

**Northeastern Branch
American Society of Agronomy • Crop Science Society of America
Soil Science Society of America**

******* Now accepting NEBCSA Award Nominations for 2017. *******

Submit nomination information to: Dr. Michael Fidanza (maf100@psu.edu) by December 1, 2017.

Description and Nomination Procedures

Candidate Eligibility

Any member of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, or Soil Science Society of America who has been active in the Northeastern Branch and in some aspect of agronomic, crop or soil science in the northeastern United States. Candidates for the Senior Student Award are exempt from the requirement of ASA-SSSA-CSSA membership.

Selection Committee

Separate sub-committees are to be named each year by the Past President of the NEBCSA for the Undergraduate student, Graduate Student, Teaching, Research, Extension-Industry and Career Service Awards. The Past President shall serve as overall chairman of the Awards Committee.

Criteria Followed by the Awards Committee

A. Outstanding Senior Student Award

1. Any senior student with at least 30 hours from a four-year program or 15 hours from a two-year program of academic courses in the plant and soil sciences who has declared an interest in a career in plant sciences, soil science or a related environmental area.
2. The suggested criteria of selection shall be as follows:
 - a. Scholarship: 50%
 - b. Leadership activities: 35%
 - c. Personal traits: 15%

B. Graduate Student Award

Any student enrolled in a program leading to a graduate degree in a plant science or soil science field. Demonstrated creative research and communication of the significance of his or her research results. Skill to communicate scientific knowledge as shown by the student's grasp of teaching mechanics and philosophy. (This may be demonstrated in seminars, lectures, laboratory teaching, or other contacts with students and faculty.) Ability to interact with other students and faculty in academic, research and/or extension activities.

C. Teaching Award

1. Ability to inspire students to make the most of their talents and to serve humanity.
2. Ability to influence students to acquire the commonly admired attributes of good judgment, sound thinking, objectivity, integrity, cooperativeness, etc.
3. Excellent in the classroom and proficiency in teaching.
4. Overall quality of teaching.

D. Research Award

1. Special significance, importance and originality of the candidate's research.
2. Excellence in logic and creative reasoning, and skill in obtaining significant data.
3. Overall influence on the advancement of scientific knowledge.

E. Extension-Industry Awards

1. Leadership qualities, including the ability to inspire others.
2. Skill in leading people to mastery of new and useful knowledge and the ability to use it in their judgments, decisions, and planning.
3. Overall excellence in the educational activities in which he or she is engaged.

F. Career Service Award

An important goal of the NEBCSA is to improve the effectiveness of plant and soil science professionals within the Northeast by providing avenues for interaction among research, teaching, and extension faculty, graduate students, and industry personnel. The purpose of the Career Service Award is to recognize those individuals who, during their career have not only distinguished themselves through contributions and service to the discipline and/or industry, but have also contributed to this goal.

G. Graduate Student Scientific Presentation Award

1. All graduate students making oral presentations at the annual meetings of NEBCSA are eligible. Only one presentation per student may be judged.
2. Presentations will be judged on originality, delivery, and content by a panel of judges.
3. The presentations will be scheduled during the regular technical paper sessions.
4. Contestants must indicate their desire to participate on the enclosed "Call for Titles of Contributed Papers" form.

There will be six graduate student awards (assuming a minimum number of participants). Oral and poster presentation categories for Crops and Soils may be separate or combined. Monetary award amounts will be determined before the annual meeting.

Graduate Student Presentation Award Explanation of Criteria

The Graduate Student Presentation Award will be based on:

- I. PRESENTATION TECHNIQUE (35%) which includes:
 - a) statement of problem and objectives
 - b) logical organization
 - c) quality of visuals
 - d) an effective summary
 - e) finishing presentation within 10 to 12 minutes
- II. QUALITY OF RESEARCH (30%) which includes:
 - a) knowledge of subject
 - b) study designed to meet objectives
 - c) sound interpretation of results
 - d) discussion of pertinence of research
- III. AUDIENCE AWARENESS (15%) which includes:
 - a) responsiveness to questions
 - b) appropriate language and technical descriptions
- IV. SPEAKER ATTRIBUTES (20%) which includes:
 - a) enthusiasm
 - b) voice level and eye contact
 - c) professional appearance and mannerism

H. Outstanding Support Staff Award

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1. The nominee should be a full-time employee with at least 5 years of experience as a technician, support scientist, research associate, Extension associate, or similar professional classification.
2. Nominations will be accepted from any professional colleague but additional credit will be given to nominees who are members of ASA, CSSA, or SSSA (membership for the nominee is not a requirement).
3. Preference will be given to those performing their duties with less than a Ph.D. degree.

Nomination Instructions

1. The nominator is to send the nomination documents, nominating letter, and supporting letters to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Dr. Michael Fidanza (maf100@psu.edu) by **December 1, 2017**.
2. In addition to the letter of the nominator, there must be at least two (2) supporting letters. These letters should be addressed to the Chair of the Awards Committee.
3. Information to provide in nomination papers (a current curriculum vita will normally suffice):
 - A. Personal Data
 1. Name of person nominated and the award
 2. Date of birth
 3. Place of birth
 - B. Education
 - a. Degree: Institution, date degree was granted, major field (repeat for each degree);
 - C. Experience in Agronomic Field
 1. Duration of appointment
 2. Name of employer
 3. Nature of work
 4. Title of position
 - D. Citation of selected publications
 - E. Professional activities
 1. Membership in NEBCSA and other professional organizations
 2. Offices held
 3. Program participation
 - F. Honors received
 - G. Significant contributions to agronomy.

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******* List of NEBCSA Award Winners 1973 - 2016 *******

These awards are conferred by the NEBCSA in recognition of exceptional contributions to the agronomic, crop or soil sciences, education, and/or service. They represent the highest in personal achievement and are not based on nature or source of employment. Any active member of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, or Soil Science Society of America may nominate candidates. Nominations must come from individual members of the Society.

- Research
- Teaching
- Extension-Industry
- Career Service
- Outstanding Senior student
- Outstanding Graduate Student
- Outstanding Support Staff
- Graduate Student Research Presentation

Research Award

1. Special significance, importance and originality of the candidate's research.
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Research Award

1973 Morris Decker	1988 David L. Grunes	2003 Jerry H. Cherney
1974 Charles Frink	1989 Richmond J. Bartlett	2004 Fred Magdoff
1975 L. Kardos	1990 J. Scott Angle	2006 Baoshan Xing
1976 J.B. Washko	1991 M.C. Rabenhorst	2007 Marvin Hall
1977 Al Sprague	1992 Ross M. Welch	2008 Quirine Ketterings
1978 Richard Hill	1993 Murray B. McBride	2009 Bahram Momen
1979 Reed Funk	1994 Richard H. Fox	2010 Joshua M. McGrath
1980 D.S. Fanning	1995 Peter M. Groffman	2011 No Award Presented
1981 T.E. Devine	1996 J. Thomas Sims	2012 No Award Presented
1982 M.K. Aycock	1997 Bruce R. James	2013 Bahram Momem
1983 R.D. Miller	1998 William J. Kenworthy	2014 Stan Kostka
1984 G.A. Jung	1999 Les E. Lanyon	2015 Henry Lin
1985 Gary Petersen	2000 William J. Cox	2016 No Award Presented
1986 Donald L. Sparks	2001 Andrew Sharpley	
1987 Hugh J. Murphy	2002 Robert Hill	

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1974 J. Harrington	1990 Bruce R. James	2006 Edward Ciolkosz
1975 M. Teel	1991 Gary W. Fick	2007 No Award Presented
1976 J. Duich	1992 Gary F. Griffin	2008 Timothy Setter
1977 R. Cunningham	1993 Daniel D. Fritton	2009 Brian Needelman
1978 L. Johnson	1994 Mark J. Carroll	2010 Heather D. Karsten
1980 R.E. Pennock	1995 Nathan Hartwig	2011 David Hansen
1981 T.W. Scott	1996 Leon Slaughter	2012 No Award Presented
1982 G.W. Petersen	1997 Mary Wiedenhoef	2013 Mike Fidanza
1983 D.W. Allinson	1998 A.J. Turgeon	2014 Ken Ingram
1984 M. McIntosh	1999 Robert L. Hill	2015 Ben McGraw
1985 Ray Weil	2000 Donald Scott Glenn	2016 John Kaminski
1986 T.L. Watschke	2001 Karl Guillard	
1987 David J. Sammons	2002 Murray McBride	
1988 M.C. Rabenhorst	2004 Antonio DiTommaso	
1989 R.L. Obendorf	2005 Brahan Momen	

Extension-Industry Award

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Extension-Industry Award

1973 Fred P. Miller	1988 R.F. Lucey	2004 Ann Wolf
1974 H. Plate	1989 Lynn Hoffman	2005 William Cox
1975 J. Baylor	1990 P.H. Dernoeden	2006 Russ Hahn
1976 V.A. Bandel	1991 O. Elwood Hatley	2007 Jerry Cherney
1977 R. Flannery	1992 R.A. Weismiller	2008 Janet Fallon
1978 W. Hinish	1993 Thomas R. Turner	2009 Richard Kershergen
1979 J. McGahen	1994 Richard W. Taylor	2010 Gregory D. Binford
1980 D.L. Matthews	1995 Greg W. Roth	2011 Quirine Ketterings
1981 V.H. Holyoke	1996 Marvin Hall	2012 No Award Presented
1982 C.G. McKee	1997 Ronald L. Ritter	2013 Joshua M. McGrath
1983 W.H. Mitchell	1999 John Jemison	2014 Jim Steffel
1984 W.W. Washko	2000 Patricia Steinhilber	2015 John Grande
1985 Les Vough	2001 Frank Coale	2016 Randall (Randy) Prostack
1986 D.B. Beegle	2002 Sid Bosworth	
1987 S.J. Herbert	2003 Joseph R. Heckman	

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1987	A. Morris Decker	1995	V. Allen Bandel	2004	John C. Sencindiver
1988	No Award Presented		Gerald A. Jung		Charles L. Mulchi
1989	John E. Baylor	1996	No Award Presented	2005	Nathan Herendeen
	James R. Miller	1997	No Award Presented		Derek W. Allinson
	Henry Plate	1998	Robert F. Lucey	2006	Stuart Klausner
1990	David K. Matthews	1999	No Award Presented	2007	No Award Presented
	James L. Starling	2000	Doug Lathwell	2008	Peter "Pete" Barney
	Madison J. Wright		Lynn D. Hoffman	2009	Thomas Kilcer
1991	Joseph H. McGahen		George O. Estes	2009	Richard Weismiller
	R.A. Stuchtemeyer		Jim Mitchell	2011	Ev Thomas
	John B. Washko	2001	Shaw Reed		Douglas B. Beegle
1992	Roy L. Flannery		Delvin Fanning	2012	No Award Presented
	William Mitchell	2002	Richard H. Fox	2013	Russ Hahn
	C.B. Sperow, Jr.	2003	David R. Bouldin	2014	J.T. Sims
1993	D.V. Waddington		O. Elwood Hatley	2015	Richard Taylor
1994	Vaughn Holyoke		William L. Stout	2016	Sidney (Sid) Bosworth
	Mohamed Faris				

Agway Award

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1990 Les R. Vough

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1984 S.E. Udell	1995 Anne-Marie Grunberg	2009 Miriam Goler
1985 Maria Sadusky	1996 Susan Erin O'Reilly	2010 John Orłowski
1986 John Lory	1997 Andrea M. Long	2011 Emmaline Long
1987 Karen Schilke	2000 Ryan Ruter	2012 No Award Presented
1988 Ryan Hockensmith	2001 Michael Callahan	2013 Shona Ort
1989 Jeannette Glew	2002 Kristin Staats	2014 Evan Fowler
1990 Wyatt Courtemanche	2003 Natalie Galens	2015 Rachel Breslauer
1991 Thomas Meixner	2004 Mike Kochuba	2016 Lindsay Chamberlain
1992 Scott J. Madison	2005 Rebecca Blank	
1993 Mark J. Strynar	2007 Chris Brosch	

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1985 Ted Carski	1996 John P. DiVincenzo	2007 David Parsons
1986 Ann Wolf	1997 Caragh Fitzgerald	2008 Kulbushan Grover
1987 John R. Cranmer	1998 Sister Augusta Collins	2009 Jing Dai
1988 Imo W. Buttler	1999 Kirk G. Scheckel	2012 No Award Presented
1989 Julie L. Hansen	2000 Peter A. Vadas	2013 Amir Sadeghpour
1990 Randal Stahl	2001 Jane Froese	2014 Derek Pruyne
1991 John Jemison, Jr.	2002 Rachel Gilker	2015 Emad Jahanzad
1992 Scott E. Fendorf	2003 Erika Styger	2016 Sayed Amin Afzal
1993 Kristen Verburg	2004 Thomas J. Molnar	K. Ann Bybee-Finely
1994 Michael Fidanza	2005 Jonathan Klapwyk	
1995 Yvonne Sollade	2006 Amy Shober	

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2006 Greg Albrecht
2009 Gary Seibel
2011 Karen Gartley
2012 No Award Presented
2013 Kimberly Monahan
2014 Tim Lulis
2015 Cathy Olsen
2016 No Award Presented

