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Program

Welcome Tonia Ritter
President, CANR Alumni Association

Outstanding Agriculture
Educator Award Carolyn Bloodworth
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Introduction & Remarks Kelly F. Millenbah, Ph.D.
*Associate Dean and Director,
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources*

President's Address Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.
President, Michigan State University

Presentation of Awards Kelly F. Millenbah
and Lou Anna K. Simon

Presenters:

CANR Alumni Association Awards Tonia Ritter

Distinguished Service Awards N. Suzanne Lang, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Patrick Cudney
*Associate Director of Operations,
Michigan State University Extension*

Closing Remarks Tonia Ritter



OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURE EDUCATOR AWARD

Kent Bollinger, B.S. '84

Thirty-seven years ago, Kent Bollinger attended his first National FFA Convention as a high school junior. It opened his eyes to the enormity of the agriculture industry.

Mr. Bollinger grew up on a small dairy farm in western Washtenaw County. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in agricultural education. His first job took him to Holland and the Ottawa Area Career Center.

A few years later, Mr. Bollinger moved to a new position with Coopersville Area Public Schools, where he can still be found today. He received his master's degree in education administration from Grand Valley State University.

He has held leadership positions on local and state boards, including the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of Agriculture Educators (MAAE), which he served as president from 2000 to 2001. Mr. Bollinger received the Honorary State FFA Degree in 1994 and the Honorary American FFA Degree in 2006.

Like many teachers at small rural schools, Mr. Bollinger has held several roles during his tenure at Coopersville. He has been FFA advisor for the past 28 years, coached baseball, softball and bowling for more than 20 years, and was a driver's training instructor for 16 years.

This award is sponsored by Consumers Energy, which also underwrites the attendance of FFA State Officers at the ANR Week Luncheon.



DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Deb McCullough

Deb McCullough is successful not only in her research but also in her proactive approach to battling exotic pests in Michigan's great outdoors. Her peers describe her as "one of the world's leading authorities on the ecology, management and impact of invasive species."

Dr. McCullough received her bachelor's degree in biology in 1981, a master's degree in forestry in 1985 and her Ph.D. in entomology in 1990.

Throughout her career, Dr. McCullough has provided exceptional guidance and opportunity to students by always making them the number one priority. She continues to impart wisdom to MSU students through her Forest Pest Management class to ensure that the next generation of entomologists is well prepared to manage insects in woody plants.

Dr. McCullough serves as a chairperson on the MSU Campus Natural Areas Committee, Advisory Committee for the Department of Entomology, the Department of Entomology Curriculum Committee and the MSU Campus Plant Health Advisory Board. In 2009, she joined the Canadian Journal of Forestry as associate editor, handling up to 12 manuscripts annually on forest insects, pathogens, invasive species and other related topics.

Dr. McCullough is a vital component in the fight against the emerald ash borer, an exotic pest that has devastated natural and residential ash trees across Michigan. She has served on the National Emerald Ash Borer Management Board and Slow Ash Mortality (SLAM), using research-based information to educate the public and protect our forests.

Dr. McCullough received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Arizona University and her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.



DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Ronald L. Perry

Ronald L. Perry has spent his life contributing to the growth of the Michigan wine industry as well as educating students and conducting research at Michigan State University.

Dr. Perry received his bachelor's degree in fruit science from Cal Poly in 1968, and a master's degree in horticulture in 1975 and a Ph.D. in horticulture in 1980, both from Texas A&M.

Throughout his career, Dr. Perry has provided exceptional guidance and opportunity to students. At MSU, he was an associate professor in the Department of Horticulture from 1980 to 1993, then professor and chairperson of the department.

Dr. Perry also served as a representative for the Michigan Grape Wine Industry Council. Perry received the Fruit Man of the Year award in 2009, the Master Farm Associate Award in 2007, the Distinguished Researcher Award in 1991 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2007 presented by the Michigan State Horticulture Society.

Dr. Perry spearheaded the movement to create HRT 430, "Exploring Wines and Vines," to fill a void in Michigan State's curriculum.

Dr. Perry puts his expertise in fruit science to work through multiple food and wine pairing events for various groups, such as the MSU Plant Biology Club, Michigan Farms, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni and the Great Lakes Folk Festival.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Dr. Joseph Byrum, B.S. '93 and M.S. '95

MSU alumnus Dr. Joseph Byrum serves as global head of product development for Syngenta. He has made it his life's mission to shape the future of plant breeding, and he has worked to answer difficult technical questions in hopes of developing models and conducting analyses to decrease the cost of genetic gain.

In 1993, Dr. Byrum obtained his bachelor's degree in crop and soil sciences; in 1995, a master's degree in genetics from MSU. In 1998, he received a Ph.D. in genetics from Iowa State University and, in 2010, an MBA from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Byrum was the global head of technology scouting and acquisition for Syngenta, senior global portfolio and strategy lead for Syngenta, and director of train integration for Monsanto. At Syngenta, he has worked to collaborate with other innovative platforms and been able to give his company a truly competitive advantage.

Dr. Byrum has made an impact on the application of practical breeding. With breeders, he created tools for quantitative decision-making based on the application of advanced mathematics in the design and decision process of breeding.

Last year, Dr. Byrum was awarded the Franz Edelman Award for Achievement in Operations and the Management Sciences for his contributions in research and analytics. This was the first time in the award's 43-year history it was given to an agricultural research program. Among his vast list of accomplishments, Dr. Byrum is co-author of several significant patents — six granted patents and 11 pending — and at least 10 publications.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Thomas J. Snyder, B.S. '90

Thomas J. Snyder is president of Silgan Containers, located in Woodland Hills, California. He is a 1990 graduate from the School of Packaging and an Adrian, Michigan, native.

Immediately following graduation, Snyder started his career with Silgan Containers in Ft. Madison, Iowa. He progressed through a series of positions with increasing responsibility, including production supervisor and materials application engineer.

In 1993, Snyder was promoted to national account technical service manager, managing the technical and operational relationship between multiple Nestle production plants and Silgan supply plants as well as the corporate levels of packaging engineering, quality and operations. Five years later, he was promoted to national accounts sales manager.

He received a master's degree in business administration at Pepperdine University in 2000 and was promoted to director of sales, with responsibility for managing half of Silgan's overall revenue through four sales offices across the United States.

After promotions to vice president of sales and marketing and executive vice president, Snyder was named president in October 2007. He is actively involved in the Grocery Manufacturers Association and is chairman of the board for the Can Manufacturing Institute.

At MSU, Snyder is chair of the advisory board for the School of Packaging. He established a recurring process for Silgan Containers to recruit and hire MSU graduates from the School of Packaging in 2007, and regularly hires MSU students as interns.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

Alyn Kiel, B.S. '09

Alyn Kiel graduated with a degree in agriculture and natural resources communications.

Ms. Kiel serves as the senior advisor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Strategic Communication Department. One of her duties is speechwriter for Tom Vilsack, the secretary of agriculture.

Ms. Kiel developed targeted messaging for high visibility topics such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the passage and implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill. She served as a mentor for two MSU CANR students with internships in Washington, D.C., during summer 2015.

While a student, she was an active member of the CANR Student Senate and Leaf Club. Kiel served as the 2006-2007 Michigan FFA state president, where she was a talented leader of that state officer team.

Ms. Kiel has devoted a great portion of her life to volunteering for several organizations to create a better world for the people around her. She serves as a community garden member and volunteer in the Washington, D.C., area, as an FFA alumni member, as a sponsor of a child through Children International and a farmers' market food donation gatherer.

While serving as a Michigan FFA alumni officer, Ms. Kiel worked to improve the efficiency and profit of the annual FFA auction and increase the amount of scholarships for FFA members to attend the Washington Leadership Conference.

She serves as a role model to current students in both her professional accomplishments and philanthropic activities.



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Kathy Grace, B.S. '81

Kathy Grace has continued to show her dedication and commitment to MSU and its students through many years of involvement. Over the years, she has held volunteer positions at all three levels: school, college and university. She is an advisor to the Packaging Alumni Association and the executive board.

Ms. Grace obtained a bachelor's degree from the MSU School of Packaging in 1981. She served as a board member of the Michigan State University Alumni Association; the Packaging Alumni Association (PAA), where she has served as president, vice president and secretary; and as an ex-officio member of the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association.

As a packaging professional, she was a senior packaging engineer at the Dow Chemical Company and a packaging engineering consultant at KAG Packaging. Before retiring from Dow Chemical, she was lead recruiter of packaging graduates and interns. She designed and patented plastic waste containers for Dow Chemical Company that are still in use. Ms. Grace instituted a Dow Outstanding Junior Scholarship and was honored with the Dow Chemical Board of Directors Quality Performance Award in 1994, as well as several other awards.

In 2000, Ms. Grace was named to the MSU Packaging Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. She received the MSU Alumni Association's Alumni Service Award in 2002 and the MSU PAA Service Award in 2015. Kathy received the National Agriculture Alumni and Development Association's (NAADA) Volunteer Service Award in 2013 at the National Conference held in Washington, D.C.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

John Bakker

For more than two decades, John Bakker worked as a pest and fertility crop consultant and field researcher for fruit and vegetable growers. Currently, he serves as executive director of the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, the Michigan Onion Committee and the Michigan Carrot Committee.

In those roles, he has been an advocate for the agriculture industry and for Michigan State University, where he studied soil science, horticulture and entomology.

In addition to his executive director roles, Mr. Bakker is manager of the Michigan Asparagus Growers, Inc. He established and manages the Michigan Asparagus Industry Research Farm and is president of the National Asparagus Council. He has also held leadership roles on the Michigan Vegetable Council and the Michigan IPM Alliance, and is a member of the MSU Extension and AgBioResearch Council.

Mr. Bakker led the effort to secure two federal grants for asparagus growers - a \$7.5 million grant from the Asparagus Market Loss Program and a \$2 million grant from the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. He was recognized with the MVC Master Farmer Associate Award in 2014 and the Friend of Oceana Agriculture Industry Award in 2009.

Additionally, Mr. Bakker has played a vital role in the community as president of the Hart Public Schools Foundation, a member of the Hart Public Schools Board of Education for a decade and a member of the Hart United Methodist Church. He was named Grand Marshal of the National Asparagus Festival in Shelby, Michigan.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Don Sklarczyk

Don Sklarczyk ran a seed potato farm and potato seed greenhouse operation throughout his professional career — and he changed an industry's practices.

His high-tech business of producing tissue culture involves knowledge of potato varieties, greenhouse production, pathology, entomology, nematology, economics and logistics. In 2003, Sklarczyk Seed Farm (SSF) started to focus on the tissue culture lab and hydroponic seed potato production. Since then, the SSF has grown from producing 1.5 million seed potatoes in the greenhouse to more than 6 million in 2015.

The seed potato farm grew to 200 acres of certified seed each year; rotation crops make the farm a total of 1,000 acres. His self-taught knowledge of potato greenhouse agronomy makes him a strong research advocate for the industry.

Mr. Sklarczyk has served the industry in several roles, including as president and vice president of the National Potato Council, and chair of the science section at the World Potato Congress. He was a member of the MSU Extension Advisory Council and chair of the research committee of the Michigan Potato Industry Commission.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

William E. Moritz

William E. Moritz is director of the Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), where he is responsible for oversight of Michigan's natural resources with a goal to conserve, protect and manage for use and enjoyment. He was named to this post in January 2016.

He holds a doctorate in zoology from Southern Illinois University, where he also completed the coursework for a master's degree in public affairs. He received his master's degree from Montana State University and his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, in fisheries and wildlife management and biology, respectively.

Before his appointment as director, Dr. Moritz was deputy director of the MDNR. He also served as executive director of Safari Club International and the Safari Club International Foundation. Before that, and since 1993, he has worked in a variety of roles within the MDNR.

Dr. Moritz represented the MDNR in a recent overhaul of the Partnership for Ecosystem Research and Management (PERM), and has served as co-chair of the PERM board of advisors since 2013.

His leadership has led to resolution of controversial land management issues related to natural resource extraction to provide a suitable balance of sustainable resource use and economic opportunity. He led the structuring of the listing of the northern long-eared bat as a federally threatened species to ensure sustainable forest management while protecting this species.

He provided key leadership in MSU-MDNR efforts to manage bovine tuberculosis in Michigan during the late 1990s and early 2000s. He is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and serves as a mentor for several students.



CANRAA — PAST AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Alumnus 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
2015	Suzanne Fisher

Outstanding Young Alumnus

2008	Cimberly Hickerson
2010	Shelley Crawford
2011	Thomas Hefferan Donald Krebs
2013	Tony McCaul
2014	Katie Cook
2015	Travis Key

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
2015	Richard Brandenburg

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
2004	Alice A. Spangler
2005	Jenny Taylor Bond

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
2015	Robert Ford

Honorary Alumnus 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
2015	Nancy Thelen

* Recipients of the College of Human Ecology Outstanding Alumni Awards are graduates of programs that are now part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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 Rohlfs

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 Girbach
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**
Gordon LaFontaine
Herb & Florence Reiley
Deanna Stamp
- 1998**
Stuart Reinbold
William Rustem
Larry & Edie Young
- 1999**
James Byrum
Phillip Korson, II
Charles Markley
- 2000**
Raymond Bollaert
Henry & Martha Miller
Alvin J. Thelen
- 2001**
Rebecca Humphries
Ben Kudwa
Gary C., Voogt
- 2002**
Samuel Hines
Robert Patterson
Keith Reinholt
- 2003**
Chris Goddard
John Kronemeyer
Barry Mumby
- 2004**
Amy Frankmann
Duane and Velmar
Green
Dennis Grinold
- 2005**
Herman Geers
Dave Trinka
David Woods
- 2006**
Edward Powell
Marvin Ray
- 2007**
Karl Guenther
Douglas Lewis
Clifford Vennix
- 2008**
Donald Gibbs
Paul Rood
- 2009**
Donald and Robert
Gregory
Kathleen J. Hawkins
- 2010**
Don Howard
Donald W. Nugent
Tara Myers Harrison
- 2011**
John W. Amos
Charlotte Louise
Wenham
- 2012**
Mark Rey
- 2013**
Patricia L. Birkholz
Wayne H. Wood
- 2014**
Don Coe
Todd Forbush
Rodney Stokes
- 2015**
Richard H. Lenhert
William L. Sheridan
David L. Smith

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Delton Parks
Bob Craig
Norm Brown
Gene Graham

Randy Hogan
Tim Wahl
Dan Wyant
Charles Krupka
Heidi Grether
John Kirtland
Jody Porter
Duane Walczak
John Hesse
Sheila Burkhardt
Kevin Kirk
Bob Day
Tom Nugent
Todd Forbush

Bill Penn
Kelly Stano
James Fuerstenau
Deb Schmucker
Jim Goodheart
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Amy Irish-Brown
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