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Welcome Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

JOHN W. WHITE AWARDS:

Outstanding Research Award

Karen Moldenhauer – Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences
presented by Jean-François Meullenet
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture–Research
and Director, Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station*

Outstanding Teaching Award

Kathi Jogan – Department of Animal Science
presented by Deacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
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Outstanding Extension State Faculty Award

Jeremy Ross – Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences
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*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture–Extension
and Director, Cooperative Extension Service*

Outstanding County Extension Educator Award

Les Walz – Cleveland County
presented by Bob Scott
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Outstanding Team Award

Big Creek Research & Extension Team: Lawrence Berry, James Burke, Timothy Glover, Jennifer Purtle, Andrew Sharpley, Pearl Webb (Department of Crop, Soil, & Environmental Sciences); Brina Smith (Arkansas Water Resources Center); Karl VanDevender (Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering); and Adam Willis (Newton County Extension Agent)
presented by Mark Cochran
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PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AWARDS:

Division of Agriculture Non-Classified Support Personnel Award

Tsung Cheng Tsai – Department of Animal Science
Mary Poling – Information Technology
presented by Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

Division of Agriculture Classified Support Personnel Award

David Reynolds – Department of Poultry Science
presented by Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

Bumpers College Excellence in Service Award for Non-Classified Support Personnel

Jody Davis – Bumpers College Dean’s Office
presented by Deacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
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Bumpers College Excellence in Service Award for Classified Support Personnel

Rhonda Harton – Department of Agricultural Education,
Communications & Technology
presented by Deacue Fields
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BUMPERS COLLEGE AWARDS:

Length of Service Awards

presented by Deacue Fields
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Outstanding Honors Faculty Mentor Award

Donia Timby – School of Human Environmental Sciences
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Bumpers College Alumni Society Outstanding Advising Award

Lauren Thomas – Department of Animal Science
presented by Suzanne Pennington
Outgoing Bumpers College Alumni Society Board President

Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence

Jacquelyn Wiersma-Mosley – School of Human Environmental Sciences
presented by Deacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
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Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence

Jason Norsworthy – Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences
presented by Deacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
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RECOGNITION OF WORKDAY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

presented by Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

RECOGNITION OF ISSUED PATENTS

presented by Lisa Childs
Assistant Vice President for Technology Commercialization

- **Rice Diamond** — Karen Moldenhauer, Rice Research and Extension Center
- **Titan Rice Cultivar** — Karen Moldenhauer, Rice Research and Extension Center and Xueyan Sha, Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences
- **Trailer, Labeling System, Control System, and Program for Field Implementation of Computerized Hole Selection for Layflat Irrigation Pipe** — Christopher Henry, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- **Grape Plant Named ‘Compassion’** — John Clark, Department of Horticulture
- **Blackberry Plant Named ‘APF-205T’** — John Clark, Department of Horticulture
- **Nectarine Tree Named ‘Effie’** — John Clark and Margaret Worthington, Department of Horticulture
- **Compositions and Methods of Enhancing Immune Responses to Enteric Pathogens** — Lisa Bielke, Olivia B. Faulkner, Billy Hargis, Sherryll Layton and Neil R. Pumford, Department of Poultry Science
- **Yeast Vaccine Vector Including Immunostimulatory and Antigenic Polypeptides and Methods of Using the Same** — Lisa Bielke, Leona N. Calhoun, Olivia B. Faulkner and Billy Hargis, Department of Poultry Science
- **Stalk Cutter Device** — Chester Greub and Trenton Roberts, Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences

John W. White Outstanding Research Award



Karen Moldenhauer

Karen Moldenhauer was on the threshold of retirement when she learned she wasn't quite finished with the job. For the second time in her long career, she was asked to serve as interim director of the Rice Research and Extension Center.

After joining the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station as a rice breeder in 1982, Karen dedicated the next 38 years to the art and science of plant breeding. She is an expert in the exacting scientific methods and meticulous recordkeeping required to move wild plants from exotic parts of the world step-by-step, year after year, generation following generation until a promising breeding line she calls "one of my babies" is ready to step through a curtain of administrative red tape onto the stage of public rice varieties that help feed the world.

Karen developed the first commercial cultivars with resistance to all the common blast races in the southern U.S. which provided a source of rice blast resistance to breeding groups across the South. Under Karen's leadership, the rice breeding program released 38 rice cultivars over 38 years. That's not a typo — 38 cultivars in 38 years. They've had a substantial impact on Arkansas rice production, increasing average rice yields from 95 bushels per acre in 1982 to as high as 168 bushels per acre by 2013.

In 1989, Karen established a rice biotechnology program, now the Molecular Laboratory, to develop molecular breeding tools to complement the existing rice breeding program.

The job's not over until the paperwork is finished. And Karen's paperwork includes 14 utility patents, 12 plant variety protection certificates, 11 book chapters, 90 refereed publications, 272 reviewed publications, and 139 abstracts.

Karen has received numerous awards including the Rice Technical Working Group Distinguished Service Award in 2020, and the Distinguished Rice Research and Education Team Award in 2002 and 2004.



Kathi Jogan

John W. White Outstanding Teaching Award

Kathi Jogan, instructor of equine science in the Department of Animal Science, has a varied teaching load: seven undergraduate courses (six in the animal science curriculum), three study abroad courses cross listed with biology, one course with an embedded trip (Comparative Studies in Panamanian and U.S.

Agriculture), a service-learning course (Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies) and five courses with graduate sections.

Jogan completed her Ed.D. in 2014 with her dissertation focused on strategies to improve teaching and learning, and to evaluate student improvement.

A member of the animal science curriculum committee, she has developed study manuals for three study abroad courses, 35 tip sheets for equine management, a course guide for the Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies class, a manual for teaching assistants helping with the Equine Behavior and Training course, and she has implemented curricular changes based on feedback from students and potential employers of students.

Jogan has integrated students from outside Bumpers College into her classes and successfully collaborated with faculty members and programs across campus, including music, nursing, the indigenous food and agriculture initiative, social work, recreational therapy, biology, agricultural communications, and environmental, soil and water science.

She works diligently to develop internship opportunities for students both inside and outside of the United States and has been selected as the Agro-Panama international group's faculty advisor.

Since 2018, she has obtained the Online Teaching Certification from Quality Matters, presented research and conducted 10 workshops nationally and internationally. She is invited annually to provide a keynote address in Peru for a group of 300 Peruvian high school and university teachers.



Jeremy Ross

John W. White Outstanding Extension State Faculty Award

Dr. Jeremy Ross, Extension soybean agronomist and professor of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences, joined the Division of Agriculture as a program associate in Plant Pathology in 1996. He worked as a program associate and corn and grain sorghum verification coordinator from 1997-2007, after which he became the Division of Agriculture's soybean agronomist and an assistant professor, working his way to full professor in 2018.

Ross's outreach efforts span everything from print publications to in-person presentations and trainings, as well as blogging, social media and other forms of electronic communication. Since 2007, he has co-authored 21 peer-reviewed journal articles and authored 54 published abstracts, 56 extension publications and reports, 150 formal extension newsletters, 569 popular press articles and dozens of other publications.

Ross's educational programs focus on best management practices with new products and technologies, soybean variety selection, in-season crop management, irrigation and seeding rate and row spacing interactions. Between 2007-2018, he delivered more than 500 presentations at every level from local to international.

Ross is also the co-developer of the Arkansas Row Crops Blog, which sees an average of 7,500 visits per month, and served as coordinator for the Arkansas Soybean College, an important annual training that began in 2016.

Ross's current focus is to provide educational programs in soybean and edamame production and agronomic systems that improve soybean yield and profitability for soybean growers in Arkansas.



Les Walz

John W. White Outstanding County Extension Educator Award

Les Walz, Cleveland County Cooperative Extension staff chair, joined the Cooperative Extension Service as an Extension agent in Chicot County in 1997. In 1999, he began working as the staff chair in Cleveland County.

In his current role, Walz focuses on serving the people of Cleveland County in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, and community and economic development.

Walz's contributions in service to the people of Cleveland County are extensive. Since 2008, Walz has helped vaccinate more than 340 heifers through the BANGS vaccination route; reached more than 9,920 clients through 4-H outreach; raised more than \$43,000 in support of Cleveland County programs; published more than 60 articles in local media outlets and much more.

Walz has also implemented and participated in novel programs, including coordinating the original Homestead Conference, which has since been replicated in other areas of the state; helped lead Kick Start Cleveland County, a successful economic development program, and initiated the Cleveland County in-school 4-H program.

Walz is heavily involved in his community. He currently serves as a fire chief for a rural fire department, as an FFA sponsor, and on numerous boards throughout Cleveland County.

John W. White Outstanding Team Award

If you've heard the phrases "Buffalo River" and "hog farm" together, you'll know what the Big Creek Research and Extension Team is all about. Commissioned by the governor in 2013 to study the potential effects of a large scale hog operation in the Buffalo River watershed, the Division of Agriculture assembled a team of its top water quality, nutrient management, soil physics, and microbial ecology experts, along with support from statistics and communications from the U.S. Geological Service, to study the fate and transport of nutrients. The team, led by Andrew Sharpley, worked tirelessly to ensure the rigor of the data collected

and the soundness of its analysis. While the research was itself grueling, perhaps even more difficult was the public opposition to the farm, which turned into opposition to our research. Despite the challenges, the work done by the team allowed real-time farm management and state policy decisions to be made. The farm ceased operating in late 2019, with the State of Arkansas noting that the owners had done nothing wrong. The impact of the team's work will be appreciably broader and will have significant implications to other CAFOs in areas dominated by karst geology across the U.S. The depth and breadth of monitoring and research by BCRET provides a unique on-farm and real-world database, which farming groups, policy makers, and scientists will inform strategies and decisions regarding on-farm land, manure, and nutrient management.

The Big Creek Research and Extension Team includes (*pictured below, left to right; top to bottom*) Lawrence Berry, James Burke, Timothy Glover, Jennifer Purtle, Andrew Sharpley, Pearl Webb (Department of Crop, Soil, & Environmental Sciences); Brina Smith (Arkansas Water Resources Center); Karl VanDevender (Department of Biological Agriculture and Engineering); and Adam Willis (Newton County Extension Agent).

Since the John White Team Award limits the nomination to nine members, the team wanted to acknowledge other BCRET members who provided critical support to the success and impact of the



project. These include (alphabetically) Kris Brye (University Professor of Soil Physics), Mike Daniels (professor, Extension Specialist for Water Quality and Nutrition Management), Brian Haggard (director, Arkansas Water Resources Center), Ed Gbur (Director, Experiment Station Agriculture Statistics Lab), Phil Hays (U.S. Geological Survey), Mary Hightower (Division chief communications officer), Tim Kresse (U.S. Geological survey-retired), Mary Savin (Professor of Microbial Ecology), and Jun Zhu (director, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability).



Tsung Cheng Tsai

Division of Agriculture Non-Classified Support Personnel Award

Dr. Tsung Cheng Tsai, program associate in the Department of Animal Science, joined the Division of Agriculture as a program technician in 2011. He became a program associate with the department's swine research program in 2012, and was promoted to Program Associate II in 2018.

Tsai has been instrumental in providing the necessary data input to evaluate the Pork Industry Carbon Life Cycle Assessment in support of a \$5 million AFRI grant awarded to the Division of Agriculture in 2012. He has also been involved in multiple studies that have had a direct effect on the swine industry and efforts to limit its carbon footprint.

Tsai's interests and expertise have also helped researchers within his department to develop assays to further investigate mechanisms that might be involved in the enhancement of swine growth performance, as well as establishing a peripheral blood mono-nucleus cell isolation technique in swine that helped examine immunological differences in various swine.

Since 2017, Tsai has co-authored six articles published in peer reviewed journals and presented more than 30 abstracts of paper at regional meetings between 2015 and 2019, helping gain visibility for programs within the Animal Science Department.



Mary Poling

Division of Agriculture Non-Classified Support Personnel Award

Since April 2015, Mary Poling has served as coordinator for interactive communications in IT. It's no secret that in the beginning, not everyone appreciated the capabilities that Zoom had to offer. However, once the pandemic hit and everyone sought to move their programming online, Poling's phone and email blew up.

Mary Poling is the right person at the right time for this job. Poling is well steeped in the Extension mission. She started with Arkansas Extension in 2003 after more than seven years as an Extension agent in Illinois. She began testing Zoom in 2012 and used it to support users with their AIMS reporting. In 2013, Extension purchased a Zoom education license and began providing support for all staff that same year. In 2014, she moved to IT and in 2015 took her current position. Poling's energy, attention to detail and enthusiasm for conducting and supporting Zoom webinars allows everyone, on even the smallest meetings, to be successful. Her insistence upon rehearsals are crucial to the success of many of these remote sessions. Poling understands the importance of lighting, audio, equipment and the finer details of conducting a successful webinar or training. She trains all Division employees on how to present themselves professionally on camera which, in turn, reflects well on the Division's reputation both in Arkansas and beyond.

It's no exaggeration to say that Poling has single-handedly driven the expansion of Zoom by her willingness to work with faculty and staff to use it in innovative ways, support their training, and stepping in where necessary to ensure a quality experience for hosts and the audience they serve.



David Reynolds

Agricultural Experiment Station Classified Support Personnel Award

David Reynolds joined the Division of Agriculture in 2006 as a farm worker at the Poultry Research Farm in Fayetteville. After rising through the ranks of farm, lab and research technician positions, he was promoted to his current position as farm foreman in 2017.

As foreman, Reynolds supports research efforts throughout the farm complex, including 14 poultry houses, a hatchery, a pilot processing plant and feed mill. Among other crucial duties, Reynolds oversees the regulation of lighting, ventilation and temperature to optimize poultry growth, as well as regulation of water lines critical to poultry health.

Reynolds also works with vendors to ensure timely grain deliveries, coordinates facilities and labor for each project, and monitors research trials for compliance with Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, or IACUC, standards and animal welfare.

Maintenance is also part of his job duties and Reynolds has been responsible for the remodeling of multiple poultry houses and small research houses, as well as re-roofing several buildings, updating equipment and general beautification of the farm.

Reynolds has developed a loyal workforce of both fulltime and student employees. His leadership by example ensures that research projects are completed smoothly and efficiently; he has proven himself especially indispensable in 2020, helping to implement safety precautions that have allowed research to continue in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Jody Davis

Bumpers College Excellence in Service Award for Non-Classified Support Personnel

Kaaron “Jody” Davis grew up on a small farm south of Farmington, Arkansas, where she was reared to value all forms of education.

Her father, Aaron, raised and trained horses and mules, as well as made and repaired western saddles and horse tack in his saddle shop. While he only had the opportunity for an eighth-grade education, he was self-educated, and a true craftsman and businessman. Jody’s mother, Martha, worked very hard to put herself through college, earning her Ph.D. She became a professor at the U of A and taught a variety of communications-related classes, ultimately publishing her own textbook, “Scientific Papers and Presentations.”

After earning her Bachelor of Science degree in animal science in 1991, Davis's job changed from part-time student worker to full-time. She became the professional assistant to Dr. Duane Wolf and advisor for his undergraduate students. Over the next 20-plus years, she developed her understanding of Bumpers College's curriculum and advising needs. Davis now serves as director of student records for the College and is responsible for assisting with the advising needs of faculty and staff. She also monitors student academic progress, ultimately approving them for graduation.

Davis always assists those around her, and has an open-door policy to encourage students, faculty and staff to see her when they need anything. Friends and family know they can ask her for help any time. Whether cooking a meal for one or a group, moving someone into a new home or working cows, Davis is always willing to pitch in and help.



Rhonda Harton

Bumpers College Excellence in Service Award for Classified Support Personnel

Rhonda Harton has been employed by the U of A System as an administrative assistant for the last nine years and has been with the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology since 2015 where she serves as the primary office support specialist for faculty and as office receptionist.

Harton has more than 20 years of experience in customer service and support, and is a primary support person for faculty teaching, research and advising; maintaining student records, arranging meetings and anticipating faculty needs; and assisting with outreach, recruiting and professional development events. She has completed certification programs for Accommodating Disabilities, Building Supportive Communities: Clery Act and Title IX, Code of Conduct: Workplace Conduct and search committee training.

Known as the "AECT mom," she is compassionate with students and makes personal connections, utilizes effective problem-solving techniques, completes many tasks with little or no supervision, schedules travel arrangements, manages purchasing, assists faculty

and students with Workday, manages the tech closet, manages supplies and materials, supervises student workers, assists graduate students and assists with the FFA CDE contest hosted by the department.



Donia Timby

Outstanding Honors Faculty Mentor Award

Donia Timby has come full circle since stepping foot on campus in 1996. She earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the U of A in 1999 and 2004, respectively.

Timby was master teacher at the U of A Nursery School and program project specialist for the Child Assessment team of Childhood Services at Arkansas State University prior to landing her dream job in Fayetteville in August 2017. Timby now serves as an instructor with the human development and family sciences as well as birth through kindergarten programs in the School of Human Environmental Sciences.

She has enjoyed serving on committees and teaching classes, but her most rewarding work is partnering with, and mentoring, students during class projects and honors projects. One example involved assisting an honors student in transforming a garden space into a healing garden at the Jean Tyson Child Development Study Center. Timby is currently involved in another honors student project at the Center, working to develop a culturally competent library space available to children, families, students and staff.



Veronica Mobley

Outstanding International Education Award

Veronica Mobley, assistant director in the Office of Study Abroad & International Exchange, has worked at the Office of Study Abroad since 2014. Mobley coordinates faculty-led programs and advises students who are interested in study abroad for Bumpers College as well as the College of Education and Health Professions.

Mobley also helps foster partnerships with external study abroad providers, manages the Study Abroad social media accounts and the Study Abroad Student Ambassador Program. One of her favorite roles is in support of international service learning programs such as Bumpers College's programs in Belize and Mozambique, where she is able to combine her

passion for education and service through administration of programs that build community partnerships across the globe.

Mobley lives in Fayetteville with her two children. She graduated from the U of A with a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations, and Latin American and Latino studies; and a Master of Arts degree in communication.



Lauren Thomas

Bumpers College Alumni Society Outstanding Advising Award

Lauren Thomas, clinical assistant professor and veterinarian in the Department of Animal Science, has advised 247 students since 2017, including 70 during the 2020-21 academic year.

She takes or sends students to the annual Pet Food Forum in Kansas City, takes pre-vet students to tour veterinary schools over spring break, and coordinates activities between pre-vet students and the Northwest Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association for interaction and networking.

Thomas participates in 90 percent of the freshman orientation sessions, and serves as a liaison between the U of A Career Development Center and her department in relaying career and internship information to students and faculty. She develops, oversees and advises honors students working on novel undergraduate research projects, specifically assisting in grant proposal writing, materials and methods development, and thesis writing.

In 2020, 29 students applied to veterinary or medical school, and 24 (83 percent) were accepted into a veterinary school with several receiving more than one offer.

Thomas also serves on the All University Academic Integrity Board; the Animal Science Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee; as pre-veterinary and Pre-Veterinary Club advisor; prospective student recruiter; as the departmental Freshman & Transfer Student Coordinator and on the departmental Assessment Committee.



Jacquelyn
Wiersma-Mosley

Jack G. Justus Award for Teaching Excellence

Jacquelyn Wiersma-Mosley is an associate professor in human development and family sciences in Bumpers College's School of Human Environmental Sciences. Her teaching program has focused on creating curricula to increase cultural competence (via the Intercultural Development Inventory) in courses she developed, including a senior-level required course on Multicultural Families and a new general elective course, Introduction to Cultural Competence.

She is a trained administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory and conducts trainings across campus with students, faculty and staff as well as with the local NWA community.

Nationally, Wiersma-Mosley has been awarded the Cognella Innovation in Teaching Award for her discipline in family science. The award recognizes outstanding family science instructors who use innovative teaching practices to engage students with new and exciting ways.

While she has excelled in classroom instruction, she also has a strong history of motivating students through mentorship in instructional grant development (students funded over \$10,000), manuscript development in honors and thesis projects (at least nine publications) and presenting at state, regional and national conferences (more than 30 presentations).

THE SPITZE LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



2021 AWARD RECIPIENT

Jason Norsworthy

Jason Norsworthy, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences, has made outstanding contributions to all three mission areas.

He teaches graduate and undergraduate level classes, such as Principles of Weed Control and Pest Management, and serves as co-instructor for undergraduate internships and the weed practicum. His instruction has been instrumental in the University of Arkansas Weed Team routinely

winning the Southern Weed Contest. As an advisor, he has graduated 31 master's degree and six Ph.D. students.

Norsworthy has secured more than \$16 million in research funding, and has authored or co-authored five book chapters, 279 refereed journal articles, and 173 papers and reports. He has had 62 invitations to speak and present at national and international events, including delivering keynote addresses in Argentina, Australia, Canada and France. His research has guided the Arkansas State Plant Board regarding policy, and at request of the governor and state secretary of agriculture, he has provided guidance on important statewide agricultural issues. He has been instrumental in educating the Environmental Protection Agency about mitigation of herbicide resistance, leading to his recommendations appearing on all new herbicide labels.

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In terms of service, he has served as president of Gamma Sigma Delta on campus, as editor-in-chief of Weed Technology and on the Board of Directors for the Weed Science Society of America. Norsworthy does not have an Extension appointment, but has organized field days, tours and symposiums in the state, and made presentations to growers and co-authored more than 80 Extension publications.

Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence Recipients

1995 – James N. Moore	2009 – Park Waldroup
1996 – George E. Templeton	2010 – Eric J. Wailes
1997 – Justin R. Morris	2011 – John R. Clark
1998 – Ronald E. Talbert	2012 – Donna L. Graham
1999 – Fred Stephen	2013 – Yanbin Li
2000 – John Kirkpatrick Skeeles Sr.	2014 – Navam Hettiarachchy
2001 – Robert D. Riggs	2015 – Pengyin Chen
2002 – Lawrence R. “Dick” Oliver	2016 – Fred Bourland
2003 – Terry J. Siebenmorgen	2017 – Michael Richardson
2004 – Max V. Meisch	2018 – Larry Purcell
2005 – Derrick M. Oosterhuis	2019 – Don Johnson
2006 – Sung Man Lim	2020 – Kristofer Brye
2008 – Duane Wolf	

THE SPITZE LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Robert G.F. Spitze, Ph.D.
BSA 1947



Hazel Taylor Spitze, Ph.D.
BSHE 1943

The Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence recognizes meritorious and comprehensive scholarly performance in the areas of academic responsibility unique to the Land Grant mission: teaching and advising, research and

publication, extension and public service, and participation in professional associations and faculty governance. Tenured faculty members with at least 10 years of continuous service with the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences or the Division of Agriculture are eligible for consideration.

The award includes an unrestricted cash award of \$6,500 from a fund established by the late Robert G.F. Spitze and the late Hazel Taylor Spitze. The Spitzes have also provided generous endowments for student scholarship funds. Bob Spitze, a native of Berryville, and Hazel Spitze, a native of DeQueen, were both graduates of the college with B.S. degrees in general agriculture and home economics, respectively. They went on to earn doctoral degrees, hers in education from the University of Tennessee and his in agricultural economics from the University of Wisconsin. As professors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, they have made lasting, nationally recognized contributions through the Land Grant University System.

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