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

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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

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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

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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

Renee 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.

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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

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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