride that the Recognition and Awards Committee of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents salutes the Achievement Award Honorees for 2020. The year's sixty-six recipients join 2,304 Achievement Award winners who have been recognized since this program began. NACAA Members are encouraged to check out the videos featuring this winners at:

<https://www.nacaa.com/ampic/2020/2020VirtualAMPIC.php>

2020 Virtual Poster Session

NACAA members are encouraged to view the 113 Extension Education posters and 53 Applied Research at: <https://www.nacaa.com/ampic/2020/2020PosterEntries.php>. The posters have been judged and the Professional Excellence committee is pleased to announce the following winners

Research Poster Winners:

1. Michael D. Rethwisch (CA)
2. Timothy Elkner (PA)
3. Lindy Berg (FL)

National Finalists:

4. Jim Jasinski (OH)
5. Kelly McGowan (MO)
6. Kelly M. Nichols (MD)
7. Timothy Waller (NJ)
8. Albert Orgeron (LS)
9. Theresa Pittman (VA)
10. Rishi Prasad (AL)
11. Joseph Sagers (ID)
12. Cody Zesiger (UT)

Extension Education Poster Winners:

1. Tammy Cheeley (GA)
2. Krista Stump (FL)
3. Janet Schmidt (WA)

National Finalists:

4. Steven D. Johnson (IA)
5. Kimberly Clark (NE)
6. Jennifer Schutter (MO)
7. Marjorie Peronto (ME)
8. Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch (PA)
9. Andrew Kness (MD)
10. Kristin G Hildabrand (KY)
11. Kurt M Jones (CO)
12. Rose Malisani (MT)

2020 Communications Contest Winners

The NACAA Communications Committee is pleased to announce that a total of 783 entries were made from this year's communications contest. The National winner, National Finalists and Regional Winners can be found at:

<https://www.nacaa.com/ampic/2020/2020VirtualAMPIC.php>

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce the following National winners.

Class 1: Audio Recording National Winner

Aaron J.H. Nygren (NE)

Class 2: Published Photo National Winner

Alicia Halbritter (FL)

Class 3: Computer Generated Presentation National Winner

Ashley D. Wright (AZ)

Class 4: Program Promotional Package National Winner

Aerica Bjurstrom (WI)

Class 5: Personal Column National Winner

Phillip Durst (MI)

Class 6: Feature Story National Winner

Mary Kate Wheeler (NY)

Class 7: Individual Newsletter

Megan Taylor (NE)

Class 8: Team Newsletter National Winner

Philip Rozeboom, Anthony Bly, A. Bachmann, Connie Strunk, David Karki, Emmanuel Byamukama, Gared Shaffer, Jack Davis, Jason Clark, Jonathan Kleinjan, Laura Edwards, Paul Johnson, Ruth Beck, Sara Bauder, A. Varenhorst, P. Wagner (SD)

Class 9: Video Presentation National Winner

Kerry P. Smith, Tony A Glover, Bethany A. O'Rear, Rudy Pacumbaba (AL)

Class 10: Fact Sheet National Winner

Kimberly Kester Post, H. Anderson, J. Dawson, M. Dowdy (GA)

Class 11: Publication National Winner

Chase T. Brooke, M. Treadwell (TX)

Class 12: Website/Online Content

Neil G. Kelly, A. T. Chambliss, K. N. Conner, W. T. East, T. A. Glover, J. M. Kemble, A. Majumdar, L. McCormack, J. D. Miles, J. M. Pickens, E. J. Sikora, E. L. Vinson (AL)

Class 13: Learning Module/Notebook National Winner

Lauren Hood, A. T. Phillips, A. W. West, L. Black-Venegas, C. S. Hucks, J. M. Cox, R. Martin-Jones, J. Stevens (SC)

Class 14: Bound Book National Winner
Linda Chalker-Scott (WA)

2020 Search for Excellence Winners

The Search for Excellence Committee received 132 Search for Excellence Award applications this year. A reminder that the Search for Excellence presentations will be held on October 1 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. CST (Young, Beginning or Small Farmers/Ranchers, 4-H & Youth Programming, Sustainable Ag, and Crop Production) and again from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. CST (Consumer or Commercial Horticulture, Livestock Production, Farm & Ranch Business Management, and Environmental Quality Forestry & Natural Resources). Congratulations to the following winners:

SFE Consumer or Commercial Horticulture

National Winner:

Lucy Edwards, Alabama

Finalists:

Jennifer Schutter-Barnes, Missouri

Lisa Sanderson, Florida

Amanda Bennett, Ohio

SFE Crop Production

National Winner:

Albert Orgeron, Louisiana

Finalists:

George Hamilton, New Hampshire

Aaron Nygren, Nebraska

Ethan Carter, Florida

SFE Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural Resources

National Winner:

Amy Tallent, Arkansas

Finalists:

Madeline Flahive DiNardo, New Jersey

Ashley Kulhanek, Ohio

Paul McKenzie, North Carolina

SFE 4H & Youth Programming

National Winner:

David Hoffman, Missouri

Finalists:

Dee Heimgartner, Kentucky
Jodi Richmond, West Virginia
Teresa Dean, New Mexico

SFE Farm and Ranch Business Management

National Winner:

Mary Griffith, Ohio

Finalists:

Shannon Potter-Dill, Maryland
Sandra Stuttgen, Wisconsin
Iris Cui, Tennessee

SFE Livestock Production

National Winner:

Denise Scwab, Iowa

Finalists:

Alicia Halbritter, Florida
Betsy Greene, Arizona
Kevin Heaton, Utah

SFE Sustainable Agriculture

National Winner:

Sherri Sanders, Arkansas

Finalists:

Mark Nelson, Utah
Sara Bauder, South Dakota
Glen Arnold, Ohio

SFE Young, Beginning, and Small Rancher/Farmer

National Winner:

Zachary Davis, Texas

Finalists:

Iris Cui, Tennessee
Colleen Larson, Florida
Nelson Brownlee, North Carolina

2020 Ag Awareness & Appreciation Award

The NACAA Public Relations & Agricultural Awareness Committee received 15 applications for the Ag Awareness & Appreciation Award. A reminder the committee will have presentations on Thursday, October 1 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. featuring the national winner and two National Finalists. The National Winners are:

National Winner:

Emelie Swackhammer & Amy Korman, PA

Responding to An Invasive Insect Pest: Teaching The Public Why Agriculture is At Risk And Encouraging People To Help

National Finalists:

Teresa Dean, Sidney Gordon, & Jack Blandford, NM

Large Animal Rescue Training

Alicia Halbritter & Alicia Lamborn, FL

Unique Engagement Fostered Through Ag Awareness Sensory Station

2020 Scholarship Awards

The NACAA Scholarship Committee is pleased to report that NACAA members and friends donated a total of \$16,817 to the scholarship program from May 15, 2019 through May 15, 2020. These financial contributions were made through individual donations, state donations, items brought for the auction, or purchasing cash drawing tickets. This year, 6 scholarship applications were approved (5 individual & 1 group) for funding:

Individual

Samantha Robison, PA MS in Homeland / Ag. Security & Food Defense \$1,000

Erin Harlow, FL Int'l IPM Symposium in Colorado \$1,000

Tyrone Fisher, NC Ag. Leadership Development Program \$1,000

Cyndi Lauderdale, NC 'Virtual' Master Gardener Coordinator Conf. \$ 230

Cynthia Gregg, VA Forage & Grasslands Council Conf. in Georgia \$1,000

Group

Jessica Kelton, AL Farm & Agribusiness Mgmt. Tour in California \$3,000