

*THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
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Awards &
Promotions
Luncheon



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Program

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Recognition of Recipients
of Promotion and Tenure

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Promotions and Tenure

From Extension Agent I to Extension Agent II

Mary Beth Antunes – Williamson County

Kathleen F. Dees – Hardeman County

Aneta W. Eichler – Sequatchie County

Jonathan W. Johns – Franklin County

J. Trent Jones – Smith County

Sarah E. Keenan – Sumner County

From Extension Agent I/County Director to Extension Agent II/County Director

J. Blake Ramsey – Hawkins County

From Extension Agent II to Extension Agent III

G. Renee Badon – Dickson County

Shelly N. Barnes – Wilson County

W. Gregg Upchurch – Cumberland County

**From Extension Agent II/County Director
to Extension Agent III/County Director**

Barbara A. Berry – Gibson County
Christina C. Carr – Overton County
Sondra L. Ganus Thorne – Hardin County

**From Extension Specialist I to
Extension Specialist II**

Lori A. Gallimore – 4-H Youth Development and
Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

**From Extension Specialist II to
Extension Specialist III**

Megan B. Leffew – UT Center for Profitable Agriculture

**From Extension Program Leader I to
Extension Program Leader II**

Martin R. Koon Jr. – Extension Central Region Office

**From Extension Program Leader II to
Extension Program Leader III**

M. Allisen Penn – Extension Central Region Office

**Promotion to Associate Professor
with Tenure**

David M. Butler – Plant Sciences

Jennifer M. DeBruyn – Biosystems Engineering and
Soil Science

Amy F. Fulcher – Plant Sciences

Sharon R. Jean-Philippe – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

Andrea L. Ludwig – Biosystems Engineering and
Soil Science

Justin D. Rhinehart – Animal Science

Promotion to Professor

Seong-Hoon Cho – Agricultural and Resource Economics

Silke Hecht – Small Animal Clinical Sciences

Dayton M. Lambert – Agricultural and
Resource Economics

Nicole Labbe – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

Shelly J. Newman – Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences

M. Adam Taylor – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

2016 Awards

Ann and Bill Hicks Outstanding New Extension Worker Award

Established by Dr. Bill and Ann Hicks, dean emeritus of Extension. Awarded annually to recognize an outstanding employee with at least three years, but not more than five years, of service with UT Extension. The award recipient is selected by a committee that includes past winners of the Outstanding New Extension Worker Award, and is presented each year to an Extension Agent, Area Specialist, or Specialist.

Justin B. Thomas
Extension Agent I
Bradley County

TAAA&S-Hicks Award of Excellence

Established by the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists and other endowment funds, this award is presented annually to up to three agricultural Extension faculty who are also members of TAAA&S.

W. Alan Bruhin
Extension Agent III and County Director
Sevier County

Rebekah Norman
Extension Agent III and County Director
Montgomery County

Melody T. Rose
Extension Agent II
Greene County

The Charles and Julie Wharton Award for Outstanding Extension Achievements

This award is presented to three UT Extension agents annually. These agents may conduct programs in any area, including agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and resource development. Special consideration is given to those individuals who have demonstrated excellence in serving local needs for five years or more.

Judith C. Kovach

Extension Agent III

Robertson County

Robert P. Shumake

Extension Agent III

Weakley County

Thomas C. Stebbins

Extension Agent III

Hamilton County



B. Ray Thompson Sr. Outstanding Faculty Performance Award

This award is made possible by earnings from the Thompson Faculty Endowment and is presented annually to faculty in the Institute who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional performance. This award rotates among the four divisions within the Institute of Agriculture.

Michael J. Buschermohle

Professor

Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science

Vernon and Ida Darter Award

Named for the late Extension Dean Emeritus Vernon W. Darter and his wife, the late Ida Darter, this award recognizes excellence among the ranks of Associate Extension Agents.

Heather Kyle-Harmon

Extension Agent II

Knox County

The Lloyd and Nettie Downen Endowment Fund Leadership Enhancement Award

Established by Dr. and Mrs. M. Lloyd Downen, dean emeritus of the Agricultural Extension Service, this award recognizes Extension faculty members who serve in leadership roles across the state.

Justin E. Crowe

Extension Specialist II

4-H Youth Development and Agricultural Leadership,
Education and Communications

Alice Ann Moore Outstanding 4-H Agent Award

This award was established by Alice Ann Moore, former director of UT Extension 4-H Youth Development programs, who, for over thirty years, has provided exemplary service to the University of Tennessee in many capacities. She herself was a 4-H member in Crockett County. Under her leadership, Tennessee 4-H developed a life skills evaluation system that is nationally recognized as a groundbreaking scientific means of providing feedback on the effectiveness of 4-H youth education programs. She is also an honorary life member of the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.

Joseph L. Griffy

Extension Agent III and County Director
Stewart County

G.L. Carter Jr. Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent Award

This award was established by Dr. G.L. Carter Jr., whose Extension career began in 1949 in Greene County where he served as a 4-H agent. He was also a Hamblen County 4-H member. Dr. Carter was the first in his family to graduate from college, later earning an MS and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin. His 44-year career included working as the youth editor of a farm and ranch magazine; serving as a state 4-H staff member in both Tennessee and North Carolina; and helping to create the *Journal of Extension*, a professional publication for Extension agents and specialists. Dr. Carter has provided the funding through an endowment to recognize an Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent.

Staci D. Foy
Extension Agent III
Henry County

Cavender Outstanding Award for Best Publication

Established by Dutch Cavender, former director of communications, and his wife, Marilee, this award recognizes excellence in the development of published material produced by professionals in the Institute of Agriculture. This year, we recognize two publications. These co-winners were chosen from peer-reviewed publications produced by units of UTIA.

“PB 1838 Let’s Talk About It (A Supplement to Extension’s Girl Talk Program)”

Senior Author:
Heather S. Wallace
Assistant Professor
Family and Consumer Sciences

Secondary Author:
Kayla M. Sizemore
Doctoral Candidate
UT Department of Child and Family Studies

“PB 1768 - 2016 Insect Recommendations for Field Crops”

Senior Author:
Scott D. Stewart
Professor
Entomology and Plant Pathology

Secondary Author:
Angela T. McClure
Associate Professor
Plant Sciences

T.J. Whatley Distinguished Young Scientist Award

Established by Dr. Thomas Whatley, associate dean emeritus of the Agricultural Experiment Station, this award recognizes a young scientist who has less than twelve years of professional experience, with a minimum of five years of service on the agricultural faculty.

Jennifer M. DeBruyn

Associate Professor
Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science

J.E. Moss Achievement Awards

Established in memory of J.E. and Ann Moss, this award recognizes excellent achievement in teaching, research, and Extension for the Institute of Agriculture. Awards are provided each year for each of the four units of the Institute of Agriculture. They are selected by a committee of the chancellor and the four deans of the Institute.

Robert C. DeNovo

Associate Dean and Professor
College of Veterinary Medicine

Shigetoshi Eda

Professor
Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

Amy F. Fulcher

Associate Professor
Plant Sciences

David A. Golden

Professor
Food Science and Technology

**Williams - E.R. “Prof” Lidvall
Outstanding Teaching Award**

Established by Mr. Donald E. Williams, a 1961 graduate of the College of Agriculture, this award honors his former professor and mentor, Professor E.R. Lidvall. The award recognizes faculty who exemplify Lidvall’s commitment to excellence in the classroom and his commitment to the needs of and interests of the student.

Paris L. Lambdin

Professor

Entomology and Plant Pathology

**Mildred Pendergrass Award for
Outstanding Service**

This award, presented in memory of Mildred Pendergrass, wife of the former Vice President for Agriculture Webster Pendergrass, is given to employees among the technical, skill, and service staff of the Institute.

James D. Newburn

Research Associate I and Assistant Director UT Gardens

Plant Sciences

Webster Pendergrass Outstanding Service Award

This award is presented in memory of former Vice President for Agriculture Webster Pendergrass and recognizes a teaching, research, or Extension faculty member who has contributed most to the fulfillment of the Institute's goals and objectives.

Rebecca E. Gompf
Associate Professor
Small Animal Clinical Sciences

E.J. Chapman Outstanding Service Award

Established by the late E.J. Chapman, who served the university in a wide range of capacities from agronomist to assistant vice president for agriculture, this award recognizes a member of the supporting staff of the teaching, research, or Extension divisions.

Catheryn P. Hance
Business Manager
Large Animal Clinical Sciences

William T. Miles, MD Memorial Award for Community Service

Named for William T. Miles, respected medical doctor, this award was established by his son, the late Curtis W. Miles, a longtime devotee of the Field Trials at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee. In accordance with the younger Miles' life philosophy, "Treat people like you want to be treated," the award is intended to recognize significant contributions and service to the Knoxville community.

Marcy J. Souza

Associate Professor

Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences

Professional/Academic Award for Outstanding Service

Provided by the Institute of Agriculture administration, this award is given to a recipient among the professional and other academic employees who has contributed most to the attainment of the objectives of the Institute of Agriculture.

Sabrina C. Klepper

Senior Veterinary Tech

Small Animal Clinical Sciences

Gamma Sigma Delta Institute of Agriculture Team Award

This award will be given annually to the each member of a team of two or more faculty who have made an outstanding contribution to research, teaching, and/or Extension, either directly or indirectly related to agriculture and related disciplines. Gamma Sigma Delta members are responsible for the promotion, evaluation, and selection of the award.

A monetary supplement is provided by the Institute of Agriculture and is divided equally among the team members.

Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta is not required for nomination. This year's winning team is the

Master Teacher Program

Misty R. Bailey

Communications Coordinator II
Veterinary Medicine Administration

Nancy E. Howell

Research Assistant Professor
Large Animal Clinical Sciences

India F. Lane

Associate Vice President
UT Academic Affairs and Student Success

Michael H. Sims

Professor Emeritus
Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences

AgResearch Impact Award

This award is presented to an AgResearch faculty or professional staff member whose efforts have had a profound effect on improving the efficiency, sustainability, and/or economic viability of the food and fiber industry of rural areas of Tennessee.

Donald D. Tyler

Professor

Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science

2016 UT Presidential Award Nominees

Larry L. Moorehead

Extension Agent III and County Director
Moore County

Timothy G. Rials

Associate Dean
AgResearch

Elizabeth B. Strand

Clinical Associate Professor
Biomedical and Diagnostic Sciences



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