

Dear Members and Colleagues of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA,

We're here to support you.

The ACSESS staff that support you across the Societies and the Agronomic Science Foundation have moved to temporary teleworking arrangements. They have exhibited incredible strength and agility in moving to this arrangement so quickly – while still providing core services to support you.

We have listened to your immediate needs under the current crisis and are supporting information sharing and increasing other services to support you. We are taking active steps to enhance these efforts during a time of great need across our Societies and planet.

A few helpful links are below:

- <u>Virtual Teaching Discussion Board</u> topics on post-secondary education and K-2 resources,
- Webpage with information on changes to federal grants, deadlines, etc., and
- Outreach to K12 teachers with ongoing promotions of resources on the <u>Soils4Teachers</u> and <u>Agronomy4Me</u> sites.

Ongoing informational and educational resources are available:

- Weekly science stories and 4 ASA/CSSA and SSSA blogs a month,
- Online education programs (singularly or as a subscription) for CEU requirements for both <u>agronomy</u> and <u>soils</u>, and
- <u>Field, Lab, Earth podcast</u> (always free) on past and present advances in the fields of agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental sciences.

Like so many other important activities, we also have cancellations and some limited delays:

• 2020 National Collegiate Soil Judging Competition (watch for a write-up of the teams that were set to compete in an upcoming issue of CSA News),

- 2020 Spring Meeting of our Undergraduate members (SASES) at Iowa State. Plans for the 2021 meeting will be announced soon,
- All April credentialing exams for CCA and Soils are cancelled or postponed. Refunds and/or rescheduling is in process, and
- While not cancelled, distribution of print <u>CSA News</u> and <u>Crops & Soils</u> magazines are experiencing unavoidable delays. While waiting, subscribe to content alerts in the magazine links above.

A Special Thank You!

Finally, we want to thank you, our members, for all the energy and creativity that you are showing under these tough circumstances. Your strength and flexibility in fulfilling your obligations such as teaching classes, advising students, adjusting to online learning and completing your classes, consulting farmers, maintaining field and laboratory experiments, and keeping up with the many other functions of your lives will help us all become stronger.

Yours,

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