



# 8th Annual College Week: Celebrating Mission Intergration and Student Success



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HUMAN, AND NATURAL SCIENCES  
April 11-15, 2016

# DEAN'S MESSAGE



Chandra Reddy, Ph.D.  
Dean and Director of Research/  
Administrator of Extension

*College of Agriculture,  
Human and Natural Sciences*

Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, and Attendees:

Thank you for joining us for the 8th College Week: Celebrating Mission Integration and Student Success. We embarked on integrating the missions of teaching, research, and extension in 2008 and have completed it now. This may not mean much for some of you who have joined us recently but it means a whole lot for others who have been here for a while. What you see today is the result of the extraordinary cooperation between the College, our presidents and a grand vision of making this the best Agriculture College among the 1890s and others! You see today in this hall so many budding scientists and professionals –the impressionable young minds alongside our highly respected faculty and staff. This was not always the case, but it is now, it is new and the correct way to conduct business in our college, now and into the future. This is also the year we will be breaking historical records in student graduation rates in agricultural sciences-thirty BS students, a forty year record; thirty-five MS and seven Ph. D students, a historical record for us! And importantly, they all have been offered a job or admission to graduate school! Friends, this is what we came here today to celebrate and to recognize the best amongst us!

Some unique characteristics of this integrated College include the seamless integration of teaching, research and extension faculty in academic departments with tenure track and joint appointments. This allows us to mentor our students with best faculty possible and to engage them in research and outreach in our 27 research labs, three experimental stations, and 51 county operations. Some of my colleagues who have been here for a while tell me that they did not imagine this transformation even in their wildest dreams! The US Department of Agriculture has recognized this successful integration and efficient use of resources and recognized us with a prestigious national award! As I noted in the January 2016 Newsletter, we can reach greater heights from this base, provided we keep the vigor and continue to be smart in resource allocation.

I want to thank the steering committee for their dedication and hard work in successfully organizing this week-long celebration in the College. I also want to thank all speakers that participated in the different events. Thank you for your attendance and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chandra Reddy".

Chandra Reddy, Ph.D.  
Dean and Director of Research/Administrator of Extension

# OPEN HOUSE & CAHNS WEEK KICK-OFF

**Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 - 11:00**

Research Farm and Greenhouse Tours

**2:00 - 4:00**

Lab Tours

## Student Day

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **CAREER FAIR**

**10-2**

*(Farrell-Westbrook Auditorium)*

#### **Participating Employers:**

Elanco Animal Health

Farm Credit Mid-America

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Six Boots

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

Tennessee Farmers CO-OP

Tractor Supply Company

USDA APHIS PPQ

USDA-NRCS

### **STUDENT COOKOUT**

**12-2**

*(Farrell-Westbrook Courtyard)*

# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DAY

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00-11:00 (indoor practice arena)

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



11:30 (*AITC Building*)

“Energy Balance in Humans: Science and Health”

Maciej S. Buchowski, PhD

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

12-1:30

(*Humphries Hall, Room 228*)

Meet & Greet

5:30-6:30

“Nurturing our Future through Collaborations”

Vanessa Jackson, PhD

University of Kentucky

Participate in April 13 activities to be  
eligible for the drawing of an iPad



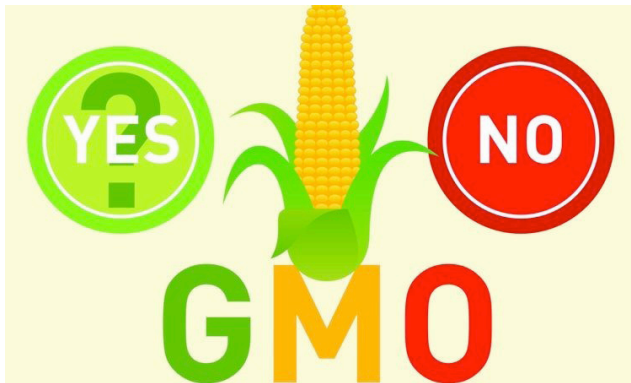
# AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES DAY

Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>

*(Farrell-Westbrook Building Auditorium)*

8-5

Ag & Environmental Science Faculty:  
Scavenger Hunt



**Discussion Topics:**

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)  
Animal Health (Use of antibiotics and growth hormones)

2:30-3:30

Hot Topics in Food,  
Agriculture & the Environment:  
Panel Discussion

3:30-4:30

Refreshments & dialogue with panelists

Participate in April 13 activities to be eligible for the drawing of an iPad

**Awards Luncheon Agenda**  
**Friday, April 15th, 2016**  
**Farrell-Westbrook Auditorium 118**

Mr. William Hayslett, Presiding  
CAHNS Week Committee Co-Chairman  
Assistant Professor/Academic Coordinator

<b>Greetings</b>	Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, President Tennessee State University
<b>Occasion</b>	Dr. Nick Gawel, Superintendent Otis L. Floyd Nursery Research Center
<b>Recognition of Guests</b>	Dr. John Hall, Assistant Professor Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
<b>Historical Overview</b>	Mr. Sam Comer, Assistant Professor Department of Agricultural and Environmental
<b>Meditation</b>	Ms. Elease W. Jolley CAHNS Week Co-Chairman

**LUNCH**

<b>Dean's Comments</b>	Dr. Chandra Reddy, Dean and Director of Research/Administrator of Extension
<b>Presentation of Awards</b>	
Mrs. Rita Fleming	Outstanding Administrative Support Outstanding Technical Support
Dr. Suping Zhou	Outstanding Extension Specialist Outstanding Teacher Faculty Outstanding Young Researcher Outstanding Research Faculty
Dr. De'Etra Young	Outstanding Undergraduate Students Outstanding Master's Student Outstanding Ph.D. Student
<b>Recognition of CAHNS 2016 Award Winners</b>	Dr. De'Etra Young Mrs. Deborah Long
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Dr. Mark Hardy, Vice President Academic Affairs Dr. Chandra Reddy

# College Recognition Day

Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>

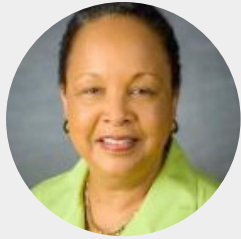
11:30 - 2 Awards Luncheon  
(Farrell-Westbrook Building Auditorium)  
*By invitation only*

## SPEAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS



**Maciej S. Buchowski, PhD**

Dr. Buchowski received his Ph.D. degree in Nutrition from the Life Sciences University Poznan, Poland and participated in fellowship programs in nutrition at the University of British Columbia and at Cornell University. He is currently a Research Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine and Department of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt and an Adjunct Professor in the Department Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College. During his tenure at Meharry Medical College from 1992-2006, he was responsible for teaching nutrition to medical and dental students. He used to teach nutrition at TSU Dept. of Family and Consumer Studies from 1998 - 2004. Dr. Buchowski's areas of research include; (a) energy metabolism in specific diseases, genotypes, phenotypes, populations, and environments, (b) energy metabolism and balance (intake and expenditure assessment) in clinical and population-based studies, (c) clinical interventions affecting energy balance and metabolism, (d) development of methodology and assessment of energy (and nutrient) intake in clinical and translational studies. He currently collaborates with researchers from Harvard School of Public Health, Stanford University, Case Western University, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, and National Institutes of Health. He had also collaborated with scientists from the TSU Center for Prevention Research. Dr. Buchowski publishes in the areas of energy metabolism and balance, nutrition, physical activity, and epidemiology and body composition in both adult and pediatric populations. His bibliography includes >100 peer reviewed articles in journals such as American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Obesity Journal, PLOS Medicine, American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Nutrition, Obesity, Journal of Pediatrics, and American Journal of Public Health. He is also an author or coauthor of several book chapters such as Minority Elders: Nutrition and Dietary Intervention in the Handbook of Minority Aging (2014).



**Vanessa Prier Jackson, Ph.D.**

Vanessa Prier Jackson is chair of the department of Retailing and Tourism Management at the University of Kentucky. She has served as chair for three years, and is a member of the faculty of records committee for the Honors program at the university. Dr. Jackson also serves as the editor of the International Textile and Apparel Association newsletter. Her goal as chair is to provide and nurture transformative education for the leaders of tomorrow by providing support for experiential learning, study abroad and enhanced professional development for faculty and staff. Dr. Jackson's current research focuses on the identification of soft skills students need to be competitive in the retailing and tourism management industry. This research seeks to determine what were the student, faculty, industry leaders and alumni perceived soft skills needed by students for their job performance and the extent to which students' received these skills in college. The results of her research would help academicians and industry leaders create strategies to enhance students' productivity in the world of work. Dr. Jackson received her master's and PhD from Michigan State University in Human Environment: Design and Management in 1998.

## AWARDS

### STUDENT

### OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE (AG & ENVI SCIENCE)

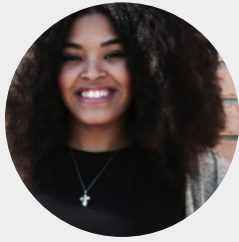


**Angelina Bernardini**

Angelina Bernardini is inspired to work with plants by her love for animals as companions, not food. Ms. Bernardini's academic record includes studying photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design, in Savannah, Ga and studying Biotechnology at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis, Tn. As a recipient of the community college transfer scholarship and a member of the Dean's Scholar program, Ms. Bernardini has maintained academic success while mentoring for the Tennessee Louis Stokes Association for Minority Participation, working on research projects in the Taheri lab for plant molecular genetics and breeding, and preparing for a summer research internship with the University of Kentucky's Agricultural Extension program. When not busy with course work or lab projects, she enjoys snuggling her two cats, Thai and Morrissey, hiking, yoga, craft beer, and planning the next New Orleans roadtrip."



## OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE (FCS)



**Jolynn Franklin**

Jolynn Franklin is a Food & Nutrition major in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. She is a 5th year senior as she switched majors and also decided to acquire prerequisite courses for medical school. Her goal is to be a doctor, who is well-versed in the concepts of nutrition. She has however decided to take a non-traditional route to get there. The decision was a direct result of a summer internship with the Youth Active and Media Savvy program here at our University; in addition to the science emphasis in the curriculum. Winning the Student of the Year Award for the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences is a complete honor and Ms. Franklin is forever grateful to her faculty-mentors, who believed in her and encouraged her to apply! Ms. Franklin is a Chicago native, by-way-of Wisconsin.

## OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT



**Eric S. Nazareno**

Born and raised in the Philippines, Eric S. Nazareno has a big passion for agricultural sciences. At an early age, his parents taught him the importance of agriculture in people's daily lives. He obtained his BS Agriculture degree (Plant Pathology) from the University of the Philippines-Los Baños and clinched the No. 9 spot in the 2009 National Licensure Examination for Agriculturists after graduation. He worked at the Philippine Rice Research Institute as a Science Research Specialist for four years and co-authored papers published in the Philippine Journal of Crop Science and Philippine Science Letters. He is currently working with Dr. Korsi Dumenyo for his Master's degree, studying the molecular interactions of *Erwinia tracheiphila*, a bacterial wilt pathogen, with different cucurbit hosts. In 2015, he authored a paper in Microbial Pathogenesis, and now prepares other manuscripts from his work for publication. He is a member of international honor societies and professional organizations including Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture, American Society for Microbiology, and American Phytopathological Society. He plans to pursue plant-microbe interactions research in his PhD and aims to contribute in producing more food for the world through studying plant diseases. Eric dedicates this award to his parents, who he both lost in 2014, and to his wife and son.

## OUTSTANDING PHD STUDENT



**Md Niamul Kabir**

Md Niamul Kabir is pursuing his PhD. under the supervision of Dr. Fulya Baysal-Gurel at the Tennessee State University Otis L. Floyd Nursery Research Center in McMinnville, TN. His research focuses on improving productivity and soil-borne disease control in nursery crop production. He received a B.S. degree in Botany and a M.S. degree in Department of Botany in the area of plant tissue culture from Dhaka University, Bangladesh. He received second M.S. degree in Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences with concentration in plant science from TSU in spring 2015. As a diverse academic background he also holds Master's in Business Administration (major in Human Resource and Finance) from Asia Pacific University, Bangladesh. Outside of academics, he is serving as President of Bangladesh Student Association of TSU and as an executive member of Bangladesh Association of Nashville. He also worked as a cofounder and moderator of Plant Science Journal Club at TSU. He is a member of the American Phytopathological Society and the American Society of Microbiology. He is a very productive student, with peer-reviewed journal article, two extension publications and large numbers of abstracts. He wants to utilize his expertise in the development of plant disease diagnostic assays and effective plant disease management strategies to increase yield, quality, and income-generation potential of agricultural crops in the developing world.

## STAFF

### OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT



**Linda Buchanan**

Linda Buchanan is an Administrative Assistant in the research division of the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences. Her tenure began with the University in 1980, working in the Main and downtown campus libraries. After a brief move out of state she returned to the University to work in the Records Department and eventually had an opportunity to move to the Department of Agriculture, before moving to CAHNS. Linda has received several awards for her contribution and is looking forward to several new projects this summer within the College of Agriculture. Linda is a very proud mother of one daughter.

### OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT



**Sherry Crudup**

Ms. Sherry Crudup graduated from Tennessee State University in 1988 with a B.S. degree in Plant Science. After which she worked with Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services and Fisk University as Horticulturist Grounds Supervisor. She joined Tennessee State University in 1998 as a temporary research assistant in the computer lab and worked with Dr. Li doing inventory in the Department of Environmental Sciences. She was later promoted to Research Assistant II in April 2001. She has worked in numerous areas while here in the department. In 2008 she was appointed to greenhouse manager, Inventory specialist and assigned the task of delivery/pick-up of mail for the entire college. Ms. Crudup currently works with Dr. Arvazena Clardy, where she assists with the design and implementation of Alternative and International research both in the field and greenhouse. Throughout the year she also works with the Outreach and Assistance Program assisting with workshops and conferences, each year she helps with the setup of the community garden, and over the past 16 years she has continually kept the college in compliance with inventory. Sherry also helps manage and guides undergraduate and graduate students and assists them with the setup of their posters, senior projects and thesis research. In addition to her regular responsibilities, for 16 years she has served on the Agriculture and Home Economic Hall of Fame Committee and the University-wide Research Symposium committee for the past 6 years. She has been a member of the Ag week committee and the College of Agriculture Homecoming Committee.

# FACULTY

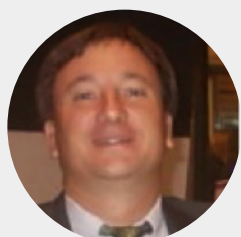
## OUTSTANDING TEACHER



**Sandria L. Godwin, PhD**

Dr. Sandria L. Godwin is a Professor and Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Tennessee State University, where she has taught since 1982. Prior to coming to TSU she taught at Kansas State University and Ft. Hays State University. She also serves as Program Leader for the Food Bioscience and Technology Team in the College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences. A graduate of Kansas State University, Dr. Godwin currently specializes in research that prevents consumers from getting foodborne illness. Her work has been featured on National Public Radio, the Jay Leno Show and the John Tesh Show, in addition to having her work featured in such publications as Men's Health Magazine, Women's Health Magazine, the Harvard Newsletter and the Food and Nutrition Magazine, published by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She is also a popular presenter for government seminars and is working with USDA and the Partnership for Food Safety Education in revising some of their consumer publications. Dr. Godwin is an inductee of The Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame at TSU, and has received the Leader Award from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Honor Award from the Tennessee Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Tennessee State University Researcher of the Year Award, the Distinguished Research Award from the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University, the Partner Award from the Metropolitan Action Commission, and was selected as the 2014 Nashville District Dietitian of the Year. Just last week she was inducted into the Blue Jacket Club at TSU. A former student recently stated "Dr. Godwin was tough and demanding. I spent many nights crying over an assignment; but I am so glad she was that way because the training I received from her and her requirement of excellence helped lead me to where I am today."

## OUTSTANDING RESEARCH FACULTY



**Matthew Blair, PhD**

Dr. Matthew W. Blair is a Plant Breeder and Research Associate Professor at Tennessee State University (TSU) in Nashville, Tennessee where he conducts breeding and genetics projects on legumes and dicotyledonous C4 crop plants such as cultivated amaranth. His goals are to have a substantial impact in plant science research for agriculture in the southeastern USA and abroad. The plant genetics program goals of Dr. Blair's lab are to have a major impact on the productivity of small-holder agriculture in the USA and internationally. The laboratory applies molecular biology research to cultivar and crop development, uses various agronomic and physiological testing techniques for association genetics and plant breeding as well as engaging in a participatory manner with foreign aid groups, agriculture sector decision makers and farmer groups to improve crop management in the interests of resource poor farmers. Field research is conducted at two experiment stations near TSU (Davidson and Cheatham counties) and laboratory based research emphasizes marker-assisted breeding. He has been the PI or coPI for common bean nutritional improvement and legume genetics/genomics projects with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CIDA (Canada), DANIDA (Denmark), DFID (United Kingdom) USAID and USDA (United States) and collaborated with advanced research centers, national agricultural research programs and regional networks for common bean and cowpeas in Latin America, Africa, Europe and North America. Additional projects in abiotic stress tolerance (drought and aluminum toxicity) breeding of common beans. His extensive publication list consists of over 160 refereed, 75 non-refereed, 12 chapters) plus over 120,000 Genbank entries and 4 Crop registrations in US and International journals.

## OUTSTANDING EXTENSION SPECIALIST



**John C. Ricketts, PhD.**

Dr. Ricketts' Extension programs with his constituent base of secondary agricultural education students and school-based and extension educators seek to improve educator delivery and student learning in and about agriculture. Examples of popular professional development service/extension program for constituents include the Tiger Tune-Up, Livestock Judging Coaches Clinic, the Pedagogical Planning, Delivery, and Evaluation Certification Workshop Series for County Agents, and the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Institutes he hosts each summer for secondary educators. Dr. Ricketts provides Extension outreach to Tennessee youth by regularly hosting, facilitating, and judging career development events, directing leadership development activities/camps, and even teaching youth in nonformal settings. He has served on a special team in Tennessee Extension to develop a Country Director Training Curriculum, on the UT/TSU Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Community Economic Development Leadership Team and the Diversity Committee for the Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers. Dr. Ricketts teaches courses and serves as the program leader for Agricultural Education. He is also the coordinator for teacher licensure in agricultural education. His research focuses on student achievement in secondary and higher education in and about agriculture. Key achievement variables of interest include critical thinking, professional success, leadership development, and academic achievement. To date, he has authored and/or co-authored over 60 full-length peer-reviewed, refereed articles. He has also been PI or Co-PI on grant projects totaling over \$4.6M in his career. Nearly every one of these projects supported his Extension constituent base of youth and educators in agriculture. He has authored a textbook and made significant contributions as a consultant writer with organizations such as the National FFA Organization, National Geographic Learning, and the LifeKnowledge Leadership Curriculum. His materials are used in high school classrooms in every state in the country. Participants of agricultural education at all levels are feeling the impacts of his extension activities.

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG RESEARCHER



**William "Bill" Sutton, PhD.**

Dr. William "Bill" Sutton is originally from the town of Philippi located in north-central West Virginia and is very proud of his mountain-state heritage. He moved to the southeastern United States in 2004 and has made a lifestyle out of moving around the southeast. Bill received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV, his Master's degree in Biological Sciences from Marshall University in Huntington, WV, and his Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources from Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, AL. After receiving his doctorate, Bill completed a two-year post-doc at the University of Tennessee and a one-year post-doc at Clemson University. Bill is a broadly-trained wildlife ecologist and his research evaluates the impacts that natural and human-based disturbances have on wildlife populations. Bill works on a variety of research, but common themes in his research include natural history, disturbance ecology, wildlife pathogens, and global climate change. Additionally, his research has strong ties to management and applied conservation of vertebrate populations. Bill works closely with a variety of state, federal, and non-governmental agencies, including the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, USDA Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and Nashville Zoo at Grassmere. He is currently advising three graduate students (Jeronimo Silva, Nicole Witzel, and Brent Newman) and is advising two undergraduate Dean's scholar students (Brittaney Hogan and Calandrea Williams). When he is not working on wildlife research, Bill enjoys trail running with his dogs.

# CAHNS EXTENSION AWARDS

**Mr. Ken Reeves, Madison County**

*Healthy Lifestyle Programming Award*

*Achievement In Service Award*

*George S. Foster Award*

*Dean Don Felker Financial Management Programming Award*

**Linsdsey A. White, Coffee County**

*George S. Foster Outstanding 4-H Agent Award*

**Misty Lane Watkins, Rutherford County**

*Public Issues Leadership Development Scholarship Award*

**Jessica O. Waters, Blount County**

*2015 District 5, Outstanding YFR Award*

*2015 District 5, Outstanding YWFR Award*

**Adam Blalock**

*Committee Chair of the Year 2016 TN Nursery and Landscape Assoc.*

## 2016 PROMOTIONS

### PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

**DR. JASON DE KOFF** DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**DR. HONGWEI SI** DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

### PROMOTED TO FULL PROFESSOR:

**DR. FUR-CHI CHEN** DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

**DR. SAMUEL DENNIS** DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**DR. JASON OLIVER** DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**DR. JOHN C. RICKETTS** DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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Kourtney Daniels, Desiree Robertson, Eligia Stafford, DeChandra Lockett, Jazmin House, Jolynn Franklin, Justin McKinnie, Joseph Tillman, Tariq Muhammad, and Kanita Hutchinson  
*(CAHNS Ambassadors who helped with the awards luncheon)*

Roy Avery, Dexter Bradley, Rico Roland, and Eddie Williams  
*(for helping with the cookout)*

# CAHNS 2016 38<sup>TH</sup> UNIVERSITY WIDE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WINNERS

## Orals

### GRADUATE SCIENCE I

First Place: Hui Li

### GRADUATE SCIENCE II

First Place: Sherly Celada and Siyang Jian  
Third Place: Boniface Kimathi and Ali Alsogair

### GRADUATE SCIENCE III

First Place: Asha Maheshwari  
Third Place: Zhujia Ye

### GRADUATE SCIENCE IV

First Place: Jeronimo Silva  
Second Place: Eric Nazareno  
Third Place: Li Wang

### UNDERGRADUATE SCIENCE

First Place: Jolynn Franklin and Devendra Bhandari  
Second Place: Alexius Dingle

## Posters

### GRADUATE

First Place: Lijuan Zhang  
Second Place - three way tie  
Xiaoyong Wang  
Bryan Sallman  
Manisha Dolui

### UNDERGRADUATES

First Place: Brittaney Hogan and Calandrea Williams  
Second Place: Jared Brodeur and Hillary Cartmell

# 2016 CAHNS AWARD WINNERS

## **Farm Credit/MANRRS VIP Scholars**

\$1,000 Travel Award, \$1,000 Scholarship

Leah K. Steele

## **John Deere/MANRRS Scholarship**

\$2,000 Scholarship

Kourtney Daniels

## **31st MANRRS Annual Career Fair and Training Conference**

### **Top Ten Recognition, Undergraduate Research Poster Contest**

Matthew Edwards

### **3rd Place, Graduate Research Poster Contest**

Danielle Gunter-Ward

## **USDA APHIS/University of Kentucky/ MANRRS Travel Abroad Scholarship**

“Exploring the Diverse Communities and Agricultural Development of the Dominican Republic.”

Sherri DeGraphenreed

## **Monsanto Student Leadership Program**

Olusha Moses

Cosmas Muasya

Oluwatosin Ogunmayowa

Junie Nkonge

Sierra Washington

## **National Black Farmers Association Scholarship Program**

\$5,000 Scholarship

Danelle Solomon

Kristen Stigger

## **Tennessee Council of Cooperatives**

\$1,000 Scholarship

Leah K. Steele

## **Tennessee Academy of Sciences**

### **2nd Place, Geology and Geography Poster**

Hung-Wai Ho\*, Danelle Solomon\*

### **Honorable Mention, Ecology and Environmental Science Poster**

Brittaney Hogan\*, Calandrea Williams\*, Tom Byl, De'Etra Young, and William Sutton

### **2nd Place, Ecology and Environmental Science Oral**

Jeronimo Gomes Da Silva Neto\*, William B. Sutton

### **1st Place, Agriculture Poster**

Boniface Kimathi \*, Thyneice Taylor-Bowden, and Samuel Nahashon

### **2nd Place, Agriculture Poster**

Sarayu Bhogoju, Thyneice Taylor-Bowden, and Samuel N.

### **3rd Place, Molecular Biology Oral**

Collins Khwatenge

## **University of Oregon – COACH for Women Scientists and Engineers**

Professional Skills Training for Minority Graduate Students,  
Award

Joy Igbafe

## **USDA 1890 Scholars Recipients**

Kourtney Daniels

Alexius Dingle

Joseph Tillman

India Williams

## **College of Agriculture Council of CO-OPs Scholarship**

Amaris Daniels

Ambriell T. Dunlap

Devin M. Pauley

Kayla C. Sampson

Leah K. Steele

# CAHNS WEEK COMMITTEES

## STEERING

**William Hayslett and Elease Jolley, Co-Chairs**

Sarabjit Bhatti, Chiquita Briley, Carter Catlin,  
Rita Fleming, Nick Gawel, John Hall,  
Latif Lighari, Deborah Long, Sam Nahashon,  
Eddie Williams, De'Etra Young, Suping Zhou

## STUDENT AWARDS

**De'Etra Young, John Hall, Co-Chairs**

Jason de Koff, Margaret Machara, Bharat  
Pokharel, Susan Speight

## SPONSORSHIP

Fitzroy Bullock, Jason de Koff, Nick  
Gawel, Agnes Kilonzo-Nthenge,  
Eddie Williams, De'Etra Young

## PROGRAM & DISPLAY

**Sarabjit Bhatti, Deborah Long Co-Chairs**  
Bridgette Collins, Nick Gawel, Sam Nahashon,  
Leah K. Steele-Student

## PUBLICITY & MEDIA

**Bridgette Collins, Chair**  
Sarabjit Bhatti, Chiquita Briley, Nick Gawel,  
Devinn Pauley-Student

## STAFF AWARDS

**Rita Fleming, Thomas Broyles Co-Chairs**  
Karla Kean, Makonnen Lema, Yvonne Myles,  
Ankit Patras, Tamla Thompson, Anthony  
Tuggle, Cassandra Williams

## REFRESHMENTS

**NaKeshia Brown, Chair**

Sherry Crudup, Regina Hill,  
Cassandra Williams, Eddie Williams

## FACULTY AWARDS

**Suping Zhou, Richard Browning Co-Chairs**

Carla Adesso, Sarabjit Bhatti, Sandria  
Godwin, John Ricketts, Roger Sauve, William  
Sutton, Ying Wu

## INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

**John Hall, Chair**

Ahmad Aziz, Matthew Blair, Anthony  
Tuggle, Hui Li, Latif Lighari,  
An Peischel, Hongwei Si,  
Leslie Speller-Henderson

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