



**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES  
DEAN'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*The Dean's Outstanding Achievement Awards were established in 2012.*

***Teaching Awards***

**EARLY CAREER TEACHING**

- 2012 Dr. Jennifer R. Williams – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2013 Dr. Kyle M. Woosnam – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
- 2014 Dr. Robert L. Strong, Jr. – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2015 Dr. Kathrin A. Dunlap – Animal Science
- 2016 Dr. Adrienne L. Brundage – Entomology
- 2017 Dr. Chavela M. Carr – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2018 Dr. Leslie Frenzel – Animal Science
- 2019 Dr. Jessica Leatherwood - Animal Science
- 2020 Dr. Julie Howe - Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2021 Dr. A. Peyton Smith – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2022 Dr. Ashleigh Faris – Entomology
- 2023 Dr. Sushil Paudyal – Animal Science
- 2024 Dr. Donna Lee Sullins – Hospitality, Hotel Management, and Tourism

**EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT AND INNOVATION**

- 2012 REU-EXCITE Team
  - Dr. Kevin Heinz - Entomology
  - Ms. Rebecca Hapes – Entomology
- 2013 Dr. Richard T. Woodward – Agricultural Economics
- 2014 Dr. Pete Teel – Entomology
- 2015 Dr. Leo Lombardini – Horticultural Sciences
- 2016 Dr. James C. Hu – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2017 Dr. W. Shawn Ramsey—Animal Science
- 2018 Dr. Ariun Ishdorj – Agricultural Economics
- 2019 Dr. Urs Kreuter – Ecosystem and Science Management
- 2020 Dr. Wesley Ramsey – Animal Science
- 2021 Dr. Won-Bo Shim – Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- 2022 Dr. Donna Lee Sullins – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

- 2023 Dr. Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman – Entomology  
2024 Ms. Sarah Schobert – Animal Science

### **GRADUATE TEACHING**

- 2012 Ms. Kelly Winsco – Animal Science  
2013 Ms. Dianne A. Stroman – Ecosystem Science and Management  
2014 Dr. Angela M. Durko – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
2015 Mrs. Kasee L. Smith – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
2016 Ms. L. Clay Eastwood – Animal Science  
2017 Ms. Cherish Vance—Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
2018 Ms. Sarah Hartman - Biochemistry and Biophysics  
2019 Ms. Sakina Dixon – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
2020 Mr. Trent Schwartz – Animal Science  
2021 Ms. Rebecca Kemp – Animal Science  
2022 Ms. Sophia ‘Frankie’ Antillon – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
2023 Mr. Daniel Pilgreen – Hospitality, Hotel Management and Tourism  
2024 Ms. Rose Blanchard – Ecology and Conservation Biology  
2024 Ms. Nan Zhang – Animal Science

### **TEACHING**

- 2012 Dr. Calvin B. Parnell – Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
2013 Dr. Tryon A. Wickersham – Animal Science  
2014 Dr. David D. Briske – Ecosystem Science and Management  
2015 Dr. Julie F. Harlin – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
2016 Dr. Peter Murano – Nutrition and Food Science  
2017 Dr. X. Ben Wu – Ecosystem Science and Management  
2018 Dr. Leisha S. Mullins – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
2018 Dr. Martha M. Vogelsang – Animal Science  
2019 Dr. Vishal Gohil –Biochemistry and Biophysics  
2020 Ms. Susan Scott – Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences  
2021 Dr. Tryon Wickersham – Animal Science  
2021 Dr. Lori Moore - Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
2022 Dr. Jessica Leatherwood – Animal Science  
2022 Dr. Julie Howe – Soil and Crop Sciences  
2023 Dr. Juliana Rangel Posada – Entomology  
2023 Dr. Victoria Salin – Agricultural Economics  
2024 Dr. Allison Dunn – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
2024 Dr. Jennifer Strong – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

## **Research Awards**

### **EARLY CAREER RESEARCH**

- 2012 Dr. William B. Faulkner – Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- 2013 Dr. Libo Shan – Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- 2014 Dr. Craig Kaplan – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2015 Dr. Kevin W. Conway – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2016 Dr. Juliana Rangel Posada – Entomology
- 2017 Dr. Muthukumar Bagavathiannan – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2018 Dr. Junjie Zhang – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2019 Dr. Roldolfo Cardoso – Animal Science
- 2020 Dr. Ky Pohler – Animal Science
- 2021 Dr. Dmitry Kurovski – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2022 Dr. Anjel Helms – Entomology
- 2023 Dr. Adela Oliva Chavez – Entomology
- 2024 Dr. Sanjay Antony-Babu – Plant Pathology and Microbiology

### **GRADUATE RESEARCH**

- 2012 Mr. Edinaldo Rabaioli Camargo – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2013 Mr. Suhas S. Vyavhare - Entomology
- 2014 Ms. Amanda M. Hulse – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2015 Ms. Caroline Arantes – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2016 Mr. Daniel Fitzgerald – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2017 Ms. Kristina Najjar – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2018 Ms. Yong Zhou - Ecosystem Science and Management
- 2019 Ms. Aniruddha Maity – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2020 Mr. Charles Farber – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2021 Ms. Jean Parrella – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2022 Dr. Zheng ‘Jenny’ Li – Ecology and Conservation Biology
- 2023 Ms. Morgan Thompson – Entomology
- 2024 Mr. Zhihao Yu – Biochemistry and Biophysics

### **RESEARCH**

- 2012 Dr. David Briske – Ecosystem Science and Management
- 2013 Dr. Bhimanagouda S. Patil – Horticultural Sciences
- 2014 Dr. Clare A. Gill – Animal Science
- 2015 Dr. Bradford P. Wilcox – Ecosystem Science and Management
- 2016 Dr. William Rooney – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2017 Dr. Nancy Turner – Nutrition and Food Science
- 2018 Dr. James Sacchettini – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2019 Dr. Ryland Young – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2020 Dr. Luis Tedeschi – Animal Science

- 2021 Dr. Mike Kolomiets – Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- 2021 Dr. Vishal Gohil – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2022 Dr. Binayak Mohanty – Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- 2022 Dr. Shaodong Guo – Nutrition
- 2023 Dr. Nithya Rajan – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2023 Dr. Yuxiang Sun – Nutrition
- 2024 Dr. Seth Murray – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2024 Dr. Keyan Zhu-Salzman – Entomology

**RESEARCH – INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TEAM**

- 2012 Sorghum Bioenergy Breeding and Genomics Team
  - Dr. William L. Rooney - Soil and Crop Sciences
  - Dr. Patricia E. Klein – Horticultural Sciences
  - Dr. John E. Mullet – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2013 NSF IGERT in Applied Biodiversity Sciences
  - Dr. Lee Fitzgerald – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
  - Dr. Amanda L. Stronza – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
  - Dr. Kirk O. Winemiller – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
  - Dr. Richard T. Woodward – Agricultural Economics
  - Dr. Urs P. Kreuter – Ecosystem Science and Management
  - Dr. Leslie E. Ruyle – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2014 Bacterial Source Tracking Team
  - Dr. Kevin L. Wagner – Texas Water Resources Institute
  - Dr. Roel R. Lopez – Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources
  - Dr. Raghavan Srinivasan – Spatial Sciences Laboratory, Ecosystem Science and Management
  - Dr. R. Karthikeyan – Biological and Agricultural Engineering
  - Dr. Saqib Mukhtar – Biological and Agricultural Engineering
  - Dr. Terry J. Gentry – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2015 TAM Wheat Improvement Team
  - Dr. Jackie C. Rudd – Soil Crop Sciences/Amarillo
  - Dr. Amir M. Ibrahim – Soil and Crop Sciences
  - Dr. Shuyu Liu – Soil and Crop Sciences
  - Dr. Clark Neely – Soil and Crop Sciences
  - Dr. Qingwu Xue – Soil and Crop Sciences
  - Dr. Joseph M. Awika – Soil and Crop Sciences

- 2016 Texas Namibia International Experiential Opportunities Team  
 Tobin Redwine – Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications  
 Tracy Rutherford – Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications  
 Gary Wingenbach – Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
- 2017 Protecting Food SENSE Team  
 Dr. Matthew Taylor – Animal Science  
 Dr. Mustafa Akbulut – Chemical Engineering  
 Dr. Juan Anciso – Horticultural Sciences/Extension –  
 Weslaco  
 Dr. Alejandro Castillo – Animal Science  
 Dr. Luis Cisneros-Zevallos – Horticultural Sciences
- 2018 Unmanned Aerial Systems Team  
 Dr. Seth Murray – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 Dr. J. Alex Thomasson – Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
 Dr. Sorin Popescu – Ecosystem Science and Management  
 Dr. William Rooney – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 Dr. Jinha Jung – Texas A&M AgriLife Corpus Christi  
 Ms. Misty Miles – Texas A&M AgriLife Research

### **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

- 2012 Ms. Michelle Bedenbaugh – Animal Science  
 2013 Mr. Kyle L. Landolt – Ecosystem Science and Management  
 2014 Mr. Aaron T. Griffin – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2015 Ms. Tasha R. Womack – Animal Science  
 2016 Ms. Shelby K. Kilpatrick – Entomology  
 2017 Ms. Jennifer S. Tran – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2018 Ms. Morgan Gamble - Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2019 Ms. Alison Vicary – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2020 Mr. Walker Crane – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2021 Ms. Laura Marmolejo – Entomology  
 2022 Ms. Grace Bodine – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2023 Mr. Aidan Holman – Entomology  
 2024 Mr. Clayton Moore – Soil and Crop Sciences

### ***Additional Awards***

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- 2012 Dr. David Baltensperger – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2013 Dr. Gary Ellis – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
 2014 Dr. Gregory D. Reinhart – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2015 Dr. Brad Wilcox – Ecosystem Science and Management  
 2016 Dr. David Peterson – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2018 Dr. Dorothy Shippen - Biochemistry and Biophysics

- 2020 Dr. Graham Lamb – Animal Science
- 2021 Dr. X. Ben Wu – Ecology and Conservation Biology/COALS Dean’s Office
- 2022 Dr. Aaron Tarone – Entomology
- 2023 Dr. Kathrin Dunlap – Administration
- 2024 Dr. Audrey McElroy – Poultry Science

**FACULTY MENTORING**

- 2012 Dr. Nancy H. Ing – Animal Science
- 2013 Dr. Patricia P. Pietrantonio – Entomology
- 2014 Dr. Thomas H. Welsh, Jr. – Animal Science
- 2015 Dr. Ryland F. Young III – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2017 Dr. Zivko Nikolov – Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- 2018 Dr. Cristine Morgan - Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2021 Dr. Jeffrey Savell – Animal Science
- 2022 Dr. Micky Eubanks – Entomology
- 2023 Dr. X. Ben Wu – Ecology and Conservation Biology
- 2024 Dr. Kim Dooley – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

**INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE**

- 2013 Education and Communications Diversity Team
  - Dr. Carlos F. Gonzalez – Plant Pathology and Microbiology
  - Dr. Manuel Piña, Jr. – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2014 AGLS Recruiting Team
  - Mr. Ray Person – Dean’s Office (Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Prospective Students Center)
  - Mr. David Salinas – Dean’s Office (San Antonio Regional Prospective Student Center)
  - Ms. Katie Swift – Dean’s Office (College Station, TX)
  - Dr. Danielle Harris – Dean’s Office (College Station, TX)
- 2015 Dr. Jacqueline A. Aitkenhead-Peterson – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2016 Dr. Miguel A. Mora –Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2017 Dr. Raul F. Medina – Entomology
- 2018 Dr. Theresa Murphrey - Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2019 Dr. Juliana Rangel – Entomology
- 2021 Dr. Jeffrey Wiegert – Animal Science
- 2022 Dr. Kathrin Dunlap – Animal Science

**INTERNATIONAL IMPACT**

- 2012 AGTEC Team
  - Mrs. Johanna Roman – Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture
  - Ms. Yanet Rodriguez – Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture

- Ms. Carolina Oleas – Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture  
 Mr. Dale Rodgers – Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture  
 Ms. Dana Lewis – Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture  
 2013 Dr. Amanda L. Stronza – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
 2014 Dr. Luis Cisneros-Zevallos – Horticultural Sciences  
 2015 Dr. James B. Woolley - Entomology  
 2016 Dr. Kirk Winemiller – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences  
 2017 Dr. Amir Ibrahim – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2018 Dr. Luis Tedeschi - Animal Science  
 2019 Dr. Ajejandro Castillo – Animal Science  
 2020 Dr. Reinaldo Cooke – Animal Science  
 2021 Dr. Stephen Smith – Animal Science  
 2022 Dr. Rabi Mohtar – Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
 2023 Dr. Mian Riaz – Food Science and Technology  
 2024 Dr. Endang Septiningsih – Soil and Crop Sciences

**SERVICE**

- 2012 Dr. Ronald Kaiser – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
 2013 Dr. Rosana G. Moreira – Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
 2014 Dr. Summer F. Odom – Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications  
 2015 Ms. Karen Beathard – Nutrition and Food Science  
 2016 Dr. Lori L. Moore – Agriculture Leadership, Education, and Communications  
 2017 Dr. David Forrest – Animal Science  
 2018 Ms. LeAnn Hague - Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2019 Mr. Ray Riley – Animal Science  
 2020 Ms. Tonya Shepherd – Entomology  
 2021 Dr. Seth Murray – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2022 Dr. Yuxiang Sun – Nutrition  
 2023 Dr. Robert Strong – Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications  
 2024 Dr. Kathrin Dunlap – Animal Science

**STAFF EXCELLENCE**

- 2012 Mrs. Faustina “Tina” Vega – Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
 Mr. Roger Horn – Institute for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology  
 Ms. Carol J. Rhodes – Soil and Crop Sciences  
 2013 Ms. Linda S. Brochu – Plant Pathology and Microbiology  
 Mr. Paul J. Greer – Horticultural Sciences  
 2014 Mrs. Grace Glenn – Animal Science  
 Mrs. Elke R. Aguilar – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
 Mr. Terry Lovingshimer – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
 2015 Mr. Peter C. Krauter – Entomology  
 Mr. Alfred N. Nelson – Soil and Crop Sciences

- Mr. Brian Ray – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2016 Ms. Robbie Lukeman – Animal Science  
Ms. Paula Maldonado – Nutrition and Food Science  
Mr. Kenneth Stroud – Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
- 2017 Ms. Sherry Coronado – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
Ms. Heather L. Prestridge – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences  
Ms. Judy Young – Soil and Crop Sciences
- 2018 Mr. Richard Epting - Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
Ms. Clarice Fulton - Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications  
Ms. Melissa Key - Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2019 Ms. LeAnn Hague – Soil and Crop Sciences  
Ms. Betty Cotton – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
Ms. Amanda Cockerham – Animal Science
- 2020 Mr. Austin Johnson – Biochemistry and Biophysics  
Ms. Carla Smith – Entomology  
Ms. Jamie Norgaard – Dean’s Office
- 2021 Ms. Elena Kolomiets – Plant Pathology and Microbiology  
Dr. Jenna Kurten – COALS Dean’s Office/Recreation Park and  
Tourism Sciences BCBP Stockroom Team  
(Ms. Divina Page, Ms. Sherry Barnett, Bruce Washington Jr.) Biochemistry and  
Biophysics
- 2022 Ms. Amy Carwile – Animal Science  
Ms. Jennifer Houston – Business Services, Animal Science and Poultry Science  
Ms. Cheryl Yeager - Business Services, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- 2023 Ms. Loren Burns – Agricultural Economics  
Mr. John Chivvis – Office of the Vice Chancellor  
Mr. Terry Lovingshimer – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2024 Ms. Deanna Crawford – Hospitality, Hotel Management, and  
Tourism  
Dr. Maria Azucena Mendoza – Entomology  
Ms. Dawn Miles – Ecology and Conservation Biology

### **STUDENT RELATIONS**

- 2012 Dr. Deb Dunsford – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2013 Ms. Amanda R. Schwede – Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- 2014 Ms. Pam Vernon – Agricultural Economics
- 2015 Dr. Tobin D. Redwine – Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications
- 2016 Mr. Samuel E. Murdock – Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- 2017 Mr. Rafael Almanzar – Biochemistry and Biophysics
- 2018 Ms. Ann Pool – Entomology
- 2019 Ms. Amber Salvato – Animal Science



2020 Dr. Cecilia Tamborindeguy – Entomology  
2021 Ms. Jennifer Rhinesmith Carranza – Entomology  
2022 Ms. Lelsey Gleason – Poultry Science  
2023 Ms. Stephanie Webb – Dean’s Office  
2024 Dr. Jessica Light – Ecology and Conservation Biology