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Welcome

Alexis Horton

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President's Address

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Dean's Address

Ron Hendrick, Ph.D.

Professor & Dean, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Lunch

Presentation of Awards

Ron Hendrick

Presenters:

Distinguished Service Awards

Douglas D. Buhler, Ph.D.

Director of MSU AgBioResearch

Jeff Dwyer, Ph.D.

Director, MSU Extension

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George Smith, Ph.D.

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CANR Alumni Association Awards

Alexis Horton

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Closing Remarks

Alexis Horton



Distinguished Service Award

James Nugent

Jim Nugent has spent his five-decade-long career in service to Michigan's fruit growers, from his early years as the MSU Extension director in Leelanau County to his current role as chair of the Michigan Tree Fruit Commission.

Mr. Nugent retired from MSU in 2006, but his dedication to Michigan's fruit industry has never abated. Under his leadership, first at the Michigan Cherry Committee and now at the Michigan Tree Fruit Commission, new research support for fruit growers has come from state, federal and industry sources.

Named one of the most influential fruit Extension agents of the twentieth century by American Fruit Grower magazine, Mr. Nugent has been honored with distinguished service awards from seven agricultural groups. He has also been recognized by a joint resolution of the Michigan legislature. Mr. Nugent's efforts have helped Michigan fruit growers remain national leaders in the industry.

Mr. Nugent has grown tart and sweet cherries for 37 years on his farm, Sunblossom Orchards, where he lives with his wife.

Distinguished Service Award

Noel Stuckman & Sandra Clarkson Stuckman

Noel and Sandy Stuckman have been tireless supporters of youth and agriculture for over 30 years.

In 1960, Mr. Stuckman began serving Michigan farmers with the Michigan Farm Bureau. Later he was instrumental in founding the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Association, and served as that organization's general manager until his retirement in 1990. He played a central role in developing landmark marketing-bargaining legislation in Michigan that became a model for other states, and served as a leader in the MACA national bargaining conference.

Ms. Stuckman began her MSU career as an MSU Extension home economics agent, later serving as a regional Extension director and the director of Michigan 4-H Youth Development. During her tenure as state 4-H leader, she ushered in new international partnerships such as the Michigan 4-H China Project and the 4-H Chinese Art Exchange. She also oversaw the opening of the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden.

The Stuckmans have been major supporters of Michigan 4-H and the Great Lakes Leadership Academy for many years.

Distinguished Service Award

Allyn J. Anthony

Allyn Anthony, who grew up on a 180-acre fruit and vegetable farm near Hartford, Michigan, graduated from Michigan State University in 1966 and has been a leader in Michigan agriculture ever since.

Following the passing of his father, Mr. Anthony returned to take over production on the family farm. In 1980, he and his family received the MSU Farm Manager of the Year Award.

As a leader in Michigan agricultural groups (most recently as the executive secretary of the Michigan State Horticultural Society), he has supported farmers throughout the state.

Mr. Anthony worked with the Michigan Vegetable Council to transform the Great Lakes Fruit and Vegetable Expo into the premiere venue for MSU Extension educational programs for fruit, vegetables and greenhouse crops in the Midwest.

An advocate for MSU research and outreach, Mr. Anthony has helped facilitate specialty crop grants to MSU, supported MSU faculty and MSU Extension educators, and was instrumental in forming the Michigan Tree Fruit Commission. He has supported the Department of Horticulture and MSU AgBioResearch fruit research centers. Mr. Anthony also helped develop MSU faculty positions benefiting Michigan fruit and vegetable farmers.

Distinguished Service Award

Keith Creagh

Keith Creagh has spent more than 40 years working on behalf of Michigan's farmers and natural resource managers. He has served as director of the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and is now the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

At the height of the Flint water crisis, Mr. Creagh stepped in as acting director of the state Department of Environmental Quality. Since returning to the DNR, he has continued to be a critical thought leader on water quality issues.

Throughout his career, Mr. Creagh has tackled many issues related to agriculture and natural resources, including bovine tuberculosis, chronic wasting disease in the state's deer herd and preventing the spread of Asian carp into the Great Lakes.

Mr. Creagh has led many MSU initiatives that have benefited Michigan agriculture, particularly as a member of the first Directors Action Team for Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs). Project GREEN is a key partnership between MSU, the State of Michigan and Michigan's plant agriculture industries. He has also served MSU students as both a guest lecturer and a mentor.



Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

Julie Thelen Conover

Whether teaching, coaching, designing youth programs or serving the livestock industry, Julie Thelen Conover makes a positive difference as a young alumnus.

Ms. Thelen Conover received a bachelor's degree in agriscience, animal science, and biology from MSU in 2009. Today she is the general manager of the Missouri Angus Association. In that position she produces 10 monthly publications a year, conducts statewide programs, handles membership services, and manages Angus cattle sales.

Before moving to Missouri, Ms. Thelen Conover spent four years as a statewide MSU Extension 4-H livestock educator. During that time, she secured more than \$308,000 in grant funding to support youth livestock and veterinary science education. Ms. Thelen Conover launched new 4-H programs that engaged new audiences and enhanced public education about agriculture. She also forged strong new partnerships with the Michigan Department of Community Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ms. Thelen Conover began her professional career as an agriculture and science teacher at Clinton Central Junior and Senior High School in Michigantown, Indiana. She was also the FFA advisor and coached the FFA and 4-H teams for leadership and career development events.

For her ability to build connections and positively affect young people, and for her service to agriculture, Julie Thelen Conover has been chosen to receive the 2018 CANR Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Outstanding Alumnus Award

Barbara Jacobs Ivens, MS, RDN, FADA

Barbara Jacobs Ivens is a person of integrity who fulfills her commitments. She received a master's degree in human nutrition and foods from MSU. Over decades she has contributed tremendously to the food science and product development industry, serving in leadership roles that promote healthful food choices and balanced nutrition.

Ms. Jacobs Ivens served in a variety of leadership positions with Gerber Products Company, PepsiCo Beverages and Goods, and ConAgra Foods Inc. during her career. Today she is principal of the Nutrition Information Exchange.

In 2017, Ms. Jacobs Ivens received the first Trailblazer Award from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Institute of Food Technologists for her exceptional leadership and advancement in nutrition and dietetics and food science.

She has given back to MSU and CANR by serving on the G. Malcolm Trout Scholarship Council since 2003. Each year, the council awards scholarships to students in the MSU Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

For her legacy of community service, leadership and promotion of food science and human nutrition, we present Barbara Jacobs Ivens with the 2018 CANR Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Alumni Service Award

Karen Keeder

Karen Keeder received a bachelor's degree in packaging from MSU in 2003. Today she is the senior frozen foods packaging engineer for Kellogg Company. Described as a passionate and amazing Spartan, Ms. Keeder advocates for and provides resources and valuable connections to School of Packaging students and packaging professionals.

Ms. Keeder has worked with Kellogg to provide internships, job shadowing, mentoring opportunities and résumé reviews for students. She has also transformed the subcommittees for the MSU School of Packaging Alumni Association (MSUPAA), specifically processes within events, awards and fundraising. These changes enable the MSUPAA to engage and support the students, school, and alumni. Ms. Keeder has served on the MSUPAA board of directors since 2012 and has played an active role on the executive board for the last 5 years, most recently serving as president.

In recognition of her passion, time and effort in giving back to the college, we are pleased to present Karen Keeder with the 2018 CANR Alumni Service Award.



Honorary Alumnus Award

Douglas D. Buhler, Ph.D.

Doug Buhler is the director of MSU AgBioResearch, the assistant vice president of research and graduate studies at MSU, and a friend and supporter of Michigan farmers. As an innovative and collaborative leader, Dr. Buhler has increased the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' capacity for research and outreach on emerging issues in agriculture.

Dr. Buhler has expanded the college's investment in infrastructure, partnerships, faculty and staff. He has also greatly expanded global partnerships and supported faculty in international research and outreach.

Dr. Buhler has worn many hats in the college, including chair of the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, associate dean for research, and assistant director and director of MSU AgBioResearch. He has also served two stints as interim dean of the college.

We are pleased to recognize Dr. Buhler's visionary leadership in agricultural research administration with the 2018 CANR Honorary Alumnus Award.

Distinguished Faculty Award

John Bukovac, Ph.D.

John Bukovac's colleagues describe him as an accomplished researcher, a beloved mentor and faculty member, and a kind person with a generous spirit. Dr. Bukovac retired in 1996 after a 40-year career in the MSU Department of Horticulture. His applied and basic research led to the development and adoption of new practices in the regulation of flowering and fruit growth, fruit thinning, and more efficient application of pesticides in the commercial tree fruit industry worldwide.

During his active career, Dr. Bukovac was committed to making his research available and directly applicable. He valued the Extension component and collaborations that accompanied his position and presented, lectured and taught widely.

Dr. Bukovac mentored dozens of graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and visiting scientists. He remains deeply committed to promoting his former students' careers and continues to serve on current graduate committees. He has also established two endowment funds in the Department of Horticulture to support an annual outstanding graduate student award, a seminar series, and a professorship in tree fruit physiology.

Many honors have been bestowed on Dr. Bukovac over the years, perhaps most notably his selection as a University Distinguished Professor by MSU and his election into the American Society for Horticultural Science Hall of Fame.

We are pleased to honor Dr. Bukovac for his lifetime of investment in the tree fruit industry, the faculty and programs of the college, and the future with the 2018 CANR Distinguished Faculty Award.

Distinguished Faculty Award

Rufus Isaacs, Ph.D.

Rufus Isaacs, a professor in the MSU Department of Entomology, is a dynamic researcher, teacher and leader in fruit insect pest management and pollination ecology.

His internationally recognized research on berry crop pollination and insect pest management has helped prevent millions of dollars in crop losses and develop effective new methods of controlling insect pests such as the spotted wing drosophila.

Isaacs' research on pollination has demonstrated that honeybees and native bees are critical and cost-effective components of fruit crop production systems. He has also significantly changed the science community's understanding of the current pollinator crisis by leading a national project on integrated crop pollination.

Isaacs is an outstanding teacher and mentor, effectively training the next generation of entomologists in both classroom and lab settings on how to research, teach others and positively affect society. As a result, his former students occupy positions of influence in the realms of academia, government and nongovernmental organizations worldwide.

He is also a prolific writer and public speaker and a successful grant seeker. Since 2012 he has been principal or coprincipal investigator on more than \$12 million in grant projects.

The profound impact of Rufus Isaacs' research, teaching, and outreach make him a most worthy recipient of the 2018 CANR Distinguished Faculty Award.



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Each year the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association (CANRAA) recognizes outstanding contributions to Michigan State University (MSU), the College of Agriculture (CANR), the community, state and nation when it presents the CANRAA Alumni Association Awards.

For a list of past award winners, please visit:

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/alumni-awards/>

Save These 2018 Dates

- June 5 Golfing for Scholarships, Forest Akers Golf Course
- May 4-6 MSU Commencements, Campuswide
- June 28 Agriculture Innovation Day: Focus on Fruit and Vegetable Technologies, Benton Harbor, MI
- Aug. 29 MSU classes begin (Fall 2018), Campuswide
- Sept. 19 Project GREEN: A Celebration of 20 Years

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A photograph of a snowy landscape. In the foreground, a concrete sidewalk runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right. To the left of the sidewalk, a large, dark green pine tree branch extends into the frame. The ground is covered in snow, with some footprints and shadows visible. The background shows a bright, overexposed area, possibly a field or a large open space, under a clear sky.

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