

Agriculture and Extension Faculty/Staff

Awards

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014

3:00 p.m. ■ NDSU Memorial Union

Reception and refreshments
immediately following the awards program

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Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award

This annual award established by the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station recognizes outstanding faculty and Research Extension Center principal investigators with 10 or fewer years of service. The recipient must have made a significant research contribution that addresses an applied problem or increases the basic knowledge of the area investigated.

■ Teresa Bergholz

Assistant Professor
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"Dr. Bergholz is an already successful researcher who will positively impact food safety and food systems for North Dakota and the world."

Teresa Bergholz joined NDSU in 2012 as an assistant professor.

Her research on foodborne pathogens in agricultural commodities has implications for food production in the region and globally. She helps demonstrate how pathogens behave in complex food systems and survive stress conditions and intervention treatments. She also works with food producers, processors and consumers on using new methods to lower the risk of foodborne illnesses.

Bergholz has broad experience in different areas of food microbiology and has worked with a variety of pathogens, including salmonella on low-moisture foods such as grains, oil seeds and flax seeds, and *E. coli* and salmonella on lettuce. She uses advanced tools to solve contemporary practical problems.

Her research has resulted in 21 refereed journal articles and two book chapters, and she has helped generate nearly \$1.3 million in grants.

Bergholz earned B.S. degrees and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

■ Marisol Berti

Associate Professor
Department of Plant Sciences

"Dr. Berti's forage program is the only nonbiased information source for producers on the performance of forages in North Dakota."

Marisol Berti joined NDSU as an associate professor in 2009.

Berti focuses her research on improving forage production practices and evaluating new perennial and annual forages, introducing and evaluating biomass crops as a bioenergy component of existing cropping systems, and evaluating the impact of annual and perennial forages as cover crops and living mulches on crop productivity and soil quality in North Dakota.

Preliminary results indicate that forage sorghum consistently has had the greatest biomass yield and highest potential as a feedstock for developing liquid biofuels. Information her research has generated also enables her to give growers advice on improving their forage production practices, and crop performance and quality.

She has authored or co-authored 51 refereed journal articles and one book chapter, and helped generate \$3.57 million in grants.

Berti received a B.S. degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. from NDSU.

■ Jason Harmon

Assistant Professor
School of Natural Resource Sciences
(Entomology)

"Dr. Harmon's research lies at the interface of ecology and its application in agro-ecosystems."

Jason Harmon joined NDSU in 2009 as an assistant professor.

How temperature impacts pest insects is a major focus of Harmon's research. He has found that raising temperatures may increase how well a pest species fares in isolation and impact the performance of natural enemies that feed on and help control the pest in its natural environment.

Harmon also studies how bacteria living in some insects help give the insects "super powers" that affect their interactions with their environment and other species, and how new varieties of host plants alter the behavior and ecology of herbivorous pests. This provides insights about the pests and beneficial insects that affect agricultural production.

As the result of his research, he has authored or co-authored 33 refereed journal articles and three other publications, and helped generate nearly \$4.8 million in grants.

Harmon holds a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

■ Zhulu Lin

Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural
and Biosystems Engineering

“Zhulu has exhibited excellent research scholarship and productivity.”

Zhulu Lin joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 2009.

Lin’s research is focused on better understanding complex agricultural and hydrological systems for sustainable uses of water and soils resources. He has developed mathematical models and numerical methods to verify the generally understood agricultural and hydrological sciences with the field data from specific agricultural and hydrological systems. That can lead to better management of agricultural and hydrological systems.

His research on the impacts of subsurface drainage on spring floods in the Red River basin identified the potential tile-drained fields in the Red River Valley and found that the subsurface drainage will increase stream flows in the river at Fargo only marginally.

He has authored or co-authored 18 refereed journal articles and two book chapters, and helped generate nearly \$2.2 million in grants.

Lin obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees from East China University of Science and Technology, and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

■ Kasey Maddock Carlin

Associate Professor
Department of Animal Sciences

“Dr. Maddock Carlin is at the forefront of research on approaches to improve meat tenderness and quality.”

Kasey Maddock Carlin joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 2006 and became an associate professor in 2014.

Maddock Carlin’s research focuses on evaluating the effects of animal diet and management on meat quality and maternal factors such as nutrition on offspring muscle development and meat quality.

Her research has been instrumental in getting field peas included in beef cattle’s feedlot diets as a way to increase beef tenderness. Her research also has played a key role in increasing researchers’ understanding of how temperament influences meat tenderness. She also was one of the first to report that altered maternal nutrition influences fetal muscle development.

She has authored or co-authored 21 refereed journal articles and 12 other publications, and helped generate a little more than \$1 million in grants.

Maddock Carlin holds a B.S. degree from NDSU, an M.S. degree from the University of Missouri and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

■ Saleem Shaik

Associate Professor
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

“He has emerged as a major scholar with national and international reputations, to the benefit of our department, NDSU, the state of North Dakota and beyond.”

Shaik’s research is helping producers, policymakers and others understand how agricultural policies, liquidity and solvency ratios, and yield and price risk have affected or altered the risk environment of North Dakota and northern Great Plains agriculture.

He has constructed models and analyzed farm, county, state, regional and national output, input and total factor productivity, as well as farm programs, crop insurance, public investments, private innovations, and state and national databases to help show how future policies could be designed to minimize federal program outlays and production impacts for domestic and trade purposes while strengthening the survivability of family farms.

As the result of his work, he has authored or co-authored 28 refereed journal articles and three book chapters, and helped generate \$5.3 million in grants.

Shaik has B.S. and M.S. degrees from Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska.

Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award

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■ Phillip McClean

Professor
Department of Plant Sciences

"Dr. McClean has made significant contributions in the area of genetics and genomics of the common bean."

Phillip McClean joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 1985 and became an associate professor in 1991 and professor in 1998.

His most recent research involves developing translation genomic tools for plant breeding, sequencing the common bean genome and determining the factors controlling iron deficiency chlorosis in soybeans. He leads the virtual cell animation research and development team that creates animations to teach the principles of molecular and cellular biology.

McClean was the lead project director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Common Bean Coordinated Agriculture Project (BeanCAP), which had 17 co-project directors at 10 research institutions. The \$4 million project developed a U.S. research infrastructure for applying genomics to bean breeding.

As a result of his research, he has authored or co-authored 54 refereed journal articles and five book chapters, and helped generate \$24.3 million in grants.

McClean earned a B.S. degree from Metropolitan State College, and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. from Colorado State University.

■ John McEvoy

Associate Professor
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"John McEvoy has an outstanding research record for impacting the regional and global issues of cryptosporidiosis."

John McEvoy joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 2004 and became an associate professor in 2011.

His primary research is on biological and other issues of cryptosporidiosis, a diarrheal disease resulting from a parasitic infection that's frequently associated with severe illness in children and is the primary cause of toddler deaths from infectious diarrheal disease in developing countries. He also studies the environmental impact of nanomaterial and the bioremediation of agricultural and industrial pollutants.

McEvoy's work has led to a better understanding of how microorganisms survive and reproduce, which is an important issue in public health. It also has resulted in the naming of two new species of the disease.

He has authored or co-authored 43 refereed journal articles and two book chapters, and administered a little more than \$1 million in grants.

McEvoy holds a B.S. degree from Carlow Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from the University of Ulster.

■ Kimberly Vonnahme

Associate Professor
Department of Animal Sciences

"She has built a national and international reputation for NDSU through her research, teaching and service activities."

Kim Vonnahme joined NDSU in 2004 as an assistant professor and became an associate professor in 2010.

Her primary area of research is developmental programming in livestock that focuses on evaluating blood flow to nutrient exchange organs, especially the placenta, uterus, developing fetus and mammary glands. She also studies the roles of maternal dietary energy, selenium and protein on uterine blood flow, placental function and reproductive development in cows and sheep.

Her research shows that the type and quality of livestock feed can influence the growth of the fetus during pregnancy, which ultimately can affect the growth and speed of weight gain of an animal after birth.

As the result of her research, she has authored or co-authored 108 refereed journals and three book chapters, and helped generate \$1.7 million in grants.

Vonnahme received a B.S. degree from Iowa State University, an M.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming.

■ William Wilson

Professor
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

"His research consistently exhibits creativity and contributes significantly to our discipline, both nationally and internationally."

Bill Wilson joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 1980 and became an associate professor in 1984 and professor in 1991.

His research focuses on agricultural and agribusiness risk and strategy and technology development, commodity marketing and logistics. He has developed several risk methodologies that can measure the risks and strategy implications at each stage of commercial development of new agricultural technology.

Wilson also is one of the leaders of the NDSU team that evaluates and develops partnering strategies for wheat technology. In addition, he led a project for the U.S. on privatization of the grain marketing system in Russia, and he has been recognized as one of the top 1 percent of agricultural economists in the world.

His work has resulted in 129 referred journal articles and 18 book chapters, and he has helped generate \$11.5 million in grants.

Wilson has a B.A. degree from NDSU and a Ph.D. from the University of Manitoba.

Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award

This annual award recognizes outstanding teaching faculty with 10 or fewer years of service in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. The award encourages and rewards excellence in teaching at all levels and among all disciplines.

■ Jessica Ebert

Senior Lecturer
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"Jess is a phenomenal teacher who reaches all sectors of Ag at NDSU with her expertise as a science writing enhancer."

Jessica Ebert joined NDSU as a lecturer in 2001 and became a senior lecturer in 2008 and a writing consultant for the NDSU Graduate Center for Writers in 2011.

She teaches the Microbial Ecology course and the upper division writing course specific to microbiology majors, and has swayed many nonmajors in the Introductory Microbiology course to change majors to microbiology.

Ebert also has transformed the department's website into an instructional tool that allows students' writing to reach out to the world, and she has tapped the talent of the students through creative writing assignments.

Students say she is extraordinarily dedicated to helping them, and encourages them to follow their aspirations and do their best.

Ebert holds a B.S. degree from NDSU, an M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin and an M.A. degree from New York University.

■ Ryan Larsen

Assistant Professor
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

"A lot of professors could learn something from Ryan's teaching methods."

Ryan Larsen joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 2010.

He has taught the Agricultural Finance course for five years, and each year, he re-evaluates the course to identify opportunities for improvements. Those improvements include incorporating hands-on, interactive learning experiences, such as a virtual investment portfolio challenge, an emphasis on understanding Microsoft Excel, and class assignments and test questions based on former students' real-life experiences in the financial world.

Larsen also is working with the NDSU Computer Science Department to develop a farm management simulation to provide students with opportunities to make decisions, realize the consequences of those decisions and then refine the decisions.

Students say he evaluates them fairly and objectively, and his diverse teaching methods are helpful to students with different learning styles.

Larsen earned a B.A. degree from Idaho State University, an M.S. degree from the University of Idaho and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

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■ Rebekah Oliver

Assistant Professor
Department of Plant Sciences

"She is passionate about what she teaches and genuinely interested in helping students to achieve their full potential."

Rebekah Oliver joined NDSU in 2012 as an assistant professor.

She teaches the World Food Crops, Genetics and Genetics Laboratory courses, and regularly updates them with the most current information, such as data on production, usage, trading and trends. She keeps students actively engaged with the course content, discussion and group activities, and stimulates their intellectual curiosity to discover "why" rather than just learning the "what" of genetics.

Oliver also fosters students' ability to apply basic scientific principles and methodology to solving problems, and often tutors several students outside of class.

Students say Oliver clearly loves what she is doing; she is able to explain the most difficult and complicated subjects with simple, easy-to-understand phrases and illustrations; and she is extremely helpful to those who want to learn.

Oliver received a B.S. degree and a Ph.D. from NDSU.

H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award

This annual award recognizes outstanding teaching faculty with more than 10 years of service in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. The award encourages and rewards excellence in teaching at all levels and among all disciplines.

■ Eric Berg

Professor
Department of Animal Sciences

"His patience, understanding of students' needs and willingness to help his students achieve demonstrate his devotion to student success."

Eric Berg joined NDSU as an associate professor in 2007 and became a professor in 2011.

He gets students off on the right foot with the Introduction to Animal Science course, making sure they all feel welcome, whether they are a fourth-generation farm youth or a vegan from the city. He also teaches the Senior Seminar course, which is aimed at making sure graduates are capable of speaking about current research and social issues in animal agriculture.

In addition, Berg teaches Fundamentals of Muscle Physiology, and is an adviser for university clubs, judging contests, and regional and national academic contests. He also engages with students in many other situations, including during advising periods, laboratory sessions, university events and even in the hallway.

Students say he is a very enthusiastic educator who is a great communicator and passionate about what he teaches.

Berg earned B.S. degrees and an M.S. degree from NDSU and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

■ Robert Goos

Professor
School of Natural Resource Sciences
(Soil Science)

"If every teacher cared about their major subject like he does, students would learn way more than they already do."

Robert Goos joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 1980 and became an associate professor in 1986 and professor in 1997.

During his 34-year career, he has taught four core soil science courses, including Introduction to Soil Science for undergraduates and Soil and Plant Chemical Analysis for graduates, and two other soils courses. He also has taught two general agriculture courses cooperatively with College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources colleagues.

He designed a laboratory session revolving around soil samples from Research Extension Centers, giving students a broad overview of soil spatial variability throughout the state. He also makes sure materials are available to his students, using Blackboard to post information about lectures and assignments, and report lab experiment results.

Students say Goos clearly cares about them and brings passion and energy to his teaching.

Goos holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from South Dakota State University and a Ph.D. from Colorado State University.

■ Robert Hearne

Associate Professor
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

"Dr. Hearne's creative, outside-the-box thinking enabled us to grasp new ideas without feeling like we were inadequate learners."

Robert Hearne joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 2002 and became an associate professor in 2008.

He teaches the Microeconomic Theory course, which is the foundation for the department's M.S. program, and the Natural Resource Economics course, which includes many nonmajor students. He updates the courses every year to include current environmental policy issues, such as the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, and he added a simulated water quality trading game.

To help prepare students for the Microeconomic Theory course, Hearne offers an extra math review session outside of class during the first week of the semester, as well as extra study sessions throughout the semester.

Students say Hearne is very knowledgeable about economics, and is patient with students and willing to help them understand the concepts he is teaching.

Hearne received a B.A. degree from Georgetown University, an M.S. degree from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

■ Burton Johnson

Professor
Department of Plant Sciences

"He is passionate and knowledgeable about the subject he teaches."

Burton Johnson joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 1998 and became an associate professor in 2004 and professor in 2010.

He has taught Principles of Crop Production, a core course for the crop and weed sciences major, since 1999. Through the years, he has modified the course to include more hands-on and group activities, and writing assignments. He also incorporates the newest crop production research information.

In addition, he uses case studies and real farmers' questions about crop production, and challenges students to conduct micro-scale experiments mimicking real-life questions they would be asked if making decisions as professional agronomists. He also has students do group activities such as a seed germination and vigor evaluation, and a seeding depth experiment.

Students say Johnson responds to their questions thoughtfully, making sure they feel valued instead of embarrassed for posing a question.

Johnson has a B.S. degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead, and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. from NDSU.

■ Rachel Richman

Senior Lecturer
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"Rachel Richman demonstrates the highest level of course upkeep and development."

Rachel Richman joined NDSU as a senior lecturer in 2003.

She is the lead instructor for the Microbiology Capstone course, and teaches Introductory Microbiology, a large lecture course, and several lab courses to majors and nonmajors. To eliminate barriers to learning, she polls her students on their learning styles and makes adjustments to her teaching methods.

In addition, Richman often talks to other faculty about teaching approaches to make sure she is being fair and objective with her students. She also adjusts her teaching material to meet the students' knowledge level, and works with faculty in the department to ensure that other courses are adjusted appropriately so the department provides a well-integrated program.

Students say her ability to engage them and make what they are learning relevant to their everyday life has made Microbiology one of the best programs on campus.

Richman earned a B.S. degree from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

William J. and Angelyn A. Austin Excellence in Advising Award

This annual award recognizes the contributions of faculty and staff who have demonstrated excellence in advising undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources and/or its student organizations.

■ Janice Haggart

Instructor
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"Janice Haggart consistently is an outstanding adviser and advising mentor in and outside of Microbiology."

Janice Haggart joined NDSU as a lecturer in 1995 and became an instructor in 2008.

She carries the highest advising load in the department, averaging about 40 advisees at a time. She also works with students from across the college as adviser to the Honor Commission, and she advises numerous students in the Pharmaceutical and Allied Sciences programs and Tri-College students informally.

In 2012, Haggart started an informal meeting for her advisees to help them find a connection with other microbiology majors and ease the stress of academics. She also shares personal experiences as a professional microbiologist and helps connect students to professionals outside of academia. In addition, she has served as faculty adviser to several organizations, including the Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity.

Her advisees say she truly cares about them and wants them to succeed personally as well as professionally.

Haggart received B.S. and M.S. degrees from NDSU.

■ Clifford Hall

Associate Professor
Department of Plant Sciences

"Dr. Hall exhibits the qualities that are expected of an excellent adviser and surpasses these by making the experience better at NDSU."

Clifford Hall joined NDSU in 1996 as a lecturer and became an assistant professor in 2005 and an associate professor in 2009.

Many of his advisees have gone on to successful careers with large corporations such as Kraft Foods, Cargill, Alliance Grain Traders, Pinnacle Foods and General Mills; smaller companies such as Faribault Foods, Kenny's Candies and Schwann's Food; and institutions such as Wright State University and the Northern Crops Institute.

Hall also is the adviser for the Food Science Food Safety Club and drives students to plant tours or Institute of Food Technologists-sponsored events, and is a judge in some of the competitions.

His advisees say he wants to make sure they succeed and he is a great source of information about careers in the food industry.

Hall holds a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin, and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska.

■ Christina Hargiss

Professor of Practice
School of Natural Resource Sciences
(Natural Resources Management)

"Students in the Natural Resources Management program are privileged to have a professor like Dr. Hargiss."

Christina Hargiss joined NDSU as a lecturer in 2007 and became a professor of practice in 2011.

While helping students determine educational and career goals and find the best path to reach those goals, she familiarizes her advisees with Campus Connection and academic requirements. She also encourages her advisees to get involved in activities outside of the program, such as Project WET, Project Learning Tree and the Natural Resources Management Club, to give them the breadth they need to be successful in their field.

Hargiss also encourages her advisees to consider summer and part-time jobs, volunteer and internship opportunities, and she keeps up to date on the current job market to help guide the students toward educational decisions that best support their goals.

Her advisees say she is caring, understanding and patient, and has an ability to connect with students.

Hargiss has B.S. and M.S. degrees and a Ph.D. from NDSU.

■ Jeremy Jackson

Assistant Professor
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

"As an adviser and instructor, Dr. Jackson works hard to make himself available as a resource to students."

Jeremy Jackson joined NDSU as an assistant professor in 2009.

Besides advising 20 to 30 students per year, he often also advises students who haven't been assigned a faculty adviser yet or are seeking a different perspective. He shares his personal experiences with students who struggle with the work-life balance.

Jackson also helps international students get their credits from their home country or other U.S. universities transferred to NDSU, and he has been instrumental in helping students obtain scholarships and internships. In addition, he has written many letters of recommendation for students going on to law school and advised many students who plan to enter the work-force immediately after graduation.

His advisees say he is devoted to their successes and far exceeds his basic obligations as an adviser.

Jackson received a B.A. degree from Baylor University, and an M.A. degree and Ph.D. from Washington University.

■ Tara Swanson

Lecturer
Department of Animal Sciences

"Tara maintains a close personal relationship with her advisees and challenges them to be the best that they can be."

Tara Swanson joined NDSU as a lecturer in 2006.

She guides advisees about the best direction to take to reach their goals by suggesting beneficial elective classes, passing along internship opportunities, serving as a reference or functioning as a sounding board for ideas.

Swanson also is very knowledgeable about academic procedures and opportunities on campus, and is a great resource for her advisees, whether that's teaching an incoming freshman how to register for classes, sending students to the Career Center or letting advisees know about resume workshops. In addition, she serves as a co-adviser for the NDSU Horsemen's Association and coach for the NDSU equestrian team.

Her advisees say she provides the extra encouragement and assistance they need when planning their academic program or dealing with a personal struggle.

Swanson earned a B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska and an M.S. degree from NDSU.

Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension/Outreach Award

The NDSU Extension Service established this annual award to encourage and reward exceptional engagement in programming and innovative Extension/outreach practices by full-time county, area and state educators with an appointment in NDSU Extension and 10 or fewer years of professional experience. This includes work in a professional position prior to being hired by NDSU Extension and experience as an NDSU Extension employee. The recipient receives a professional development stipend that Extension administration matches.

■ Christopher Augustin

Extension Area Soil Health Specialist
North Central Research
Extension Center

"Chris is very knowledgeable and a creative educator."

Chris Augustin joined NDSU as an Extension area nutrient management specialist in 2008 and became an area soil health specialist in 2012.

Rather than just talking about soil salinity and sodicity issues, he often grabs his audience's attention and delivers his message while standing in soil pits that are dug in different parts of a field and adjacent to a variety of test strips of crops and cover crops with varying salt tolerance and rooting depths.

He also works closely with other Extension specialists and agents, and partners with soil conservation districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and numerous commodity organizations to develop and deliver educational programs. He delivers programs at events such as field tours and demonstrations at Research Extension Centers, and county-based educational programs, as well as at commodity and agri-business venues. He also makes use of social media and news media to share his information.

Augustin earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from NDSU.

■ Justin Crosswhite

Extension Youth Livestock Specialist
Department of Animal Sciences

"Justin is an enthusiastic agent for and advocate of youth formation and education in the state of North Dakota."

Justin Crosswhite joined NDSU in 2012 as an Extension youth livestock specialist and lecturer.

In 2013, Crosswhite started a three-day youth livestock camp that annually has drawn 20 to 25 regional youth to campus to learn the principles of livestock evaluation. The youth receive classroom learning opportunities, participate in hands-on activities, and have an opportunity to meet with mentors and coaches who assist them with developing oral reasons.

He also coordinates the annual state 4-H livestock judging contest, assists with the annual state FFA livestock judging contest and is actively involved in many activities, including serving as a livestock judge at county fairs, 4-H achievement days and junior point shows. In addition, he assisted the North Dakota Stockmen's Association with its Tomorrow's Top Hands leadership development program.

Crosswhite holds an A.S. degree from Connors State College, a B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and an M.S. degree from the University of Florida.

■ Megan Ness

Extension Nutrition Specialist
Expanded Food and Nutrition
Education Program (EFNEP) and
Family Nutrition Program (FNP)

"Megan's support of the agents and assistants and her passion for nutrition, as well as empowerment of those we serve, are consistent."

Megan Ness joined NDSU as an Extension nutrition specialist and EFNEP/FNP coordinator in 2010.

As coordinator of the federally funded EFNEP and FNP, she is responsible for providing dynamic educational programs while dealing with fluctuating budgets and guidelines for programs that teach limited-resource audiences about nutrition, food safety and money saving at the grocery store. She oversees 10 programs and provides support to the educators delivering them.

When Ness took over, she was the third coordinator in three years, and the programs were in turmoil. She has dealt with funding cuts and a workforce reduction while looking for new ways to stabilize funding and reach the audience, overhauling the website and reviewing the curriculum to ensure it complies with federal requirements and meets North Dakotans' needs.

Ness received a B.A. degree from Drake University and an M.S. degree from Colorado State University.

■ Christina Rittenbach

Extension Agent
Stutsman County

"Christina is innovative and creative in her educational programming."

Christina Rittenbach joined NDSU as a clinic coordinator in 2008 and became an Extension agent-in-training in 2009 and an agent in 2011.

Rittenbach has developed and delivered educational programs to an array of clientele, including youth, parents, families, farmers and other business owners, and adults with special needs. These programs include education on bone health and financial management for special-needs adults, sun safety lessons incorporated into county pesticide applicator trainings and education to help parents better prepare their children for kindergarten.

She also led the effort to develop a Stutsman County Extension advisory board and has worked closely with the board members to help them understand their role and the county agent's role. In addition, she is a member of the local Community Health Improvement Project, which has surveyed the community to identify the top health concerns.

Rittenbach has a B.A. degree from the College of St. Scholastica and an M.S. degree from NDSU.

■ Andrew Robinson

Extension Potato Agronomist
Department of Plant Sciences

"His outgoing demeanor, enthusiasm and accessibility put his stakeholders at ease."

Andrew Robinson joined NDSU as an Extension potato agronomist and assistant professor in 2012.

Robinson designed and implemented an innovative, integrated social media strategy to educate producers and Extension personnel about current potato production management problems in a timely way. This includes a Web page that's a one-stop resource for potato stakeholders, and information provided through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and an email distribution list.

He also has shown creativity in accurately diagnosing and remedying what initially were perceived to be physiological potato problems. After making farm visits and working one-on-one with potato stakeholders, he recognized these issues were the result of low-level glyphosate exposure. He then implemented a program to reduce glyphosate injury. In addition, he has established a strong partnership with the North Dakota State Seed Department and Minnesota Certified Seed Potato Growers Association.

Robinson obtained a B.S. degree from Brigham Young University, and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. from Purdue University.

AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award

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■ Linda Hauge

Extension 4-H Youth
Development Specialist
Center for 4-H Youth Development

"Linda is a creative programmer and an excellent teacher."

Linda Hauge joined NDSU as an Extension agent in Williams County in 1974 and became a 4-H youth development specialist in 2006.

In the 40 years Hauge has been with NDSU Extension, she has made learning fun while training hundreds of staff, volunteers and youth about science, engineering and technology through programs such as Gear-Tech, Robotics, the North Dakota Film Festival and National 4-H Youth Science Day experiment.

She also is coordinator of the Life and Leadership program at the North Dakota Governor's School each summer and co-chair of the North Dakota 4-H science signature program team. In addition, she authored the 4-H scrapbooking curriculum and developed the Walk North Dakota program. While an Extension agent in Williams County, she organized and conducted the annual Bread Fair, which helped several hundred fifth-graders learn where their food comes from and how to make bread.

Hauge holds an M.E. degree from Lesley University and a B.S. degree from NDSU.

■ Willie Huot

Extension Agent
Grand Forks County

"Willie has been instrumental in a variety of programs that have contributed to the needs of North Dakotans."

Willie Huot joined NDSU as an Extension agent in Ramsey County in 1990 and became an Extension agent in Grand Forks County in 1992.

As part of Huot's focus on farm business management and economics, he led two successful statewide program initiatives: Annie's Project and the Farm/Ranch Transition Planning educational program. More than 1,050 women have participated in Annie's Project, and more than 900 farm and ranch families in 35 counties have completed the transition planning program.

He also was involved in developing the new statewide Design Your Succession Plan program, helped landowners and operators determine fair market values for land rent and sales by identifying the land's soil productivity index, and educated those wanting to rent land on how to improve their land rental negotiations through better communication with landowners. In addition, he is involved in youth development activities.

Huot received M.Ed. and B.S. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

■ John Kringler

Extension Agent
Cass County

"John has worked tirelessly over his career to address the needs of his clientele."

John Kringler joined NDSU as an assistant county agent in 1975 and served as an agent in Eddy and Traill counties before becoming an agent in Cass County in 1991.

During Kringler's nearly 40-year career, he developed and moderated the research reporting session during

the International Sugar Beet Institute; educated producers on scouting for, identifying and addressing soybean cyst nematode infections; and has been a resource for local marketing groups such as the Cass County Crop Improvement Association.

He also has worked with producers in Cass and Richland counties on soil health issues, provided input and leadership to the Foundation Seedstocks organization by serving on the pricing committee, managed the pesticide applicator training and certification program for Cass County, provided education to producers on hard red spring wheat production and served on the Best of the Best in Wheat and Soybean Research planning committee.

Kringler obtained a B.S. degree from NDSU.

■ John Nowatzki

Extension Agricultural
Machine Systems Specialist
Department of Agricultural
and Biosystems Engineering

"Cooperation, teamwork, creativity and use of new technology are the cornerstones of his educational programs."

John Nowatzki joined NDSU as a water quality specialist in 1994, and became a geospatial technology specialist in 2003 and an agricultural machine systems specialist in 2006.

Nowatzki focuses his Extension programming on precision agriculture, remote monitoring, chemical application, conservation tillage, farm safety and machinery. He also is leading the development

of agricultural applications for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

He reaches his audiences of producers and industry personnel through demonstrations and educational presentations at events such as the annual Big Iron Farm Show in West Fargo and field days, and through online seminars. In addition, he is co-leader of the eXtension Map@Syst community of practice and an organizer of the Precision Agriculture Summit that presents research and current technology. He also developed and maintains an extensive website on agricultural machinery and led the development of the Farm Fuel Budget smartphone application.

Nowatzki earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from NDSU.

■ Joel Ransom

Extension Agronomist
Department of Plant Sciences

"Dr. Ransom is committed to providing research-based information."

Joel Ransom joined NDSU as an Extension agronomist in 2002 and became a professor in 2009.

Ransom addresses the major concerns of small-grain and corn producers in North Dakota through efforts such as the Best of the Best in Wheat Research and Marketing program, which he organizes annually. The program, which started as a Red River Valley-based program, has expanded to meetings that rotate to various locations in the state.

He also has been a leader of the Extension crop team and coordinates many educational efforts, including one for durum growers. In addition, he is involved in teaching new Extension agricultural staff at annual conferences, providing updates at meetings and training to receive

certified crop adviser status.

He maintains two websites to help deliver data to producers in a timely way and is the senior author of five crop selection guides each year.

Ransom has a B.S. degree from Brigham Young University, and an M.S. degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

■ J.W. Schroeder

Extension Dairy Specialist
Department of Animal Sciences

"J.W. works tirelessly to support the North Dakota dairy industry."

J.W. Schroeder joined NDSU as an assistant Extension agent in Pembina County in 1975 and served as an agent in Oliver, Ward and Bottineau counties before becoming an assistant to the Extension director in 1991, Extension dairy specialist in 1992, assistant professor in 2000 and associate professor in 2006.

Schroeder supports the North Dakota dairy industry through programs such as the Dairy Cow College, organizations such as the I-29 Extension Dairy Consortium and efforts such as the DAIReXNET community of practice. He also has created and delivered educational workshops for trade teams from India, Ukraine, Indonesia, Norway and Pakistan.

In addition, he provides education on workforce safety training for large dairy farms, dairy farm family facilitation for farm and family planning, high-value product identification, and market needs and expansion proposals, using the latest technology, including an interactive website, to reach his audiences.

Schroeder received a B.S. degree and a Ph.D. from NDSU, and an M.S. degree from Colorado State University.

■ Andrew Swenson

Farm and Family Resource
Management Specialist
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

"Andrew is someone who works well with and has good relationships with others in the agricultural field."

Andy Swenson joined NDSU as a research assistant in 1982 and became a researcher in 1984 and farm and family resource management specialist in 1991.

Swenson helped develop the Outlook Conference for Agricultural Lenders and Tax Management for Ag Producers programs, which are in their 24th year, and is involved in planning the annual Crop Insurance Conference, which provides education to crop insurance agents.

He helped develop farmland lease workshops and several farm accounting software symposiums, and has presented more than 300 workshops on accounting principles, recordkeeping, financial statements and financial performance. He also has developed many software decision aids to help producers evaluate their options, including those in farm bills, and works with the North Dakota Farm Business Management Education Program instructors to analyze more than 500 participating farms and generate reports on agricultural trends.

Swenson holds a B.A. degree from St. Cloud State University and an M.S. degree from NDSU.

Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award

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■ Steven Anderson

Sheep Unit Manager
Department of Animal Sciences

"Steven 'Skip' Anderson has an unmistakable passion for livestock, particularly sheep."

Steven "Skip" Anderson joined NDSU as the sheep unit manager in 2009.

As manager, Anderson is involved with flock feeding, breeding and management, and he is responsible for lambing, neonatal care, and the management of replacement rams and ewes. In addition, he oversees equipment maintenance and the upkeep of facilities.

He also trains full- and part-time student employees to accomplish daily and seasonal tasks, provides the right animals for classroom instruction, assists with that instruction, teaches management techniques during laboratory exercises, and assists with or conducts judging workouts and contests for college students and youth of all ages from throughout the region.

To assist with faculty research programs, Anderson maintains meticulous records of feed consumption, animal growth performance, and pregnancy status; ensures that the animal care complies with standards; and makes sure unit employees are working in a safe manner.

Anderson holds a B.S. degree from NDSU.

■ Joel Bell

Research Specialist
School of Natural Resource Sciences
(Soil Science)

"Joel has been a significant contributor to many of the Soil Science Department's programs."

Joel Bell joined NDSU as a research specialist in 1991.

Bell implements new and established methods in the laboratory and field to quantify biological, physical and chemical indicators of soil health and land management practices, and evaluate soil salinity/sodicity. He also is involved in instrumental analysis and the use of computer software to acquire, process and analyze data.

In addition, he assists in training graduate and undergraduate students, and preparing and delivering laboratory exercises for soil health courses.

Because of his mechanical skills and knowledge of electronics, he frequently is called on to troubleshoot problems with specialized instruments such as the solid sample carbon analyzer; build, repair and maintain electronic equipment such as temperature and moisture sensors; and modify or repair soil sampling and field plot research equipment, and small engines.

Bell received B.S. and M.S. degrees from NDSU.

■ James Jordahl

Research Specialist
Department of Plant Pathology

"Jim is very performance-driven and has a great knack for motivating everyone around him to get a job done."

James Jordahl joined NDSU in 1979 as a lab technician and became a research specialist in 1982.

Jordahl helps conduct field trials to evaluate disease management strategies in row crops and small grains, as well as greenhouse experiments to evaluate variety response to disease, test new races of pathogens, and identify greenhouse space, equipment and maintenance needs.

He has been involved with major research efforts, including cereal pathology; fungicide application and efficacy; and several new pathogens or pathogen races, including soybean cyst nematode and a common bean rust pathogen race.

In addition, he develops the "hands-on" portion of many Extension field day and winter meetings. That includes creating infected plant material, sample bags and field signs, and providing egg counts.

Jordahl earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from NDSU and a B.S. degree from Mayville State University.

■ Lisa Piche

Molecular Microbiologist
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

"Her ability to accurately and efficiently test a large number of samples with high attention to detail is unparalleled."

Lisa Piche joined NDSU as a research technician in 2000 and became a molecular microbiologist in 2007.

Piche performs and troubleshoots regulatory and veterinary diagnostic polymerase chain reaction assays to identify a variety of veterinary and public health pathogens, including anthrax and the West Nile virus.

She also is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory's molecular diagnostic section. She maintains the inventory of lab supplies, reagents and equipment, and oversees the section's methodology to ensure that procedures follow quality assurance and control guidelines. This lab section has grown from performing fewer than 3,500 tests per year in 2007 to more than 11,500 in 2014.

In addition, she supervises and trains student hourly and seasonal laboratory help, and teaches student employees how to perform molecular techniques.

Piche obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees from NDSU.

■ Kevin Rue

Turfgrass Research Specialist
Department of Plant Sciences

"He is dedicated to the program, with an enthusiastic attitude and excellent work."

Kevin Rue joined NDSU as a turfgrass research specialist in 2008.

Rue helps conduct turfgrass research, including preparing fields, seeding, maintaining plants (watering, mowing, fertilizing and applying pesticide) and collecting data. He is responsible for maintaining the four-acre field

research area, which has multiple projects, each requiring different management practices. He also is involved in presenting results and writing research publications.

The department recently collaborated with canola and barley breeders to screen for stress-tolerant germplasms, and Rue works closely with the technicians in those breeding programs and conducts research.

He also helps train graduate students and helps them with their research projects, and supervises student helpers and Governor's School students. Because of his expertise and experience in turfgrass management, co-workers and industry personnel often ask him for advice.

Rue has a B.S. degree from Iowa State University.

■ Julie Sherwood

Microbiologist
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"Julie is a great influence on the team work culture of the department, which benefits everyone in the department."

Julie Sherwood joined NDSU as a microbiologist in 1990.

Sherwood helps design research projects and conducts experiments in food microbiology/food safety. Projects she has worked on include detecting foodborne pathogens on turkey farms, the physiology and genomes of pathogens on fresh vegetables, and pathogen survival throughout food processing.

She also directs, assists and advises undergraduate and graduate research students working in the lab and manages the lab's day-to-day operations. That includes maintaining the inventory and being responsible for the lab's cleanliness.

When the teaching labs need additional instructional support, she teaches an occasional lab section. She served as the department's safety officer for several years and is a mentor to new safety officers. She also is a mentor to many others in the department, including faculty, staff and students.

Sherwood earned a B.S. degree from NDSU.

■ Bruce Sundeen

Electronic Media Specialist
Agriculture Communication

"Bruce's creativity and visual eye create videos that educate and tell stories in meaningful ways."

Bruce Sundeen joined NDSU as a video production specialist in 1997 and became an electronic media specialist in 2007.

Sundeen coordinates the planning, development and production of educational video content, such as the "Morrill Act 150th Anniversary" video, which showcases the history of NDSU, Extension and land-grant system, and videos on farm machine safety and 4-H Camp.

He also consults with staff to help them turn their ideas into usable video. That assistance includes describing and analyzing available techniques and methods to determine the best way to deliver programming via video and related technology.

Other projects he is involved with include video streaming, and audio and podcast work. In addition, he stays on the cutting edge of technology, such as by incorporating the use of GoPro video cameras.

He obtained a B.A. degree from the University of North Dakota.

Donald and Jo Anderson Staff Award

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■ Darla Bakko

Administrative Assistant/
Office Manager
Department of Plant Pathology

"Much of our department's success and collegiality can be attributed to the work that Darla does."

Darla Bakko joined NDSU as a secretary in 1999 and became an administrative assistant in 2012. Office manager was added to her title in 2012.

Bakko's duties include assisting the department chair with running the department, providing office support to faculty, and coordinating special departmental activities and events such as the two-day Eastern and Western Crop and Pest Management Schools.

She also has served as the primary liaison between the department and 30 to 40 industry cooperators who provide information for the "Field Crop Plant Disease Management Guide," and she was involved in developing the publication.

In addition, Bakko maintains the departmental website and social media pages, orders and maintains departmental office supplies, updates budgets and processes financial reports for faculty.

■ Kamie Beeson

Information Processing Specialist
Department of Plant Sciences

"She has worked hard to complete her job and is well-liked because of her commitment and knowledge."

Kamie Beeson joined NDSU as an information processing specialist in 2010.

Beeson started a Facebook page for the department, and has revamped the departmental and Cereal Science program's Web pages and worked with a number of faculty members to develop Web pages for their programs.

She also helps faculty, research specialists, technicians and staff develop posters and other educational material and assists them with issues such as online registration for workshops and tours.

In addition, Beeson provides support for the video conference system. That includes maintaining the system and developing instructions on how to use computers, projectors, the video conference equipment, and other technology in the classrooms, meeting rooms and other places where technology is used.

■ Char Kuss

Administrative Secretary
Department of Animal Sciences

"Char is always willing to try a new project and help out where she can."

Char Kuss joined NDSU as an administrative assistant in 1995 and became an administrative secretary in 2013.

Kuss helped establish an administrative office in Robinson Hall for the Veterinary Technology program, and found new vendors to reduce costs and solutions to printing and copying needs, assisted with streamlining the ordering process, and advocated for more proficient processing of bills.

She created a newsletter to better share information internally and externally about what the students are learning and faculty are researching and teaching.

After the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Entrance Exam was added to the Veterinary Technology program entrance application requirements in 2013, Kuss worked with the company that administers the exam to set up a department account and online exam score database.

■ Jerie Little

Receptionist/Secretary
Department of Veterinary
and Microbiological Sciences

"Jerie is a valued and important part of our office team."

Jerie Little joined NDSU as a receptionist/secretary in 2005.

Little is a front-line staff member and has a special knack for helping calm distraught students and providing assistance to others who come into the front office in Van Es Hall.

She also assists the department head with setting up meetings and creating reports, serves as grant coordinator, assists students with the graduate school application process and is a backup for the administrative assistant and administrative secretary.

In addition, Little is the department's purchasing card administrator, serves on the Web development committee and makes sure the information on the website stays current and relevant. Her other roles include helping with the college scholarship luncheon and the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources Honor Commission.

■ Linda McCaw

Administrative assistant/conference coordinator/Ag Consortium scheduler
Agriculture Communication

"Linda is an indispensable part of the Ag Comm team."

Linda McCaw joined NDSU as an administrative assistant/conference coordinator/Ag Consortium scheduler in 2008.

McCaw provides support for a 25-member staff, processing departmental paperwork, maintaining departmental records, recommending and overseeing departmental procedures, greeting visitors, ordering and maintaining office supplies, managing the department's equipment checkout program, coordinating departmental meetings, and hiring work-study students and coordinating their assignments.

In her conference coordinator role, she works closely with the conference committees and conference hotel staff on scheduling workshops, obtaining speakers, planning meals, developing a conference Web page and online registration, collecting registration fees and making sure presenters have the audio-visual equipment they need.

As an Ag Consortium videoconference master scheduler, McCaw trains users on the proper procedures for scheduling videoconferences, processes the paperwork involved in scheduling videoconferences and troubleshoots problems.

■ Judith Moe

Administrative Assistant
Department of Agribusiness
and Applied Economics

"She is very detailed and timely in every job function she performs."

Judy Moe joined NDSU as a clerical worker in 1968 and became an administrative assistant in 1979.

Moe serves as office manager for the department; manages millions of dollars in salaries, grants, contracts and donations; and is responsible for budgets and expenditures for the Commodity Trading Room.

She also supervises support staff hiring and performance evaluations, and serves as the department's primary contact and adviser on department and university policies and procedures.

In addition, Moe orders and maintains office supplies, and works with department personnel and suppliers on major equipment purchases. Her other responsibilities include organizing departmental social events such as weekly coffee gatherings, back-to-school picnics, winter holiday gatherings and retirement receptions, and handling department personnel's access to keys, the building and parking.

Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award

This annual award, established by the Office of the Vice President for Agricultural Affairs, recognizes significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture and/or Extension by support staff in technical and paraprofessional, crafts/trades or services positions on and off campus with at least three years of continuous service. The recipient must be in a staff position with an appointment in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station; or NDSU Extension Service.

■ Robert Baumann

Agricultural Research Technician
Department of Plant Sciences

"Bob is a valued staff member who consistently contributes to the success of the Department of Plant Sciences."

Robert Baumann joined NDSU as an agricultural research technician in 1972.

As a research technician in the oat breeding program, Baumann's main duties are to assist in planning, preparing and conducting experiments in the field, greenhouse and winter nurseries; help with data collection and analysis; train and supervise graduate and undergraduate students; help organize demonstrations for field days and conferences; and maintain research equipment.

He is responsible for conducting all aspects of the evaluation of thousands of experimental lines at six locations in North Dakota. He also assists in managing and improving plot land area, coordinating plot land fertilizer application for research projects, and organizing machinery storage for the projects.

In addition, he has participated in the development and release of more than 20 oat cultivars.

■ James Chaput

Research Technician
Langdon Research Extension Center

"Jim employs his knowledge of all aspects of the station and is the 'go-to guy' when a situation arises."

James Chaput joined NDSU as a research technician in 1978.

Chaput's main responsibility is providing support for the Langdon Research Extension Center's foundation seed increase program. This involves all aspects of the program, from variety selection until the seed is sold and on the customer's truck. His expertise in seed selection and weed control has been invaluable.

He also provides technical support for small-plot research and to NDSU plant breeders who use the center's land for their projects. One of his talents is helping researchers select consistent land space for their research trials.

Chaput's third major role is maintaining all of the center's equipment, much of which is very old. He also has helped newly hired research specialists become familiar with the overall system at the center.

■ Justin Gilbertson

Agricultural Research Technician
Department of Animal Sciences

"He is an excellent farm worker whose versatility allows him to work with a wide variety of different projects and individuals."

Justin Gilbertson joined NDSU as an agricultural research technician in 2009.

Gilbertson works in the NDSU Animal Nutrition and Physiology Center with all of the research animal species and most of the Animal Sciences Department staff and faculty. One of his main responsibilities is taking care of the livestock, which includes collecting feeding and environmental data, and removing waste.

His mechanical, welding and design skills have proven invaluable on research projects that require equipment to be manufactured or redesigned. His diligent care and maintenance of the building grounds and equipment have allowed the ANPC to host several tours, classes and labs.

Gilbertson also advises student workers in research projects and helps train new students on equipment operation, taking care of animals and safety rules.

■ Nancy Hillen

Customer Account Technician
Agriculture Communication

"Nancy's work goes a long way in contributing to the Agriculture/Extension mission, as well as the whole campus."

Nancy Hillen joined NDSU as a food technologist specialist in 2007 and became a commodity quality specialist/account technician in 2010 and a customer account technician in 2013.

Hillen's responsibilities include downloading monthly billings for all Print and Copy and Services (PCS) graphics and Auditron charges, and creating reports with a breakdown of all charges, which she emails to departments to help them keep track of expenditures.

She has reduced the amount of rekeying required to complete PCS billing, updated a master spreadsheet that lays out the thousands of jobs that come through PCS and must be billed, and works with Accounting and the Ag Budget Office to increase efficiencies and reduce duplications.

Hillen also helps manage walk-up copiers campuswide and serves as a customer service backup.

■ Danelle Walker

Account Technician
School of Natural Resource Sciences

"Danelle works behind the scenes so seamlessly that one may not truly understand all that she does."

Danelle Walker joined NDSU as an assistant office manager in 2003 and became an account technician in 2006.

Walker assists the School of Natural Resource Sciences director in determining annual budgets, and preparing reports, balance sheets, direct-payment vouchers to vendors, travel expense vouchers for faculty and staff, billings and other financial paperwork for the faculty of the Entomology Department, and Natural Resources Management and Range Science programs. She works closely with vendors, suppliers, granting agencies and appropriate offices at NDSU to ensure records are accurate and comply with policies and procedures.

She also manages appropriated, grant and local monies for faculty and staff to ensure that research, teaching and Extension activities can succeed.

In addition, Walker assists faculty and staff with ordering necessary equipment well before their grants end.

2013 Award Recipients

Larson/Yaggie
Excellence in Research

*Scott Pryor,
Agricultural and Biosystems
Engineering*

Eugene R. Dahl
Excellence in Research

*Mohamed Mergoum,
Plant Sciences*

Earl and Dorothy Foster
Excellence in Teaching

*Deirdre Prischmann-Voldseth,
School of Natural Resource
Sciences – Entomology*

H. Roald and Janet Lund
Excellence in Teaching

*Kirk Howatt,
Plant Sciences*

William J. and Angelyn A. Austin
Excellence in Advising

*Cheryl Wachenheim,
Agribusiness and Applied Economics*

Myron and Muriel Johnsrud
Excellence in Extension

*Carrie Knutson,
GF County Extension/4-H Youth
Development*

AGSCO Excellence in Extension

*Mohamed Khan,
Plant Pathology*

Charles and Linda Moses
Staff Award

*Viviana Rivera-Varas,
Plant Pathology*

Donald and Jo Anderson
Staff Award

*Cindy Olson,
Ramsey County Extension*

Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award

*Jim Moos,
Agricultural and Biosystems
Engineering*

2014 Faculty/Staff Award Nominees

Larson/Yaggie
Excellence in Research Award

Teresa Bergholz

Marisol Berti

Jason Harmon

Zhulu Lin

Kasey Maddock Carlin

Saleem Shaik

Eugene R. Dahl
Excellence in Research Award

Phillip McClean

John McEvoy

Kimberly Vonnahme

William Wilson

Earl and Dorothy Foster
Excellence in Teaching Award

Jessie Ebert

Ryan Larsen

Rebekah Oliver

H. Roald and Janet Lund
Excellence in Teaching Award

Eric Berg

R. Jay Goos

Robert Hearne

Burton Johnson

Rachel Richman

William J. and Angelyn A. Austin
Excellence in Advising Award

Janice Haggart

Clifford Hall

Christina Hargiss

Jeremy Jackson

Tara Swanson

Myron and Muriel Johnsrud
Excellence in
Extension/Outreach Award

Christopher Augustin

Justin Crosswhite

Megan Ness

Christina Rittenbach

Andrew Robinson

AGSCO
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Linda Hauge

Willie Huot

John Kringler

John Nowatzki

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