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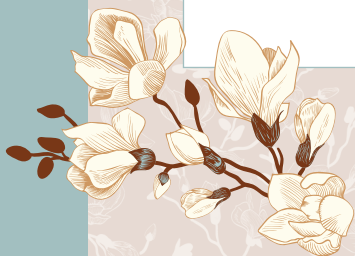
Mark Your Calendar

CANR Alumni Association Tuesday, June 2
 Golfing for Scholarships

Grandparents University. June 30 – July 2

AutumnFest Saturday, Nov. 14

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Program

Welcome Andrew Granskog
President, CANR Alumni Association

Outstanding Agriculture Educator
Award Carolyn Bloodworth
Director of Corporate Giving for Consumer's Energy

Introduction & Remarks Fred Poston
Dean, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Provost's Address June Pierce Youatt
Provost, Michigan State University

Presentation of Awards Fred Poston

Presenters:

CANR Alumni Association

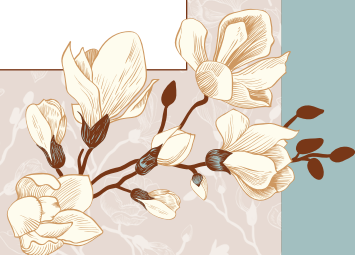
Awards. Andrew Granskog

Distinguished Service Awards Suzanne Lang
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Kelly Millenbah
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Doug Buhler
Senior Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Closing Remarks Andrew Granskog



OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURE EDUCATOR AWARD

Jason Griffith

Raised on a cash crop farm in rural Lenawee County, Jason Griffith was active in 4-H and FFA. He especially enjoyed traveling with his grandfather, Cletus Zenk, showing Lincoln sheep. Upon graduation from Sand Creek High School, he continued his education at Michigan State University, graduating in 1995. He began his teaching career in Ionia, Mich., dividing his time between the Ionia Public Schools and the Heartlands Institute of Technology.

Mr. Griffith said, “I discovered quickly that I wanted to become a teacher because so many of the people that impacted my life and helped develop who I am were teachers.”

When he began teaching in 1995, the FFA included 20 student members, and part of his daily schedule involved teaching biology. Today, Mr. Griffith counts 100 percent of his agriscience classes as members of the FFA program. He has also developed the agriculture program, building it from one section of horticulture to a full day of classes of plant and animal science. While in Ionia, Mr. Griffith has helped to build both a greenhouse and a livestock facility. These facilities were made possible from the strong support of the Ionia County community, school administration and families.

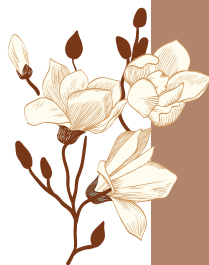


OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURE EDUCATOR AWARD (CONT.)

In 2012, with the passing of a vocational millage, Mr. Griffith became a full-time employee of Heartlands Institute of Technology, which allowed an increased focus on the agriculture curriculum. Students from Ionia County schools now spend 2.5 hours a day in plant and animal science class. This increase in time has allowed students to develop livestock, animal and natural resources projects they could not in a typical one-hour class.

Over the past 19 years, Mr. Griffith has worked with 78 State Degree recipients, 18 members who earned their American FFA Degree and a State Star in Placement. Nine of his teams have won state skills contests. His chapters have earned five state gold awards, two state silver awards and two national awards. He earned his Honorary State Degree in 2004 and his Honorary American Degree in 2007.

Jason believes the success he has enjoyed as a teacher would mean little without the support of his wife, Kara, and their three children. The family is active in 4-H, exhibiting at the Ionia Free Fair. Jason is also involved with the athletic program in Ionia as an assistant varsity football coach. He also coaches his children's youth teams.



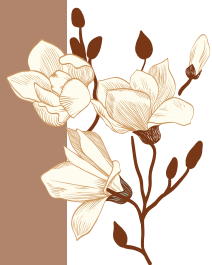
DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Richard Brandenburg

Through his many years of service, Dr. Richard (“Rick”) Brandenburg’s influence on Michigan State University (MSU) has been profound. Thanks to his dedication to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) and to the academic achievement of his students, he is being awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Dr. Brandenburg earned his Bachelor of Science in astronomy and astrophysics from MSU in 1969, and went on to receive his doctorate in science education and curriculum from MSU in 1980.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Brandenburg has championed the need to provide exceptional guidance and opportunity to students always placing the students’ needs as the number one priority. Dr. Brandenburg is currently assistant dean for academic and student affairs and associate dean for graduate programs. He has held a variety of positions within the university. He spent three years (1978–1981) as an adjunct assistant professor for the College of Natural Sciences where he was an academic advisor and instructor for freshman-level science courses. Simultaneously, he served a vital role involving numerical and policy analysis, evaluation and problem solving for a wide variety of issues for the Office of Planning and Budgets. He then served as assistant professor in the School of Packaging, also serving as the graduate program coordinator, and a valued committee member on a wide range of school and external committee assignments. From 1985 to 1989, he served in the role of acting manager for the Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Computer Services unit.



DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD (CONT.)

In the CANR Dean's Office, Dr. Brandenburg's work has always centered on students, graduate and undergraduate. For example, he has served as director for the Bailey Scholars Program, assistant dean, associate dean and director for academic and student affairs. He regularly assumes additional responsibilities such as serving as the college's representative to the MSU's Udall and Goldwater scholarships review committees, faculty judge for the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum, and counsel for the MSU Grievance Office.

Dr. Brandenburg has also managed the CANR general fund and oversaw the college's Office of Budget and Finance. He has seen the college through some of the best financial times and some of its most challenging. His steady hand, calm demeanor and ability to see the larger picture has allowed the CANR to move forward even when times have been tough.

In addition to all of his administrative duties, Dr. Brandenburg also teaches at least one course a term, serving more than 150 students per semester. He has a deep sense of dedication and commitment to staying connected to CANR students. He greatly enjoys teaching and interacting with students in his Integrated Studies in the Physical Sciences course. He realizes that these courses can often be the most influential in helping a student decide which major to pursue. As many students have attested, Dr. Brandenburg's energy, compassion and counsel have truly encouraged them to achieve to the best of their abilities and find the path that best fits their interests.

Rick clearly epitomizes the student-oriented philosophy MSU values so highly. His passion for excellence, commitment to MSU and concern for others exemplifies those characteristics defining the CANR Distinguished Faculty Award.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Suzanne Fisher

Throughout her professional career, Suzanne Fisher has bridged the gap between packaging and sustainability. Possessing a strong background in packaging as well as exceptional leadership skills, Ms. Fisher has led projects and developed programs to implement more eco-friendly practices in both private industry and in the curriculum of future professionals.

In 1983, Ms. Fisher earned her Bachelor of Science in packaging from Michigan State University (MSU). Shortly after graduating, Ms. Fisher joined the West Michigan Chapter of the Institute of Packaging Professionals (IoPP). Throughout her 10 years of involvement in the IoPP, she served in a variety of positions including secretary, membership chair, vice president-administration, vice president-technical, president, and chair. As immediate past-chair, she helped the group double in size and win Chapter of the Year. In 2002, she became a National Board member of the IoPP serving as vice president of chapters, the executive vice president of membership, the executive vice president of operations, president, chair and immediate past-chair. Due to her dedication and commitment, she was voted the IoPP National Member of the Year in 2004.

As a packaging professional, Ms. Fisher worked as a packaging buyer/packaging engineer for Lacks Industries where she consolidated the supply base that saved the company approximately \$1.2 million. While with Lacks Industries, she also developed a package design that made safe shipping of high-impact plastic possible.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD (CONT.)

Additionally, Ms. Fisher also worked for Herman Miller Inc. as a manager of packaging engineering. In this position, she wrote and implemented a sustainable packaging guideline for future packaging professionals to follow while developing packaging for Herman Miller products. She mentored packaging professionals who are now speakers in the industry on topics of returnable packaging and sustainability. Later at Pratt Industries, Ms. Fisher served as director of sustainable packaging and business development. She wrote the company's first sustainability report, and initiated the first regional classes on sustainable packaging, training customers, prospects and sales colleagues on the subject. She currently serves as director of packaging for Sam's Club.

As an MSU alumnus, Ms. Fisher has given back to ensure that MSU students are highly trained and prepared to enter the work force in the field of packaging. Some of her contributions include her participation on the MSU Alumni Board, her leadership positions held on the MSU Packaging Alumni Association Board, her return as a guest lecturer on numerous occasions and her preparation of students for the annual School of Packaging career fair with mock interviews. Thanks to her outstanding commitment and dedication to the university and its students, she was presented with the 2014 MSU Packaging Alumni Association Hall of Fame Award.

Suzanne's passion for excellence, commitment to MSU and extraordinary accomplishments in her field of study exemplify those characteristics defining the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Outstanding Alumnus Award.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

Travis Key

Travis B. Key is a two-time graduate of the School of Packaging at Michigan State University (MSU), earning a Bachelor of Science in 2007 and a Master of Science in 2012. In 2004, Mr. Key earned an athletic scholarship after joining the MSU football team as a walk-on his freshman year. As a student athlete, he was named to four consecutive academic All-Big-Ten teams, named honorable mention All-Big-Ten and served as team captain during his senior campaign. He went on to have a two-and-a-half-year professional football career that included several stints with National Football League teams as well as the Canadian Football League's Montreal team.

After retiring from professional football in 2010, Mr. Key began his career as a project engineer with Fellowes Incorporated in Itasca, Ill. He currently works for the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Mich., as a packaging engineer, focusing on cost optimization. In these roles, he has gained experience in cross-functional team management, product development and design, prototype creation, cost analysis, distribution dynamics and procurement. He has been involved in the social missions of both companies, serving as a representative on the City of Hope campaign at Fellowes and the United Way campaign at Kellogg.

Serving as associate director of the 4th and 1 Football Camp, Mr. Key brought the nonprofit camp to East Lansing, Mich., in 2011. 4th and 1 is a free football, ACT preparation, life skills and character development camp for high school student athletes who show a strong desire to attend college.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD (CONT.)

In 2015, 4th and 1 East Lansing is transitioning to APEX Academy, a nonprofit organization that Mr. Key co-founded with his friend and former Spartan teammate, Kaleb Thornhill. APEX Academy's purpose is to engage, educate and empower student athletes from under-resourced backgrounds to achieve their goals of attending and completing college. The mission of APEX Academy aims to provide these young individuals with a wide range of tools necessary for college and career success.

Mr. Key is the co-author of the book *Beyond the Gridiron: How to Successfully Transition Into Collegiate Football*. The focus of his book is to equip student athletes with the tools to overcome the academic, mental, physical and social challenges of collegiate athletics in order to position them for success on and off the field.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Key also is involved with a variety of campus groups including the MSU Varsity S Club (member and board member), the Packaging Alumni Association, the NFL Players Association, the MSU Football Alumni Association and Phi Kappa Gamma. He has previously been awarded the Cheryl M. Gilliam Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, the MSU Alumni Association Young Alumni Award, and the Fellowes Way John M. Smith Award for Operational Excellence and Execution.

Travis has shown a dedication to MSU and the greater East Lansing community. He has a passion for helping under-resourced youth to defeat life's challenges and rise to their true potentials.



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Robert Ford

Robert (“Bob”) Ford is an exemplary alumnus who has shown outstanding dedication and commitment to Michigan State University (MSU) and its students over his many years of involvement.

Mr. Ford is president and founder of the MSU Landscape Architectural (LA) Alumni Advisory Board and acting owner of Landscape Architects and Planners Inc. He co-founded the Bauer-Ford Reclamation consulting firm, which has aided the mining industry in developing responsible, systematic and ecologically sensitive mining and management. Mr. Ford and his partner, Anthony Bauer, co-authored *Shaping Landscapes for Tomorrow: Reclamation Guidebook for the Aggregate Industry* for the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association. This booklet has helped guide the strip mining industry throughout the past decade. Throughout his professional career, Mr. Ford has worked on a variety of projects on domestic and international sites, stretching his impact to a global level.

Mr. Ford earned his Bachelor of Science in landscape and architecture from MSU in 1975. As president and founder of the MSU LA Alumni Advisory Board, he guided the board to its first accomplished goal of establishing a newsletter, which was distributed to more than 1,700 alumni. The second goal established a Distinguished Speakers Series, hosting two events each year. These events acted as catalysts inspiring and uniting landscape and architecture alumni, giving them a reason to reconnect and donate to the college. Third, he helped to provide a mentoring program by including students in planning extracurricular events and programs with the support of a network of alumni. They worked to provide internships and hire graduates



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD (CONT.)

of the program and participated in academic projects such as domestic field trips, vertical studios and critiques. Mr. Ford's work with the MSU LA Alumni Advisory Board has not only increased college fundraising revenue and reconnected college alumni, but it has established a web of professionals that all work together to ensure the success of current students in the field of landscape architecture.

He has served as an alumni board advisor for the MSU Geography Department and as an MSU course instructor for the Landscape Architecture Program, teaching classes covering landscape architecture, site design, professional practice, site engineering and senior capstone. Additionally, he has been involved with a variety of projects and associations including the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, Global Relief of Michigan Inc., American Planning Association, Friends of Turner-Dodge House, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness/ Safe Routes to School and the Grand River Environmental Action Team. Bob's service to the community and the university has been outstanding. His dedication to landscape and architecture, MSU, the surrounding community, and future professionals in the landscape architectural field is exceptional and exemplary of what a Spartan alumnus should be.



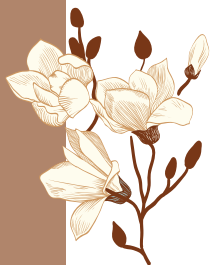
HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

Nancy Thelen

A 1974 graduate of the Michigan State University (MSU) Human Ecology and Home Economics program, Nancy Thelen has distinguished herself throughout her career through her work ethic, service and dedication to agriculture education.

As an MSU Extension agriculture literacy educator in Ann Arbor, Mich., she works to increase agricultural awareness in an effort to better connect consumers with production agriculture on a statewide level. She is also responsible for overall management of the Breakfast on the Farm (BOTF) program, working with partner organizations, state and local sponsors, host farms, volunteers and budgets for each event. The BOTF events give consumers and farm neighbors a firsthand look at modern food production and the farm families who work hard to produce a safe, wholesome food supply for Michigan communities and the world. Tickets to the annual event are free of charge. It includes a breakfast and an educational, self-guided tour of the farm with volunteers stationed to answer any questions. Ms. Thelen's work with BOTF is helping to forge the multi-generational disconnect between producers and consumers in Michigan.

Ms. Thelen is also involved in a variety of community-based organizations and programs. She is a chair for the Michigan State Fair LLC Agriculture Education Contest, a Michigan 4-H leader, a member and former officer of



HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD – (CONT.)

the Epsilon Sigma Phi Extension group, an MSU Alumni Club member and a member of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. She served as a chair, vice chair and United Way chair for the Washtenaw County Department Heads group where she was recognized with the Excellence in County Government Outstanding Leadership Award.

Ms. Thelen also dedicated time to working with the Michigan and National Association of Extension as a 4-H Youth staff member. While in this position (1979-2011), she participated in seven national conferences and served as a regional director as well as on various committees. Due to her dedication and hard work, she earned eight President Citations and the Michigan and National Distinguished Service awards for development and implementation of effective youth programs.

Throughout her professional career, Ms. Thelen has had a strong commitment to MSU Extension staff, volunteers and partners. She wholeheartedly follows the mission of MSU Extension to help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs and opportunities. Nancy's passion and dedication for her work continues to make meaningful impacts on both the individuals and communities with whom she works. For all of these reasons, Nancy has been selected as this year's recipient of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Honorary Alumnus Award.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Richard H. Lehnert

Richard H. Lehnert grew up on a dairy and vegetable farm in Sand Lake, Michigan. As a student at Michigan State University (MSU), he worked as a laboratory assistant and as a student writer in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Information Service Unit, writing agricultural news releases. He landed a job with the Jackson Citizen Patriot in 1965 as a police reporter.

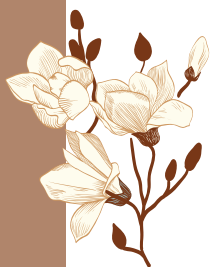
That same year, the editor of Michigan Farmer recruited him to be an editorial assistant. A decade later, Mr. Lehnert was named chief editor and remained with Michigan Farmer until 1991. He earned national recognition as well as the Detroit Press Club Foundation Professional Award for his reporting on the “Michigan Issue,” when the fire-retardant chemical polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) was mistakenly added to animal feed, leading to the destruction of thousands of cattle, pigs and chickens. Two years later, he earned second place from the Detroit Press Club Foundation.

In 1991, Mr. Lehnert established his own communications agency. He focused on freelance writing, photography and publication layout. In 2004, Great American Publishing named Mr. Lehnert managing editor of Fruit Growers News and associated editor of the Vegetable Growers News, a Michigan company in Sparta. It was in this role that he developed strong relationships with MSU Extension educators and research faculty. His many articles focused on educating growers in the fruit and vegetable industry.

Currently, Mr. Lehnert is associate editor of Good Fruit Grower, with 11,000 subscribers in 49 states and 50 countries. He covers Michigan as well as the eastern U.S. and Canadian fruit industries.

Mr. Lehnert was a soccer referee and member of the U.S. Soccer Federation for 23 years. He was a member of the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education for eight years and has volunteered his writing services to several civic and nonprofit organizations.

Richard is married, has three sons, five grandchildren, five stepchildren and 15 step-grandchildren. He lives on six acres in Michigan, surrounded by irrigated farmland, where he maintains a small orchard, a large garden and a small flock of sheep.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

William L. Sheridan

William (“Bill”) L. Sheridan has generously volunteered his time, energy, professional services and leadership to serve his community and the Michigan agricultural industry. An auctioneer and realtor based in Mason, Mich., he established several businesses, including Sheridan Auction Service, Owosso Livestock and Sales Company, the Brokerage Land Company and Sheridan Reality.

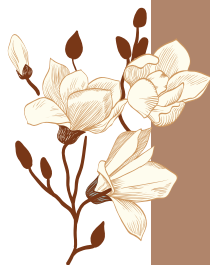
Mr. Sheridan was nominated for this award for the impact and positive contributions he has made to Michigan State University (MSU) as well as Michigan agriculture. He attributes much of his success to the work ethic and fond appreciation for the livestock industry from four of his mentors at MSU: Drs. Ron Nelson, Harlan Ritchie, Dave Hawkins and Byron Good.

Mr. Sheridan was named Michigan Cattlemen’s Association Member of the Year last year and was recently inducted into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame. He was appointed by Gov. Engler to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, serving as chair from 1998 until 2006.

Maintaining strong ties to the Department of Animal Science, Mr. Sheridan serves on advisory and scholarship committees. He was also a member of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association board and annually serves as an auctioneer at AutumnFest.

Since graduating from MSU in 1972, he has returned to the university to be a guest lecturer in both the Department of Animal Science and the Institute of Agricultural Technology.

Bill and his wife, Sally, have three grown children: Doug, Stacy and Neil.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

David L. Smith

David L. Smith has been an essential informational bridge and contributor to Michigan State University (MSU) Extension since he became executive secretary of the Michigan Vegetable Council in 1998. He currently holds the position as executive director of the Michigan Vegetable Council.

He has been an advocate for the industry he serves and for Michigan agriculture in general as well as for MSU. Mr. Smith provides much-needed support and guidance to MSU as an industry connection.

Mr. Smith began his career in St. Paul, Minn., with the St. Paul Bank of Cooperatives but returned to Michigan where he served in a variety of roles including Michigan's representative on the National Potato Promotion Board.

Since 1998, Mr. Smith has launched the merger of the annual conference of the Michigan State Horticulture Society and the Michigan Vegetable Council to start the Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo.

In addition, he has helped secure grants of more than \$2 million for research on major disease problems in the vegetable industry. He is also the primary industry contact for MSU researchers and Extension educators working on these issues.

Aside from collaborating with the college, Mr. Smith is a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Monroe County Extension Council and the Board of Review for Erie Township and an active member of several community organizations.

David lives in Erie, Mich., with his wife, Sue. The couple enjoys spending time with their three children and eight grandchildren.



CANRAA — PAST AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Alumni Award

1978	Howard Tanner
1978	Dale Kuenzli
1979	Laura Heuser
1980	Gary Seevers
1981	Bela Kennedy
1982	Ed Jones
1983	Erwin Raven
1984	Elton Smith
1985	Jack Barnes
1986	Ben Lamp
1988	Elwood Speckman
1989	Delton Parks
1990	Henry Robitaille
1991	John Engler
1992	Thomas Reed
1993	Gerald C. Olrich
1994	John (Jack) Laurie
1995	Dan Wyant
1996	Perez Malande
	Olindo
1997	Hugh Lockhardt
1998	Steven Miteff
1999	John Hesse
2000	Donna Banks
2001	Dick Posthumus
2002	Albert Bolles
2003	Dale Bauman
2004	Bruce D. J. Batt
2005	Willard Sparks
2006	James F. Schiller
2007	Ghassem Asrar
	Rebecca Humphries
2008	Larry P. Walker
	James D. Nichols
2009	John Chipman
2010	Patricia Orlowitz
	Kurt Fausch
2011	Michael D. Moore
	Sheila M. (Nugent)
	Burkhardt
2012	George A. Purvis
	John M. Clark
2013	G. Jay Gogue
2014	Michael Richmond

Outstanding Young Alumni

2008	Cimberly Hickerson
2010	Shelley Crawford
2011	Thomas Hefferan
	Donald Krebs
2013	Tony McCaul
2014	Katie Cook

Distinguished Faculty Award

1982	Will Carlson
1983	A. Robert Earl
1984	Robert Deans
1985	Kirk Heinze
1986	Mark Uebersax
1989	Irvin Widders
1990	Paul Rieke
1991	Jim Kielbaso
1992	Niles Kevern
1993	Richard Chase
1994	William Taylor
1995	Harlan D. Ritchie
1996	James Peska
1997	David Hawkins
1998	Russel Erickson
1999	Robert D. von Bernuth
2000	Robert Clarke
2001	Scott Winterstein
2002	John Shelle
2003	Tom Coon
2004	Lynn R. Harvey
2005	Jianguo Liu
2006	Mary Hausbeck
2007	Richard Merritt
2008	Kelly Millenbah
2009	Joan Rose
2010	Muraleedharan Nair
2011	John Kerr
2012	Weiming Li
2013	Elliot Ryser
2014	Ajit Srivastava

College of Human Ecology Outstanding Alumni Awards*

1972	Mary Preston
1979	Juno-Ann Krohn Clarke
1994	Janet Hall Williams
2001	Carol Sichterman
2003	Stella Cash

Alumni Service Award

2007	Edward Church
	Michael Palmer
2008	Clarence "Al" Stewart
2009	Russel Erickson
2010	Larry Morton
2011	Bradley C. des Lauriers
2013	Bret Carlson
	Robert G. Van Arkel
2014	Paul Schmidt
	Cheryl Gilliam

Honorary Alumni Award

1976	John Hannah
1977	William Milliken
1978	Edgar Harden
1979	Dean Pridgeon
1980	James Anderson
1981	Larry Boger
1982	Pauline Carr
1983	Sylvan Wittwer
1984	Robert Driscoll
1985	John A. Anderson
1986	Elwood Kirkpatrick
1987	Gordon Guyer
1988	John DiBiaggio
1989	Malcolm Trout
1990	Gordon LaFontaine
1991	Bill Schuette
1992	George Ashby Green
1993	Marylee Davis
1994	Fred L. Poston
1995	M. Peter McPherson
1996	Robert G. Gast
1997	Vincent Hegarty
1998	Keith Creagh
1999	J. Ian Gray
2000	John Culter
2001	Gundel Tora
	Gunilla Jönson
2002	Pauline Glassbrook
2003	Van Snider
2004	Frank "Bob" Perrin
2005	Raleigh Barlowe
2006	David C. Morris
2007	Richard Foster
2008	Margaret "Maggie" Bethel
	George Good
2009	William A. Demmer
2010	Angelo Oricchio
2012	Dennis L. Grinold
2013	Chuck E. Ross

* Recipients of CHE awards for alumni of programs that are now part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

To nominate individuals for the Outstanding Alumni, Alumni Service, Distinguished Faculty, Outstanding Young Alumni or Honorary Alumni awards, please contact Kathryn Reed at (517) 355-0284, email kreed@msu.edu or visit www.canr.msu.edu/alumni_donors/alumni/alumni_association_awards/

PAST WINNERS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1954

George Bishop
Clark Brody
John Strange

1955

Milon Grinnell
Waldo Phillips
Ernest Ruehs

1956

Charles Force
Alfred Strum
Robert Sutton

1957

Erich Kerlikowske
Stanley Powell
Harry Rohlf

1958

Malcolm Dickerson
Luther Klager
Marshall Wells

1959

Andrew Lohman
Howard Simmons
Herbert VanAken

1960

Lee Ferden
Merritt Hill
Arthur Ingold

1961

Veril Baldwin
Glenn Lake
Thomas Schweigert

1962

Bernie Beach
Reisener Bros. & Hopp
Walter Wightman

1963

Ernest C. Foreman
Elton Smith
Forrest Smith

1964

E. J. Clabuesch
Arthur E. Sackett
Edward J. Wright

1965

Jean Worth
Ernest Girschbach
Charles O. Zollar

1966

Lester Allen
Blaque Knirk
J. Stanley Sherman

1967

Frank Heim
O. E. Herkner
R. W. Petersen

1968

Duane Baldwin
Garfield G. Wagner, Jr.
Stanley H. Woods

1969

Harry Burns
Perc R. Schepers
Felix Witt

1970

Maurice A. Doan
Charles Donaldson, Jr.
Dean Pridgeon

1971

Jack W. Barnes
Wesley Myllyla
Henry T. Nelson

1972

Kenneth Bull
Jack/Richard DeWitt
Basil McKenzie

1973

Charles Coryell
Jack Dendel
Rebecca Tompkins

1974

Henry Gleason
R. H. Walton
John Zelenka

1975

Frank Merriman
David C. Morris
Erwin J. Raven

1976

Milton Brown
Herbert W. Corey
David Friday

1977

A. Edwin Baur
William/Marvin DeWitt
Walter F. Frahm

1978

Thomas V. Angott
Theron Comden
Joa Penzien

1979

Marvin Dreyer
Harold Lein
Peter C. Morrison, Jr.

1980

David Diehl
Russell G. Mawby
Paul Piepkow

1981

Willard H. Braman
Keith L. Brown
Matt Engler

1982

David C. Farley
Wallace & Laura
Heuser
Grant E. Nichol

1983

Arthur Bailey
Bary Brand
Roy Greenia

1984

Andrew and Claudine
Jackson
Carl & Edgar Mantey
Gerald Surbrook

1985

Merlin G. Kraft
F. Dale Kuenzli
Robert D. Norris

1986

Bruce A. Bordine
Carlos Fetterolf, Jr.
Ted S. Leipprandt

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PAST WINNERS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD *(continued)*

1987

Jon Haindl
Elwood Kirkpatrick
Jordan B. Tatter

1988

Peter Grieves
Howard S. Holmes
John Nelson

1989

William Grevelding
Diana Langshaw
Edward F. Sterner,
DVM

1990

Jack D. Bails
B. Dale Ball
Loren O. Gettel

1991

John Laurie
Thomas Reed
Marion VanSlooten

1992

Robert D. DeBruyn
Richard G. Krafft, Jr.
Barbara M. Radewald

1993

Homer R. Hilner
Donald Keinath
Delton Parks

1994

William W. Austin
Harry A. Foster
Arnold Henschl, DVM

1995

Burton D. Cardwell
Thomas Guthrie
John M. Roberson

1996

Donald J. Fedewa
Jack Knirk
Ronald W. Stebbins

1997

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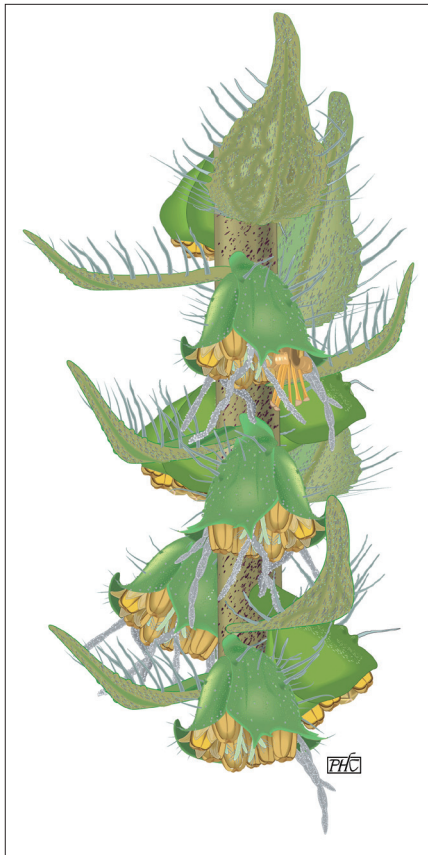
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Iva annua, sumpweed or marsh elder, is a member of the sunflower family, the Asteraceae, that was discovered in the 1930s to be an integral species in the earliest domestication event in First World agriculture east of the Mississippi. A suite of plants, composed mostly of food seeds were nurtured from approximately 2500 BC to 1000 AD and are now referred to as the Eastern Agricultural Complex. Some of these species did not show much evidence of morphological change in response to cultivation (e.g., maygrass, little barley) but sumpweed and large-headed sunflowers, *Helianthus annuus*, were dramatically altered during their time under cultivation. Although the modern sunflower made the transition into the modern world of agriculture, the cultivars of *Iva annua* were allowed to disappear approximately 1000 years ago. *Iva annua* is the research subject of Department of Plant Biology Ph.D. candidate Peter Carrington. Carrington is assistant curator of the W.J. Beal Botanical Garden.

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