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Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service



Conference Objectives

- » Share ideas on how to lead through challenging times.
- » Promote learning through innovative programs based on our five grand challenges.
- » Build personal and professional relationships through networking with colleagues.
- » Recognize outstanding programs and contributions by faculty and staff.

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USDA TENURE AND EXTENSION SERVICE AWARDS

USDA TENURE

Service through September 30, 2016

30 Years

Dan Devlin, *Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment (KCARE)*

Ron Graber, *KCARE*

Greg McClure, *Riley County*

Diane Mack, *Northeast Area*

Doug Stucky, *Kansas Farm Management Association*

35 Years

Doug Jardine, *Plant Pathology*

Tom Maxwell, *Central Kansas District*

40 Years

Art Barnaby, Jr., *Agricultural Economics*

Linda Mirt, *Sumner County*

Deanna Turner, *River Valley District*

Stacey Warner, *Extension Operations*

EXTENSION SERVICE

Service through September 30, 2016

10 Years

Gina Aurand, *River Valley District*

Lehisa de Fornoza, *Sedgwick County*

Rhonda Gordon, *Lyon County*

Bill Haney, *Kearny County*

Megan Kennelly, *Plant Pathology*

Rich Llewelyn, *Agricultural Economics*

Kraig Roozeboom, *Agronomy*

Jennifer Schroeder, *Reno County*

Brenda Taxeras, *Leavenworth County*

Sarah Zukoff, *Southwest Area*

20 Years

Craig Althaus, *Kansas Farm Management Association*


Denise Dias, *Sedgwick County*

Beth Drescher, *Sedgwick County*

Gregg Eystone, *Riley County*

Amy Hartman, *Communications and Agricultural Education*

Betsy Kennedy Steanson, *Frontier District*



John Leatherman, *Agricultural Economics*
Charles Lee, *Animal Sciences and Industry*
Stacie Minson, *KCARE*
Todd Schmidt, *Greeley County*
Barbara Stockebrand, *Woodson County*
Zelia Wiley, *Dean and Director's Office*
Jennifer Wilson, *Riley County*

25 Years

Diane Burnett, *Marais des Cygnes District*
DeWayne Craghead, *Hodgeman County*
Kevin Herbel, *Agricultural Economics*
Beth Hinshaw, *Southeast Area*
Michael Tokach, *Animal Sciences and Industry*
Ward Upham, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Ron Wilson, *Huck Boyd Institute*

30 Years

Donna Krug, *Barton County*
Joe Lear, *Information Technology Services*
Pam Muntz, *Kiowa County*
David Rempe, *Kansas Farm Management Association*
Trudy Rice, *Community Development*
Susan Schlichting, *Ellis County*
Denise Sullivan, *Leavenworth County*
Lori Wuellner, *Wyandotte County*

35 Years

Stewart Duncan, *Northeast Area*
Dan O'Brien, *Northwest Area*
Deryl Waldren, *Northwest Area*



RESEARCH AND EXTENSION AWARDS


OUTSTANDING LOCAL UNIT AWARD

Sedgwick County

Jodi Besthorn, *Extension Agent*
Denise Bindrum, *Office Professional*
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, *Extension Agent*
Shirley Buchanan, *Nutrition Assistant*
Lehisa de Fornoza, *Program Assistant*
Denise Dias, *Extension Agent*
Janet Donaghue, *Program Assistant*
Beth Drescher, *Extension Agent*
Jackie Fees, *Office Professional*
Caroline Flett, *Office Professional*
Nancy Gardner, *Program Assistant*
Ron Graber, *Watershed Specialist*
Teresa Hatfield, *Extension Agent*
Liza Jackson, *Nutrition Assistant*
Angela Jones, *County Director*
Cathy Jones, *Program Assistant*
Nancy Larson, *Director Pollution Prevention Institute*
Janel Leatherman, *Program Assistant*
Shirley Lewis, *Program Assistant*
Veronica Maples, *Nutrition Assistant*
Matthew McKernan, *Extension Agent*
Rebecca McMahon, *Extension Agent*
Milissa Moore, *Office Professional*
Harry Nestelroad, *Maintenance Worker*
Laura Rosenbaum, *Office Professional*
Sara Sawyer, *Extension Agent*
Zach Simon, *Extension Agent*
Sommer Swearengin, *Nutrition Assistant*
Susan Wilhite, *Program Assistant*
Barbara Wingfield, *Office Professional*
Jerry Wullschleger, *Maintenance Worker*

The Sedgwick County staff has demonstrated excellence in programming, personnel and financial management.

Agents, staff and volunteers made 3,200 presentations during the past year. The agents all have areas of specialization, which lead to community recognition of their expertise. They have regular programming on several Wichita television and radio stations and provide bi-monthly columns in the Wichita Eagle. The staff partners with eighty organizations in the Sedgwick County area.



Agents are engaged with their Program Development Committees, all meeting at least four times per year. This past year an expanded PDC was established to address issues related to health, nutrition and local foods.

The office includes thirty-one agents, program assistants and office professionals. Agents serve in key leadership roles including program focus team chairs, agent professional association officers and as presenters at professional meetings. They have been recognized with awards from extension professional associations and from other organizations.

During the past year \$148,000 of external funding was secured for educational programming through grants, sponsorships of events, fund development and cost-recovery.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT OR COUNTY EXTENSION PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Marlin Bates, Extension Agent, Douglas County

Marlin Bates came to Douglas County in 2014 after a six-year career with the University of Missouri Extension Service, serving in Kansas City, Missouri. His professional focus includes ensuring a robust Master Gardener program, addressing home horticulture issues, assisting fresh fruit and vegetable producers and growing the local food economy.

He is currently serving as the co-chair of the Horticulture Program Focus Team, where he works to unite extension educators engaged in horticulture programming while understanding the highly-diverse interests of those agents and their clientele. Marlin has attended three K-State Research and Extension Annual Conferences and has been a presenter at each event.

Some of Marlin's key efforts and audiences include the Growing Growers program, which places 12-15 apprentices onto local farms; the Growing Lawrence program, a collaborative of Douglas County area farmers; the Great Plains Growers Conference, an annual event for fresh fruit and vegetable farmers in the Midwest; the Douglas County Food Policy Council, an official local government advisory group and the Kaw Valley Farm Tour hosts and participants.



OUTSTANDING AREA OR STATE EXTENSION PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Gayle Price, *Extension Specialist, Family and Consumer Sciences, Southeast Area*

“Gayle Price sets an example for all of us with her high level of professionalism, integrity and ethical leadership skills. She is a phenomenal leader and extension professional and is very deserving of this prestigious honor.” This was one of several accolades from nominators for Gayle for the Outstanding Area or State Extension Professional Award.

Gayle has provided leadership for a number of programs on the state and area level. Among those are Stay Strong Stay Healthy, Master Food Volunteers, Dining with Diabetes, ServSafe, Regional Aging Expo and Regional Farmer’s Market Workshops. Reaching underserved audiences is an emphasis of her programming. Her leadership has included obtaining external funding and designing evaluation strategies.

She has served as the co-chair of the Nutrition, Food Safety and Health Program Focus Team and as the president of several professional associations. She is a frequent presenter at professional meetings, willingly sharing KSRE programming with other professionals. Family and consumer sciences agents in her area are the beneficiaries of her leadership through face-to-face area workshops, conference calls and individual consultations.

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM FOCUS TEAM AWARD

Community Development Program Focus Team

Vincent Amanor-Boadu, *Professor, Agricultural Economics*

Sheryl Carson, *Extension Agent, Thomas County*

Laurie Chandler, *Associate Program Leader, Extension Administration*

Bruce Chladny, *County Director, Wyandotte County*

DeWayne Craghead, *Extension Agent, Hodgeman County*

Nancy Daniels, *Extension Associate, Community Vitality*

Cindy Evans, *County Director, Shawnee County*

John Forshee, *District Director, River Valley District*

Carl Garten, *District Director, Central Kansas District*

Emily Green, *Extension Agent, Rawlins County*

Gregg Hadley, *Assistant Director, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and
Community Development*

Elaine Johannes, *Associate Professor, Family Studies and Human
Services*



Angela Jones, *County Director, Sedgwick County*
David Key, *District Director, Meadowlark District*
John Leatherman, *Director, Office of Local Government and Professor, Agricultural Economics*
Kylie Ludwig, *Extension Agent, Wildcat District*
Amanda Marney, *District Director, Wildcat District*
Jaime Menon, *Extension Assistant, Community Vitality*
Rick Miller, *Extension Agent, Johnson County*
Don Moler, *County Director, Douglas County*
Carla Nemecek, *District Director, Southwind District*
Mary Lou Peter, *News Writer, Communications and Agricultural Education*
David Procter, *Director, Center for Engagement and Community Development*
Trudy Rice, *Extension Associate, Community Vitality*
Fran Richmond, *District Director, Frontier District*
Nadine Sigle, *Extension Associate, Community Vitality*
Jan Steen, *County Director, Reno County*
Mary Sullivan, *Extension Agent, Grant County*
Jennifer Wilson, *County Director, Riley County*
Robert Wilson, *Extension Assistant, Local Government*
Ron Wilson, *Director, Huck Boyd Institute*

The Community Development Program Focus Team is divided into four areas of emphasis – growing community leaders, empowering youth entrepreneurs, building facilitation skills and program evaluation, and impact and reporting. Each team member serves on the subcommittee of his or her choice.

As an outcome of their work in growing community leaders, nearly 650 Kansans have participated in their Board Leadership series. Follow-up surveys indicate that those leaders are using their skills as they serve on various organization boards across Kansas. In the area of building facilitation competency, team members received professional development and then trained K-State Research professionals at an Art of Facilitation Workshop in December 2015. The members also work with new agents to build their capacity as facilitators. The team has received requests to provide training for other organizations, which shows recognition of their expertise.

The members chartered the Kansas Association of Community Development Extension Professionals in 2015. They have attended several meetings of their national affiliate, NACDEP, and presented the outcomes of their programming in board leadership and facilitation.



BUILDER AWARD

Paula Peters, *Assistant Director, Family and Consumer Sciences*

For more than 15 years, Paula Peters has led the way in building the capacity of extension professionals in program planning, evaluating, and reporting. Soon after her appointment as assistant director, she began developing expertise in using the logic model to design educational programming. She helped develop the new agent professional development session “Programming with a Purpose,” which guides agents to use the Logic Model in assessing needs, planning programs, and evaluating effectiveness.

When program specialization and more in-depth programming was emphasized as a way to address the complex issues facing Kansans, Paula and her fellow assistant directors began the process to bring agents and specialists together in program focus teams. These teams have been in existence for about 10 years, and the most successful programming is facilitated by the teams.

Online reporting systems also began under her leadership. The current system, PEARS (Program Evaluation and Reporting System), has been adapted by eight other states to collect SNAP-Ed outcomes.

Her expertise has been recognized nationally, and she was selected to be the co-chair of a national SNAP-Ed program development team.

DIVERSITY AWARD


Dorith Rotenberg, *Research Assistant Professor, Plant Pathology*

Anna Whitfield, *Associate Professor, Plant Pathology*

Dorith Rotenberg and Anna Whitfield are a successful research team. They have recruited and mentored diverse students who have moved on to contribute to a more diverse workforce in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.

They recruit undergraduate researchers from minority serving programs on the K-State campus. Since 2006, the lab has mentored 24 undergraduate students of which 17 were women and nine were underrepresented minorities. With Anna and Dorith’s support, 10 of those students have earned fellowships totaling \$135,500.

These students have gone on to be successful beyond their time as undergraduate researchers with several of them in graduate or professional studies or in professional employment in STEM fields.



Fostering diversity doesn't "just happen." It takes thought, planning, and resources. Anna and Dorith intentionally incorporate support of diverse students into their research grants. An example is a \$3.75 million USDA grant with a stated goal of recruiting 30 percent of student participants from underrepresented minorities, including students from minority-serving institutions.

OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD

Art Barnaby Jr., *Extension State Leader, Professor, Agricultural Economics*

Mykel Taylor had this to say about Art Barnaby: "The 2014 Farm Bill presented an opportunity to observe a seasoned faculty member in his role. Dr. Barnaby volunteered to lead K-State's educational effort, even though, as a late career professional, he had little to gain personally. His actions were a strong model to observe how extension educators are motivated to serve, no matter the compensation or recognition they might receive.

As I watched Dr. Barnaby make the same presentation 15 times, I started to understand the art of public speaking and engagement that is required to be a great specialist. I was privileged to spend time with him observing, discussing, and learning from his presentation style. I learned from Dr. Barnaby to be confident and not let anyone's perceived ideas about women in agriculture affect me. He made a point of introducing me formally as an expert in farm management to gain the respect of the audience.

My winter of traveling with Dr. Barnaby was not a formal mentoring experience, but it changed the way I approach extension education."



TEAM AWARDS

Northwest Area Family and Consumer Sciences Team


JoEllyn Argabright, *Extension Agent, Rawlins County*
Linda Beech, *Extension Agent, Ellis County*
Libby Curry, *Extension Specialist, Northwest Area*
Melinda Daily, *Extension Agent, Sunflower District*
Diann Gerstner, *Extension Agent, Thomas County*
Ashley Goudey, *Extension Agent, Post Rock District*
Karen Jones, *Program Assistant, Northwest Area*
Donna Krug, *Extension Agent, Barton County*
Amy Lorenzen, *Extension Agent, Golden Prairie District*
Joyce McKinney, *Program Assistant, Post Rock District*
Anna Muir, *Extension Agent, Phillips-Rooks District*
Erin Petersilie, *Extension Agent, Walnut Creek District*
Jamie Rathbun, *Extension Agent, Midway District*
Nora Rhoades, *Extension Agent, Post Rock District*
Stephanie Ricke, *Program Assistant, Northwest Area*
Anna Schremmer, *Extension Agent, Phillips-Rooks District*
Karen Shepard, *Extension Agent, Graham County*
Julianne Shoup, *Extension Agent, Twin Creeks District*
Janae Svoboda, *Program Assistant, Northwest Area*

“Cohesive, consistent, and efficient” are words used to describe the agents, program assistants, and area specialist who make up the Northwest Area Family and Consumer Sciences team. The team meets face-to-face at least four times per year to collaborate, with each member contributing according to their skills and interests. Recent area-wide team programming has included Full Circle–An Aging Expo, Preserving the Family with Estate Planning workshops, food preservation workshops, Powerful Tools for Caregivers Support Groups, computer classes, and Medicare updates.

Each team member is active on a program focus team, and they make certain their peers throughout the region have access to the resources and trainings provided by the various PFTs.

The team recently built a partnership with a major cable and internet provider to develop programming via cable TV and YouTube. While this venture is still in its infancy, the project is helping to expand K-State Research and Extension’s audience.

The team pursues grant and sponsorship opportunities to fund the acquisition of curriculum, presentation delivery tools, professional development opportunities, and promotional materials.



Western Kansas Unmanned Aerial Systems and Crop Canopy Imaging Team

Robert Aiken, *Associate Professor, Northwest Research-Extension Center*
Nan An, *Imaging Scientist, Agronomy*

Travis Balthazor, *Unmanned Aircraft Systems Pilot, UAS*

Kurt Carraway, *Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, UAS*

Kai Comer, *Technician, Northwest Research-Extension Center*

Patrick Coyne, *Emeritus Professor, Agricultural Research Center-Hays*

Ray Duffey, *Senior Agriculture Technician, Northwest Research Extension Center*

Anju Giri, *Graduate Research Assistant, Agronomy*

Raenette Martin, *Senior Agriculture Technician, Northwest Research Extension Center*

Kevin Price, *Emeritus Professor, Agronomy*

Deon van der Merwe, *Associate Professor, Veterinary Diagnostics*

Huan Wang, *Graduate Research Assistant, Agronomy*

Guorong Zhang, *Assistant Professor, Agricultural Research Center-Hays*

The Western Kansas Unmanned Aerial Systems and Crop Canopy Imaging Team has established a program that provides Federal Aviation Administration compliant canopy imaging services in support of crop breeding and genomics research programs in western Kansas.

Impacts of the project include increasing the capacity of crop breeding programs, accelerating the discovery of improved germplasm and supporting the genetic gain in crop productivity realized by growers with advanced hybrids and varieties. These efforts will also lead to improved crop production and pest and nutrient management.

Individual team members began working with canopy imaging in 2007. Other team members have since joined, contributing their expertise in operation of unmanned aerial systems, FAA-compliant operations, image acquisition and processing, agronomic interpretation of crop canopy images, crop breeding, software development, and automated image processing. Software suitable for crop breeder use is currently under beta testing with images acquired at K-State research centers and experiment fields in 2016.

Cooperators have included Kansas State Polytechnic, the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, and the Kansas Wheat Alliance.



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

LOCAL UNIT OFFICES

Glenda Prieba, *Office Professional, Harvey County*

Since 1977, Glenda Prieba has been the constant face in the Harvey County office of K-State Research and Extension, working with 16 agents during her career. She led the staff into the technology age and has continued to take the initiative to learn new systems and train others in the office. She embodies the definition of “servant leader” as she works tirelessly behind the scenes for every event, project, or meeting. If an agent, parent, or community member has a concern, they know that Glenda will lend a helpful hand.

She is known for her attention to detail, strong work ethic, and high productivity. She is always looking for ways to improve the office and to make K-State Research and Extension more accessible to the public, in turn making the office a reliable community resource.

A Harvey County Commissioner who is also an extension volunteer said that “Glenda’s 39 years of service to the citizens of Harvey County are a key reason that citizens hold the Harvey County Office in such high esteem.”

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Mary Knapp, *Assistant State Climatologist, Agronomy*

Mary Knapp occupies a unique position in the Department of Agronomy, where she works with an expanding team to serve as a resource on climate and weather matters.

She is frequently invited to make presentations on topics ranging from climate predictions to application of climate data to citizen safety. Her website, which was completely redeveloped in 2015, is a source of critical data sets used for research, coursework, and decision-making.

Her outreach activities include a course for students attending the Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math Summer Institute for middle school students and Agronomy’s Kids Field Day.

For more than 20 years, she has supervised weather observations for the National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Program (COOP), where Manhattan has had more than 100 years of observations. In 2005, she coordinated the expansion of the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) into Kansas. She continues to serve as the state coordinator in this effort. Currently, there are more than 800 active observers, providing critical rainfall observations in the state.



UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF

Larry Buffington, *Custodial Specialist, Southeast Agricultural Research Center*

Larry Buffington has been employed at the Southeast Agricultural Research Center since 1981. During 2015, the center moved to a new location. Larry played a key role in the move, going above and beyond what might have been expected, and was then involved in setting up the office materials, laboratory equipment, and lab samples in the new location.

In addition, because of a loss of personnel at the center, he assisted in the analysis of wheat, corn, and soybean samples. He also managed the drying and grinding of the soil samples. Larry's willingness to go beyond his assigned responsibilities greatly benefited the center's research and productivity.

Amy Capoun, *Administrative Specialist, Agronomy*


Amy Capoun is part of the business office team in a department with more than 300 employees and more than \$15 million in research, extension and teaching funding. Her many responsibilities include managing state and federal accounts; making payments to vendors, and managing the department's accounting system.

Amy is described as inspiring others to excellence, always being helpful, fully committed to her responsibilities, and excelling in communication with faculty, staff, vendors, and graduate and undergraduate students. One of her nominators said "often you don't fully appreciate the excellence of the staff because they seamlessly make your life a lot easier by doing tasks without you asking."

Kristi Hageman, *Senior Administrative Assistant, Animal Sciences and Industry*

For much of the past 18 months, Kristi Hageman has fulfilled the responsibilities of two positions in the Student Services Office in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. This office provides support for more than 1,200 undergraduate students, 50 faculty, administrators and staff across campus, prospective students, and parents.

Her additional responsibilities include assisting with enrollment; entering data in the department's line schedule; representing the department at student service coordinator meetings; assisting with faculty-led study abroad tours; and helping with details for annual



livestock judging camps and the annual judging team reunions. A nominator said “I can attest to the positive attitude and exemplary service Kristi provided during this time.”

Stacy Mahan, Accountant I, Grain Science and Industry

The Department of Grain Science and Industry is complex and unique in the world. Stacy Mahan joined the department in January 2016. She came from a position in another department that had different processes and procedures. Department members assumed that she would need several months to get up to speed on their almost 100 sponsored project accounts. Within a short time, she caught up on projects, tracked down missing documents, and learned the skills necessary for her new job. Her nominator said “She came to us focused, hard-working, and as a quick learner. She is an employee who goes above and beyond what is expected of her.”

Rollin Mensch, Printing Services Coordinator, Communications and Agricultural Education


Rollin Mensch has become the face of University Printing. He is the first point of contact for almost every one of University Printing’s customers. These customers include the Manhattan, Salina, and Olathe campuses in addition to area, district, and county offices. In a print shop that has grown to handle nearly 6,000 jobs a year, he interacts with all of them in one way or another.

Interactions with Rollin are always about the customer. His calm demeanor and dedicated work ethic focus on creating the best experience for the customer. In a presentation about customer service, a director of marketing on campus closed her presentation by asking, “What would Rollin do?”

Barb Moore, Senior Administrative Assistant, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Barb Moore’s positive attitude and demeanor, outstanding organizational skills, high-quality work, and willingness to contribute above and beyond her duties have made her a tremendous asset to the department and to the College of Engineering. Her responsibilities span two colleges, so she is required to be knowledgeable about two sets of procedures and personnel.

One of Barb’s nominators said, “She is a very caring and supportive colleague who truly wants the best for our students, faculty, and staff. She maintains a positive attitude and is always willing to lend a



helping hand. She makes visitors, potential students, new faculty, and students feel welcome and comfortable.”

Ruth Nihart, *Accounting Specialist, Entomology*

Ruth Nihart is an outstanding contributor to a Department of Entomology team that keeps the financial status current and transparent. The team’s efficiency is critical for decision-making and planning. Ruth also is responsible for developing and processing bids for purchasing major equipment and tracking warranties.

She has a broad knowledge of business office operation and has repeatedly introduced improvements to accounting, purchasing, and vendor payment procedures. With another individual, she adapted and successfully implemented the first-ever departmental electronic purchase-order system.

Ruth undertakes all responsibilities cheerfully and contributes to a collaborative team atmosphere in the office. The wide variety of her contributions lead to a collaborative atmosphere in the office.


Diana Pavlisko, *Administrative Specialist, Plant Pathology*

Diana Pavlisko is known by many as the front door of the department. As a key member of the extension team, she manages the reporting and invoicing related to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, which handles more than 1,000 plant samples a year, among other responsibilities.

In her role with department personnel, she guides international students through the process of getting needed documentation and routes them to the International Student Center for additional resources. Beyond that, she helps them with the community acclimation process – locating doctors, setting up bank accounts, and navigating school enrollment. Diana says, “Communication is one of the biggest frustrations that international students have, so it’s really important to take the time to listen carefully.”

Janice Taggart, *Accountant II, Grain Science and Industry*

Jan Taggart’s nominator for this award said, “Jan has helped me unravel the mystery of transferring funds, paying vendors, and tracking grants. She has a broad network of colleagues throughout the university that she can call in an instant to address a question. She knows the limits, the funds that aren’t accessible for certain expenses, and can find solutions when things don’t fit into a specific category. She does



this with a smile, a genuine expression of interest and sincerity in her willingness to be helpful.”

In addition, Jan has served the university and her colleagues in leadership roles, including a term as president of the University Support Staff Senate.

Elsa Toburen, *Public Service Administrator, Food Science Institute*

Elsa Toburen interfaces with the Food Science Institute’s faculty, students, and staff in five colleges and 13 departments. She is the vital “up-front” person who meets, greets, organizes, and answers questions for the institute. She is always positive with a “can-do” attitude that is a calming force in the workplace.

A nominator said “One of the first things that our distance master’s students do when they come to campus is to visit with Elsa because they want to meet this person who has been so helpful.” Another nominator stated “I am convinced that the progress that the institute has realized over the past 14 years has been significantly impacted by Elsa.”

Richard Windholz, *Agricultural Technician, Agricultural Research Center–Hays*

Richard’s role includes the maintenance of the 40 acre campus including mowing, applying herbicides and insecticides, planting trees and shrubs, removing unhealthy trees and maintaining a horticultural demonstration area. Visitors comment on the impressive, well-kept landscape at the center.

The auditorium is the venue for approximately 50 meetings per year. Richard is involved in meeting setup, hosting, and cleanup. His service attitude and attention to detail always assure that the public comes away with a positive experience at the center.

Richard takes great pride in his work. He knows that the quality of his performance reflects on the reputation of K-State Research and Extension and spares no effort in meeting that responsibility.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONALS

Karen Blakeslee, *Extension Associate, Animal Sciences and Industry*

Karen Blakeslee's work on food preservation resources and training has distinguished her as K-State's expert in home food preservation. She has conducted numerous workshops to equip extension agents to teach local clientele about important food preservation safety principles.

Karen is known for her media work. She filmed a series of food preservation videos, updated food preservation judging guidelines, wrote a series of publications, and designed new educational displays. She manages all or part of nine websites that are valued as up-to-date sources of information for both professionals and consumers.

She is also the co-coordinator for the Kansas Master Food Volunteer program providing training and coordination for a biannual conference for the volunteers.

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE


Terry Williams, *Senior Administrative Assistant, 4-H Youth Development*

When it was learned that the national 4-H data management system was being discontinued, Terry Williams moved quickly. She researched and recommended a new data management system, then learned and launched the new 4HOnline system. She trained approximately 180 extension professionals who were responsible for 4-H enrollment. Terry developed online resources and webinars and provided numerous one-on-one consults. This was all done under an extremely short timeline because the new 4-H program year was beginning.

A revised 4-H volunteer screening process was introduced in 2014, and Terry was instrumental in aligning the 4HOnline enrollment system with managing the volunteer screening process. She also assisted in launching volunteer orientation and training through the system.

Aimee Hawkes, *Accountant II, Kansas Forest Service*

Aimee Hawkes managed moving the agency's accounting responsibilities from two people to one. This was a large undertaking as the agency routinely manages more than 100 open accounts encompassing five years. They also enlist services of more than 25



temporary persons each with a different start and end dates and many with multiple dates because of deployments to out-of-state wildfires. She also coordinates travel logistics for the agency's fire program aid in other states.

Her nominator says "Aimee is the pinnacle of managing change in the office. She gives every individual, employee, account, customer, and situation the attention it deserves, keeping a close eye to detail all the while ensuring the satisfaction of those involved."

NATIONAL EXTENSION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, NORTH CENTRAL PROGRAM *(Class XXII, 2016)*

Beth Hinshaw, *Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development*

Beth Hinshaw works with extension staff in southeast units and the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program. Responsibilities include staff development, youth leadership, program management, problem solving, and strengthening clubs.

Beth says "I am grateful to have been a part of the NELD Program. It was an excellent professional and personal development opportunity. It was wonderful to meet and learn with such a wide variety of interesting professionals from across the North Central Region. It stretched my mind in new ways and helped me evaluate and improve my leadership, work, and management styles."


Tara Markley, *Extension Agent, Johnson County*

Tara Markley serves as the 4-H Youth Development agent with program emphasis on growing youth opportunities through traditional and nontraditional strategies in a large suburban county.

Tara says, "As a leadership course, NELD was hands down one of the most powerful experiences I have participated in. The breadth and depth of extension professionals, resources, and scholarship offered through this program is unbeatable."

Bradford Wiles, *Extension Specialist, Family Studies and Human Services*

Bradford Wiles' major areas of interest are investigating the social determinants of health and building resilience in vulnerable families. He is currently working with the University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas Health Institute to build a culture of health in southwest Kansas.



“My NELD experience contributed to so many aspects of my leadership development journey. From the manner with which I interact with students to the strategic planning and execution of long-term programs of research, NELD has helped me be a better decision-maker, mentor, and leader.”

4-H CLOVER AWARD

David Kehler, *Extension Agent, Butler County*

“Making the Best Better,” the well-known 4-H motto, is also the professional goal of David Kehler. He is being recognized with the 4-H Clover Award in recognition of leading the Kansas 4-H efforts in implementing the Electronic Identification System for identifying market steers. He initiated the project by writing and receiving a grant. He then systematically designed a plan for the tagging of 4-H cattle across the state. It began with a group of pilot counties and has expanded so that more than half of the counties are using the EID system. David also oversees the distribution of the tags and has provided training for using the system and managing the data. The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents salutes David’s leadership.

COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Frannie Miller, *Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, Entomology*

Frannie Miller is being recognized by the Department of Communications and Agricultural Education as the 2016 Communicator of the Year. She is commended for her work as the pesticide safety education coordinator and as the state Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator.

Her outstanding accomplishments include working effectively with specialists in a variety of subject areas to keep 22 pesticide applicator training manuals updated. She has enlisted faculty support to develop and update publications; maintained the pesticide safety and IPM website to keep the public informed of laws, regulations, and training opportunities; coordinated IPM activities across K-State departments; and delivered IPM programs for the state of Kansas. These activities, and many more, keep K-State Research and Extension expertise in the public eye.



KANSAS PRIDE PARTNER AWARD

Carla Nemecek, *District Director, Southwind District*

In March 2016, the Kansas Masons joined K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce, and Kansas PRIDE Inc. in a partnership that is the Kansas PRIDE program. Communicating this new partnership and how all partners can benefit each other is no small task.

Carla Nemecek played a key role in convening these groups at a Week of PRIDE event in the Southwind District. This event modeled best practices that will be used in future PRIDE interactions. There are currently four PRIDE communities – Humboldt, Iola, LaHarpe, and Moran. In addition to these groups, five 4-H clubs in Allen County also actively participated.

KATEY WALKER EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT FUND

Enhancing Family Relationships, Literacy and Physical Activity with StoryWalk®

Linda Beech, *Extension Agent, Ellis County*

Donna Krug, *Extension Agent, Barton County*

Erin Petersilie, *Extension Agent, Walnut Creek District*


Jamie Rathbun, *Extension Agent, Midway District*

Children become readers and writers through a continuous process called emergent literacy. Research shows that building literacy skills can be done intentionally by reading with a child. StoryWalk® is a fun, educational activity that places the pages from a children's story book along a popular walking route in a community. Participating in StoryWalk® helps build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity, as a child and an adult walk along the trail where the book pages are posted. This grant will be used to purchase materials for five StoryWalk® boards.

Check Your Credit Report Campaign

Kylie Ludwig, *Extension Agent, Wildcat District*

Credit reports impact many areas of life – loan interest rates, insurance costs, the ability to get a job or to rent a home. Credit reports also provide a safeguard against identity theft. Many people don't know that they can access three different credit reports once a year for free. This project will be used for a campaign in the Wildcat District to increase the number of district residents who regularly check their credit report. Individuals participating in the project will receive



reminders to check their score. There will also be media releases and public educational displays.

Domestic Violence Among Teens

Annie Pitts, *Extension Agent, Harvey County*

The Safe Dates curriculum teaches about domestic violence – the warning signs, how to help a friend, and how to define healthy relationships. This grant will be used to partner with schools and the community in providing the Safe Dates domestic violence educational program. There will also be news articles during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, along with speakers and public awareness events. The objective is to help break the cycle of violence and keep families and individuals safe physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Operation Red File

Erin Yelland, *Assistant Professor, Family Studies and Human Services*

Operation Red File promotes easily accessible and complete emergency medical and health-care information for older adults and those with disabilities. The project provides a magnetic red file folder to each member of an interested household, which would be available for first responders in an emergency situation. This grant will provide for Spanish translation of folder contents and will help K-State Research and Extension expand its reach to Hispanic audiences in Kansas City, with plans to spread the project across Kansas.

HEALTHY YOU: WORKPLACE WELLNESS RECOGNITION

First Year

Cherokee County
Cowley County
Dickinson County
Edwards County
Harper County
Harvey County
Kingman County
Leavenworth County
Riley County
River Valley District
Sedgwick County
Southwind District

Repeat Recipients

Barton County
Central Kansas District
Douglas County
Ellis County
Ford County
Marais des Cygnes District
Meadowlark District–Oskaloosa
Northeast Area
Post Rock District
Pratt County
Wyandotte County

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Katie Allen, Communications Specialist, Communications and Agricultural Education, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence

Barbara Ames, Extension Agent, Wildcat District, Distinguished Service Award; First State and Central Region, Second National, Radio/Podcast, Kansas and National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Lauri Baker, Associate Professor, Communications and Agricultural Education, Award of Excellence, Research, Association for Communications Excellence; NACTA Educator Award, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture

Andrew Barkley, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Distinguished Teaching Award, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Ryan Barten, Graphic Designer, Division of Communications and Marketing, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence

Brad Beckman, Communications and Agricultural Education, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence

Linda Beech, Extension Agent, Ellis County, First State and Second Central Region, Written Press Release; Second State, Newsletter, Kansas and National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Jason Bergtold, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, Best Presentation, Sustainable Energy and Environmental Protection (SEEP), Distinguished Teaching Award, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association


Jodi Besthorn, Extension Agent, Sedgwick County, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi; Meritorious Service, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Carol Blocksome, Research Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Academic Excellence, College of Agriculture

Kathy Bloom, Extension Agent, Seward County, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Debra Bolton, Extension Specialist, Southwest Area, Diversity/Multicultural Individual, National Epsilon Sigma Phi

Elizabeth Boyle, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Fellow, Signal Service Award, American Meat Science Association



Barry Bradford, Associate Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Outstanding Young Teacher, American Society of Animal Science

Andrea Burns, Extension Agent, Ford County, Diversity/Multicultural – Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Stacy Campbell, Extension Agent, Ellis County, Distinguished Service Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Travis Carmichael, Extension Agent, Lyon County, Horizon – County/District, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Sheryl Carson, Extension Agent, Thomas County, Second State, School Wellness Programs, Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Meritorious Service – County/District, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Gary Clark, Senior Associate Dean, College of Engineering, Fellow, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

Larry Corah, Professor Emeritus, Animal Sciences and Industry, Headliner Award, Livestock Publications Council; Lifetime Achievement, Certified Angus Beef LLC

Robyn Deines, Extension Agent, Walnut Creek District, Excellence in Geospatial Awards, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Holly Dickman, Extension Agent, Ellis County, Early Career, Epsilon Sigma Phi; Achievement Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Hulya Dogan, Associate Professor, Grain Science and Industry, NACTA Educator, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture


Ann Domsch, Extension Assistant, Family Studies and Human Services, National 4-H Hall of Fame

Kevin Donnelly, Professor, Agronomy, Outstanding Teacher, Gamma Sigma Delta

Dan Donnert, Photographer, Communications and Agricultural Education, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence

Jodi Drake, Extension Agent, Pratt County, First, Healthy Families and Communities, Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Beth Drescher, Extension Agent, Sedgwick County, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi; 4-H Military Partnership Award, Kansas and National Association of Extension 4-H Agents



Jason Ellis, Associate Professor, Communications and Agricultural Education, Outstanding Research Poster, Association for Communication Excellence

Robin Eubanks, Extension Agent, Barber County, Distinguished Service Award, Kansas and National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Sharon Erickson-Fryback, Extension Agent, Gray County, Diversity/Multicultural – Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Jeanne Falk-Jones, Multicounty Specialist, Northwest Area, Communication Award for Audio Recording, Computer Generated Graphics Presentation, Team Newsletter, Published Photo and Caption, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Allen Featherstone, Department Head, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Research, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Steve Fisher, Emeritus Professor, 4-H Youth Development, Retiree Service, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Lindsey Friesen, Extension Agent, McPherson County, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Martin Gleason, Extension Agent, Edwards County, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Rosa Gonzalez, 4-H Program Coordinator, Southwest Area, Diversity/Multicultural – Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi


Robert Goodband, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus, Pennsylvania State University Department of Animal Science

Gregg Hadley, Assistant Director, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Community Development, Administrative Leadership, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Krista Harding, Extension Agent, Southwind District, Communication Award for Individual Newsletter, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Joe Harner, Professor and Department Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Fellow, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers; Larry and Laurel Erickson College of Engineering Public Service, College of Engineering

Kylee Harrison, Extension Agent, Seward County, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents



Nathan Hendricks, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Article Award, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Darren Hibdon, Extension Agent, Frontier District, Distinguished Service Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Beth Hinshaw, Extension Specialist 4-H Youth Development, Video Team Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Mary Meck Higgins, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Human Nutrition, Mid-Career, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Bob Holcombe, Graphic Designer, Communications and Agricultural Education, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence

Gloria Holcombe, Editor, Communications and Agricultural Education, Award of Excellence, Publishing and Graphic Design, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence

Terry Houser, Associate Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Outstanding Faculty for College of Agriculture, Kansas State University Mortar Board; Faculty of Semester Spring, College of Agriculture

Doug Jardine, Professor, Plant Pathology, Distinguished Service, National Epsilon Sigma Phi


John Jobe, Extension Agent, Riley County, Video Team Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Elaine Johannes, Associate Professor, Family Studies and Human Services, Caroline Peine Foundation's Campus-Community Partnership, Staley School of Leadership Studies

Sarah Keatley, Extension Associate, 4-H Youth Development, Distinguished Service Award, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Lexi Kiniston, Extension Agent, Ford County, Diversity/Multicultural – Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Elizabeth Kiss, Associate Professor, Family Studies and Human Services, Best Paper, Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal; Social Networking Award, First National Team and First Eastern Region Team, Marketing Package, First National Team, Social Networking, Third National Team, Florence Hall Award, Third National Team, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award First State Team Winner, Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



Donna Krug, Extension Agent, Barton County, First, State and Central Region, Written Press Release; First State and Second Central Region, School Wellness Programs, Kansas and National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Joan Krumme, Extension Agent, Reno County, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Cathie Lavis, Associate Professor, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Horizon – State, Epsilon Sigma Phi; Faculty of the Spring Semester, College of Agriculture

Cong Li, Post-doc Researcher, Grain Science and Industry, Dr. Evangelina Villegas Excellence in Post-Doctoral Research, Grain Science and Industry

Amy Lorenzen, Extension Agent, Golden Prairie District, First, State Newsletter; Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Kylie Ludwig, Extension Agent, Wildcat District, Third, State Newsletter, Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Sarah Maass, Extension Agent, Central Kansas District, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi; Outstanding 4-H Alumni, Oklahoma 4-H; Periodical Publication, Video Team, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Diane Mack, Interim 4-H Youth Development Department Head, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Team Video Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Megan Macy, Marketing Specialist, Communications and Agricultural Education, Bronze Award for Communications Marketing Campaign, Association for Communication Excellence


Patsy Maddy, Extension Agent, Twin Creeks District, Achievement in Service Award, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Lisa Martin, Extension Agent, Shawnee County, Distinguished Dietitian of the Year, Kansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Tara Markley, Extension Agent, Johnson County, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award and Video Team Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Jill Martinson, Extension Agent, Dickinson County, Distinguished Service Award, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Rebecca McFarland, Extension Agent, Frontier District, Meritorious Service – County/District, Epsilon Sigma Phi



Miles McKee, Professor Emeritus, Animal Sciences and Industry, Headliner Award, Livestock Publications Council

Gregory McClure, Extension Agent, Riley County, Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Candis Meerpohl, Extension Agent, Shawnee County, Friend of Agriculture, Shawnee County Farm Bureau; Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi; Achievement in Service, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Chad Miller, Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Faculty Development, College of Agriculture

Charlene Miller, Extension Agent, Butler County, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Frannie Miller, Pesticide and IPM Program Coordinator, Entomology, Communication Award for Bound Book and Website, Search for Excellence in Farm Health and Safety, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Stacie Minson, Watershed Specialist, Communication Award for Program Promotional Piece and Video Presentation, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Colby Moorberg, Assistant Professor, Agronomy, Emil Truog Award, Soil Science Society of America

Trisha Moore, Assistant Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Kansas Section Young Member of the Year, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

Dave Nichols, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Advisor of the Year, Kansas State University College of Agriculture


Randall Phebus, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Bob Krause and Marty Vanier Research Fellow, Kansas State University Biosecurity Research Institute

Gary Pierzynski, Department Head and University Distinguished Professor, Agronomy; Distinguished Faculty Award, Gamma Sigma Delta

Eleni Pliakoni, Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Academic Excellence, College of Agriculture

Ronald Pope, Instructor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Faculty of the Semester, College of Agriculture

Abbie Powell, Extension Agent, Marais des Cygnes District, Achievement Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents



Vara Prasad, University Distinguished Professor, Agronomy, Fellow, Crop Science Society of America; 2016 University Distinguished Professor, Kansas State University

DeAnn Presley, Associate Professor, Agronomy, Outstanding Teacher, Gamma Sigma Delta

Nora Rhoades, Extension Agent, Post Rock District, Horizon – County/District, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Chuck Rice, University Distinguished Professor, Agronomy, International Educator of the Year, Kansas State University

Trudy Rice, Extension Associate, Community Development, Distinguished Service, Epsilon Sigma Phi; Distinguished Service, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals

Renea Riedy, Extension Agent, Marion County, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Cary Rivard, Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Academic Excellence, College of Agriculture

Rickey Roberts, Extension Agent, Marion County, Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Danny Rogers, Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, G.B. Gunlogson Countryside Engineering Award, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

Anthony Ruiz, Extension Agent, Central Kansas District, Communication Award for Feature Story and Personal Column, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Leroy Russell, Extension Agent, Shawnee County, District #1, Family of the Year, Shawnee County and Kansas Farm Bureau


Susan Schlichting, Extension Agent, Ellis County, Excellence in Geospatial Awards, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Ethel Schneweis, Extension Agent, Ford County, Diversity/Multicultural – Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Ted Schroeder, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Journal Article, European Review of Agricultural Economics

Bryan Schurle, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Faculty of the Semester, College of Agriculture

Aleksan Shanoyan, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, Best Presentation, Sustainable Energy and Environmental Protection; Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Western Agricultural Economics Association



Ajay Sharda, Assistant Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Kansas Section Member of the Year, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers; Conservation Systems Precision Ag Researcher of the Year, National Conservation Systems Cotton and Rice Conference, The Southern Corn and Soybean Conference, Southern Precision Ag Conference, and the Delta States Irrigation Conference

Candice Shoemaker, Professor and Department Head, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Academic Excellence, College of Agriculture

C. Michael Smith, Professor, Entomology, Lifetime Achievement, International Plant Resistance to Insects Working Group

Amy Sollock, Extension Specialist 4-H Youth Development, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Barbara Stone, Professor, Leadership and Education, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Video Team Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Mary Sullivan, Extension Agent, Grant County, Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Xiuzhi Susan Sun, University Distinguished Professor, Grain Science and Industry, Fellow, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

Evan Titgemeyer, Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Fellow: Research Category, American Society of Animal Science

Michael Tokach, University Distinguished Professor, Animal Sciences and Industry, Food Systems and National Resources Distinguished Alumni, North Dakota State University College of Agriculture

Peter Tomlinson, Assistant Professor, Agronomy, Early Career Award, Gamma Sigma Delta

Glynn Tonsor, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Journal Article, European Review of Agricultural Economics

Praveen Vadlani, Associate Professor, Grain Science and Industry, Outstanding Research, Gamma Sigma Delta

Deryl Waldren, Extension Specialist 4-H Youth Development, Video Team Award, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Donghai Wang, Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Rain Bird Engineering Concept of the Year, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

Steve Welch, Professor, Agronomy, Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Award, University of Kansas



Kurt Werth, Extension Agent, Gray County, Diversity/Multicultural – Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Sandra Wick, Extension Agent, Post Rock District, Communication Award for Factsheet and Publication, Search for Excellence in Crop Production, Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Zelia Wiley, Assistant Dean, College of Agriculture, Diversity/Multicultural – Individual, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Lisa Wilken, Assistant Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, University Distinguished Faculty Award for the Mentoring of Undergraduate Students in Research, Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Professor of the Week, Kansas State University; Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Charles H. Scholer Faculty Award, College of Engineering; A.W. Farrall Young Educator Award, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

Jeff Williams, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Best Presentation, Sustainable Energy and Environmental Protection

Elizabeth Yeager, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Young Scholar, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Kun Yan Zhu, Professor, Entomology, Excellence in Graduate Teaching, College of Agriculture

Gregory Zolnerowich, Professor, Entomology, Arthur F. Beyer Distinguished Alumnus, Midwestern State University

FACULTY MENTORS

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Sajid Alavi, *Grain Science and Industry*

Charlie Barden, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*

Kathy Bloom, *Seward County*

Cheryl Boyer, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*

Rachael Boyle, *Phillips-Rooks District*

Michelle Buchanan, *Midway District*

Ted Cable, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*


Neil Cates, *Post Rock District*

Fran Churchill, *Grain Science and Industry*


Amy Collins, *Stafford County*

Greg Davis, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*

Robyn Deines, *Walnut Creek District*



Hulya Dogan, *Grain Science and Industry*
Marty Gleason, *Edwards County*
Jason Graves, *Central Kansas District*
Jason Griffin, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Kylee Harrison, *Seward County*
Chuckie Hessong, *Wildcat District*
John Holman, *Southwest Research and Extension Center - Garden City*
Beth Ireland, *Greenwood County*
John Jobe, *Riley County*
Steve Keeley, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Jamie Kidd, *Shawnee County*
Elizabeth Kiss, *Family Studies and Human Services*
Cathie Lavis, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Sarah Maass, *Central Kansas District*
Lisa Martin, *Shawnee County*
Kara Mayer, *Wabaunsee County*
Brian McCornack, *Entomology*
Candis Meerpohl, *Shawnee County*
Jennifer Murphy, *Southwind District*
Martha Murphy, *Wildcat District*
Charlotte Shoup Olsen, *Family Studies and Human Services*
Yoonseong Park, *Entomology*
Becky Reid, *Cowley County*
Fran Richmond, *Frontier District*
Cary Rivard, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Leah Robinson, *Central Kansas District*
Anthony Ruiz, *Central Kansas District*
Yong-Cheng Shi, *Grain Science and Industry*
Candice Shoemaker, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Phil Stahlman, *Agricultural Research Center - Hays*
Xiuzhi (Susan) Sun, *Grain Science and Industry*
Julie Traxson, *Wildcat District*
David Wetzel, *Grain Science and Industry*
Robert (Jeff) Whitworth, *Entomology*
Bradford Wiles, *Family Studies and Human Services*
Kim Williams, *Horticulture and Natural Resources*
Debra Wood, *Central Kansas District*
Kun Yan Zhu, *Entomology*



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