


2018 SWCS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Hugh Hammond Bennett Award

The Hugh Hammond Bennett Award recognizes extraordinary national and international accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.

C. Wayne Honeycutt



C. Wayne Honeycutt has been an extremely effective conservationist and scientist-leader who has advocated for soil and water protection and improvement at every level, from state to national to international. Currently Honeycutt is president and CEO for the Soil Health Institute, but his most widely known accomplishment was

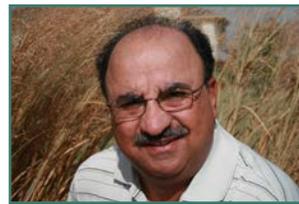
perhaps the creation of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Health Division. Earlier in his career, with the USDA Agriculture Research Service, Honeycutt led efforts to develop crop and soil management approaches that could improve water quality and improve the efficiency of nitrogen and manure management for cropping systems of the Northeast. At the international level, he initiated and led development of decision support tools that involved communication efforts with scientists from 28 countries, leading to presentations at meetings and an award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. A testament to Honeycutt's ability to engage a wide cross-section of people is the development of the Soil Health Action Plan by the Institute that involved input from over 100 people from academia, agencies, agribusiness, conservation organizations, and perhaps most importantly, from farmers. He has further sought the successful engagement of over 150 volunteers to work with action teams on advancing soil health through improved soil health measurement, research, education, and policy change. For these and many more reasons, C. Wayne Honeycutt is highly deserving of the 2018 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award.

Fellow Award

The designation of Fellow is conferred on Society members who have performed exceptional service in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.

This award is given first and foremost for professional excellence. Professional achievement may be in practicing, investigating, administering, or teaching soil and water conservation or closely related fields. Only Society members with at least 10 year of membership are eligible.

Mahdi Al-Kaisi



Mahdi Al-Kaisi has spent over 30 years addressing soil conservation, soil quality, productivity, and protection of natural resources, through research and extension.

He shares the results through extension publications, website-based tools, and education modules used at Iowa State University and nationally. He has developed and led innovative extension projects, integrating extension and research, such as the Iowa Learning Farm and Hub and Spokes, which teach soil conservation practices through research and on-farm demonstrations. Al-Kaisi has developed a strong collaboration with colleagues through the Midwest, and nationally, through projects such as the Four States Project, Heartland Water Quality Initiative, the Regional Soil Health Initiative, and the five-state Strip-Tillage Expo. He successfully mentored and supervised numerous graduate and undergraduate students addressing emerging issues in soil and cropping systems management and development of sound field and lab study procedures. Additionally, Al-Kaisi has provided leadership serving as an associate editor of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, among several other journals. His career seeks to influence change by increasing awareness and adoption of conservation systems by using a mixed approach of scientific-based evidence and public persuasion. For promoting a "culture of conservation," Mahdi Al-Kaisi is highly deserving of the designation of SWCS Fellow.



Rebecca Fletcher



Rebecca Fletcher has been a valuable member of SWCS Hoosier Chapter Since 1989 and for the past 29 years has served in several roles and capacities for the Society. She has served as secretary, president-elect, president, and past president of the Hoosier Chapter, along with roles on several different committees. Fletcher was named a

Berg Fellow in 1997 and completed a year-long leadership development program. She served as a member of the SWCS Board of Directors for two terms from 2001 to 2007 and was the Board's treasurer for 3 years. During this time, she received multiple recognitions from her chapter and received an Outstanding Service Award from the Society along with a President's Service Award. Fletcher has worked with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the past 38 years in various roles but most recently as the State Public Affairs Specialist. She has served on Indiana's Soil Health Team since 2011. As part of that team she has written/coauthored over 300 articles about the benefits of soil health, many featuring Hoosier farmers. Also in 2011, Fletcher was asked to serve on a team with the nation's top soil scientists, agronomists, communicators, and other specialists in NRCS to bring about a renewed recognition of soil as a living and life-giving natural resource that must be managed responsibly. She worked with the national soil health communications team to develop and implement a communications strategy, "Unlock the Secrets of the Soil." This has been the most successful campaign in NRCS history, and the movement continues to ripple out across the country. The campaign won the most prestigious award in the public relations world, the 2017 Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil Award, and Fletcher played a vital role in that success. In 2014 she was recognized with the USDA Legacy of Conservation Award. Fletcher has also played an important role in Conservation Cropping System Initiative, which is Indiana's soil health program. Her unprecedented collaboration of partners has made Indiana the national leader in soil health and has successfully informed and educated thousands of farmers, conservationists, and agri-business staff over the past few years. Fletcher has worked tirelessly educating, informing,

and promoting the cause of conservation. Fletcher is receiving the designation of fellow for her exceptional service in advocating and supporting the conservation of natural resources. It is with great pleasure that we award Rebecca Fletcher with the honor of SWCS Fellow.

William Hargrove



William Hargrove's professional career spans 38 years, beginning at the University of Georgia. Through his career, he has led in a broad range of soil and water conservation research and extension, particularly in the areas of no-tillage agriculture and cover crops, watershed management, and sustainable water resources management. Hargrove is a highly

productive researcher, having published extensively in peer-reviewed journals as well as through influential chapters and books. His pioneering leadership of the SANREM-CRSP program linked biophysical and socioeconomic researchers who addressed broad issues of sustainability in multiple nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In Kansas, Hargrove established the highly effective Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) to address nonpoint pollution issues in the state. In his current position as Director of the Center for Environmental Resource Management, he has developed a strong team across agricultural and community sectors, and involving multistate and bi-national collaborators to address water sustainability, agriculture, and health in the face of climate change. In this, as in all his prior positions, he has engaged students and young faculty to strengthen the next-generation scientific cadre. Hargrove has served SWCS as a member of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* Editorial Board, on task forces and committees, and as chairman of specialty conferences on cover crops and water quality (1991) and reservoir sedimentation (2009). For these and many more reasons, William Hargrove is highly deserving of the designation of SWCS Fellow.



Daniel Moriasi



Daniel Moriasi has been a member of the SWCS since 2006, serving the Oklahoma Chapter as well as the international Society at large. He is internationally recognized for hydrologic and water quality modeling

at field and watershed scales. Most significantly, he has developed evaluation guidelines to ensure that these models are calibrated and validated appropriately, and application of these models to assess the impacts of land management, land use change and climate variability, and agricultural conservation impacts on food production and water resources. Moriasi has published 68 papers, 48 of which are peer-reviewed. One of these papers, titled "Model evaluation guidelines for systematic quantification of accuracy in watershed simulations" is a seminal paper, which has been cited more than 4,600 times. For these reasons and many more, Daniel Moriasi is highly deserving of the designation of SWCS Fellow.

Susan Samson-Liebig



Susan Samson-Liebig has spent her career championing farmers and conservation. Her career experiences have taken her from Nebraska to North Dakota. Samson-Liebig began her career as a physical science technician in the National Soil Survey Laboratory working on testing the adaptability of nonstandard

soil tests used elsewhere in the world for use in the United States. She then transitioned to working for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service [NRCS]) as a soil scientist where she contributed to projects related to soil quality. After moving to North Dakota, she worked at the Soil Quality Institute to develop methods for measuring labile soil carbon. Following a move back to Nebraska, Samson-Liebig continued her work on soil carbon. She is now stationed in Bismarck, North Dakota, where she serves as the USDA NRCS North Dakota Soil Quality Specialist. Samson-Liebig has published many articles in her varied career and is truly a champion of soil quality and

conservation. She is a strong advocate for agricultural sustainability and regenerative agriculture. Her mentoring activities and involvement in SWCS have been essential in passing on her love and knowledge of soils to future generations. These are only a few of the accomplishments that make Susan Samson-Liebig a worthy addition to the ranks of SWCS Fellow.

Harold and Kay Scholl Excellence in Conservation Award

The Harold and Kay Scholl Excellence in Conservation Award recognizes individuals who provide technical assistance and demonstrate effectiveness and creativity in conservation planning and plan application.

Paul Jasa



Paul Jasa, extension engineer with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, develops and conducts educational programs related to crop production that improve profitability, build soil health, and reduce risks to the environment. He received both his BS and MS degrees in agricultural engineering

from the University of Nebraska and has been conducting research and working with planting equipment and tillage system evaluation at the university since 1978. Jasa has traveled to several countries, including Canada, Ukraine, Turkey, China, Australia, Russia, Brazil, and Mexico, to share his no-till knowledge and experiences. He received the 1998 No-Till Innovator Award for Research and Education, co-sponsored by Zeneca Agricultural Products and *No-Till Farmer* magazine. Jasa was elected to membership in The Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement in 2015 and received the Honor Award in 2013 from the SWCS Nebraska Chapter. He was named Engineer of the Year in 2012 by the Nebraska Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers for his continued no-till research and extension activities. To this end, Paul Jasa is well-deserving of this year's Scholl Award.

Merit Award

The Merit Award is given in recognition of an outstanding activity, product, or service by a group, business firm, corporation, or organization that promotes the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.



Green Cover Seed



Green Cover Seed, located in Nebraska, provides customized cover crop mixes and consulting to over 7,000 customers in all 50 states as well as multiple Canadian

provinces and several other countries. Twenty million pounds of seed was shipped in 2017, which covered approximately 600,000 acres. Green Cover Seed offers an inventory of over 120 different cover crop species to custom blend unique mixes for their customers. In addition, the company invests heavily in soil health education with a strong emphasis on soil regeneration and soil biology. Their representatives have spoken at more than 50 events to more than 5,000 farmers and ranchers about the importance of soil health.

Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award is given to Society members in recognition of distinguished service in helping the Society develop and carry out its program over a long and sustained period of time.

Lance Loken



Lance Loken is being recognized for his outstanding service of natural resource advancement and education. Loken, through his passionate effort and service to SWCS, provided leadership through workshops that promoted research and education. Loken has been a dedicated and active member of

the SWCS North Dakota Chapter since 2008 and through the last decade has engaged and served in numerous capacities to support the chapter, including as president-elect, president, and past president, along with service on a number of different committees. In these roles, he advanced the efforts of the Society in promoting education and research through hosting summits focused on the interface between energy production and agriculture. Loken founded and is president of Western Plains Consulting Inc., where his technical responsibilities and expertise are

in regulatory compliance and permitting; soils/geology; wetlands; environmental and subsurface assessments; storage tank issues; spill response; landfills; storm water runoff; and a variety of hazardous material issues, including agricultural chemicals and industrial chemicals. Loken used this background to help develop the last two Soil and Water Summits held in North Dakota, which provided the attendees a close-up look at the reclamation of soils and the natural resources impacted by energy development on both agricultural and forested lands. The summit events also contributed to increased membership of the chapter.

Krista Reed



Krista Reed is being recognized for her outstanding support of natural resources and maintained SWCS support through chapter involvement. Reed grew up on a small farm and has a strong appreciation for the need to preserve the soils that are used to grow crops

and livestock. She takes advantage of every opportunity to present and encourage those she encounters to care for and preserve natural resources. Reed currently works for the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and plays a vital role in maintaining the soil and water resources of the state. Being involved in SWCS has provided excellent networking opportunities within her job across the state. Reed has been a dedicated and active member of her chapter of SWCS since 1986 and has served for the past 32 years in some capacity to support the chapter and advance the efforts of the Society, whether it be in the roles of secretary, president, past president, or committee member supporting the Annual Legislative Breakfast or fundraising events. She has also actively served on the Nebraska's Soil and Water Conservation Foundation for over a decade. Krista Reed's passion for and commitment to advancing natural resources conservation have greatly contributed to her chapter's success and to the international organization's efforts.

Commendation Award

The Commendation Award gives international recognition to Society members for service to their chapter or council of chapters.



Elizabeth Burdolski

Elizabeth Burdolski is an essential leader in the North Dakota SWCS Chapter. In 2017, Burdolski was the lead facilitator in planning for the Chapter's state-wide SWCS meeting. It should be noted that she accomplished this after only two years of professional membership. This conference

hosted over 119 guests who interacted with farmers, students, and professionals from across the state. Burdolski spent countless hours working with venues and speakers to ensure that the event was carefully planned and executed. This event was responsible for sparking an interest in starting a student chapter of SWCS at Bismarck State College, and new members were added to the North Dakota Chapter. For these and other reasons, Elizabeth Burdolski is deserving of the SWCS Commendation Award.

Suzy Campbell



Suzy Campbell has held leadership roles within the West Virginia SWCS Chapter including president-elect, president and past president. She has helped coordinate five trainings; four college

scholarships; one chapter member award; and a new online registration process for workshops, scholarships, and membership voting. She has also written multiple articles for the chapter newsletter and led an initiative to electronically archive all chapter historical records. Campbell's many efforts have contributed to the success of the West Virginia Chapter's communications and programs.

Scott Bohaty



Scott Bohaty has been very active in the Nebraska Chapter of SWCS for many years. During his time with SWCS, Bohaty has served the Nebraska Chapter as a northeast director, vice president, and president. His commitment and leadership to

the Nebraska Chapter is exemplified by his nearly single-handed organization of the highly successful 2010 Annual State SWCS Meeting. He chose unique and beautiful venue with excellent meeting facilities and lined up outstanding speakers, including a long-time resource conservation and development coordinator and game wardens who spoke about efforts to protect the threatened piping plover. The tour also included test plots for the control of noxious leafy spurge led by the county weed board. This event was well-attended and favorably received by the membership. For these reasons and many others, Scott Bohaty is well-deserving of the SWCS Commendation Award.

Conservation Research Award

The Conservation Research Award is conferred on Society members whose research has led to exceptional improvements in soil conservation, water conservation, and/or related natural resources research. This award is given for research excellence or results of the research that have led to significant conservation improvements.

Gretchen Sassenrath



Gretchen Sassenrath has spent more than 30 years working to preserve and improve the water and soil natural resource base in agricultural ecosystems. In her research, she develops and implements conservation practices to reduce soil erosion and nutrient losses, and improve water quality and water use. In addition, her

research program explores underlying causes of soil and nutrient loss in claypan soils, and models water quality. Sassenrath has developed conservation management practices, including reduced tillage and use of cover crops, to improve soil health. Her previous research resulted in the development of models to assist farmers in management decisions, including irrigation scheduling. Sassenrath has developed an extensive educational and outreach program to guide farmers in implementing conservation management practices. Through her direction, farmers have adopted reduced tillage and implemented cover crops into their production systems. Finally, Sassenrath also works to encourage the next generation of researchers and conservationists in conservation management by including them in her research program, ensuring the future of conservation science.



Stephen Merrill



Over the course of his career, Stephen Merrill has been a leader or essential team member for a broad array of research projects on topics of mined land reclamation, soil erosion, soil quality, crop water use, and cropping systems design, with research spanning from the 1960s to the present. Merrill has provided critical information needed

to sustainably apply conservation practices to agricultural landscapes. In addition to leading a productive research program, Merrill has served in multiple advisory roles at state and national levels related to mined land reclamation, water resource management, and wind erosion research. Moreover, he has given countless presentations to clientele in support of using science-based guidance to apply conservation on the land. Collectively, Merrill's research contributions over the course of his career align nicely with the SWCS mission of fostering the science and art of natural resource conservation and make him unequivocally worthy of this year's Conservation Research Award.

Chair's Leadership Award

The SWCS Chair's Leadership Award is given at the discretion of the SWCS Chair in recognition of exemplary assistance in helping to carry out the goals and objectives of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Wisconsin Chapter

The Wisconsin Chapter was instrumental in hosting the 2017 Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. From the Regional Forum and Flavor Reception through the Conservation Tours, the chapter provided innovative ideas and unique learning opportunities that showcased the state of Wisconsin and enhanced participant experiences. Their contribution to the Society and the success of the 2017 International Annual Conference is sincerely appreciated.

Rob Myers



Rob Myers is regional director of Extension Programs for the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program. He administers competitive grants and state funding for sustainable agriculture projects in 12 states. He also holds

an appointment as an adjunct faculty member in the Plant Sciences Division at University of Missouri. His professional expertise encompasses sustainable agriculture and conservation, with a particular focus on cover crops and soil health. Myers is being honored for his work in advancing cover crops and soil health, specifically for the key leadership he provided in planning, implementing, and sharing information at the National Cover Crops and Soil Health Conferences. Last year's event alone hosted over 500 attendees from 44 states. Of the over 40 presenters, nearly half were farmers coming from 9 different states to share experiences growing cover crops in their regions. Conference headliners included state leaders, published authors, a panel of expert farmers, and practitioners who provided information on soil erosion and soil health. Without Myers' vision and unification of key partners, this national conversation would not have happened. The name Rob Myers has become synonymous to cover crops and soil health, and for this reason we are pleased to honor him with a 2018 SWCS Chair's Leadership Award.

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Birl Lowery



Birl Lowery, a longtime Society and Wisconsin Chapter member, served on the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* Editorial Board from 2003 to 2017. During this time, Lowery managed

the peer review of dozens of manuscripts, volunteered to assist other editors with expedited reviews, and contributed to shaping Journal policy for the future. Upon finishing his service as an associate editor in 2017, Lowery was instrumental in the creation of the new Associate Editor Excellence Award. This award will annually recognize top performing editors for the time and thought they devote to the Journal, to manuscript authors, and to the advancement of conservation research. We are pleased to recognize Birl Lowery's own excellent service to the Journal with the 2018 Chair's Leadership Award.

JOURNAL OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AWARDS

Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Award

The Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Award recognized the impact and quality of a research paper published in the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation in the previous five years, as well as an Honorable Mention.

2018 Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Award

Arbuckle, J.G., Jr., J. Hobbs, A. Loy, L.W. Morton, L.S. Prokopy, and J. Tyndall. 2014. Understanding Corn Belt farmer perspectives on climate change to inform engagement strategies for adaptation and mitigation. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 69(6):505-516.

2018 Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Honorable Mention

Zhou, X., M.J. Helmers, H. Asbjornsen, R. Kolka, M.D. Tomer, and R.M. Cruse. 2014. Nutrient removal by prairie filter strips in agricultural landscapes. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 69(1):54-64.

2018 Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Honorable Mention

Kladivko, E.J., T.C. Kaspar, D.B. Jaynes, R.W. Malone, J. Singer, X.K. Morin, and T. Searchinger. 2014. Cover crops in the upper midwestern United States: Potential adoption and reduction of nitrate leaching in the Mississippi River Basin. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 69(4):279-291.

Editor's Choice Award

The Editor's Choice Award recognizes articles of excellence appearing in the "A" Section of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation in the previous year.

2018 Editor's Choice Award

Laws, L. 2017. Agricultural sustainability: Five midwestern row crop farmers share their views. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 72(3):53A-58A.

2018 Editor's Choice Honorable Mention

Stewart, B.A., and R. Lal. 2017. The nitrogen dilemma: Food or the environment. *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 72(6):124A-128A.

Associate Editor Excellence Award

The Associate Editor Excellence Award recognizes associate editors for their contributions to the success and development of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation.

Claire Baffaut



Claire Baffaut joined the Editorial Board in 2013. In addition to managing review of more than 20 manuscripts over the last five years, she has also reviewed several articles in service to other editors and recently chaired an editorial board subcommittee to develop a policy for the

submission of dataset articles to the journal. Her work to advance the Journal's scope and relevance is recognized with a 2018 Associate Editor Excellence Award.



Scott Van Pelt



Scott Van Pelt has served as an associate editor since 2008. In this role, he has earned recognition for both the exceptional number of manuscripts handled and for the high quality and timeliness of his reviews.

Van Pelt's service also

includes reviews for papers handled by other editors and assistance when special requests are made by the research editor and Journal staff. He has also served on the Editorial Policy Committee and organized submission of manuscripts from the International Soil Conservation Organization's 2015 meeting to the JSWC. We are pleased to present him with the Associate Editor Excellence Award.

John Williams



John Williams has been a member of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* Editorial Board since 2001. In the past five years alone, he has handled the review

of 34 manuscripts and consistently provides authors with prompt and thorough reviews. In addition, Williams served on the Editorial Policy Committee from 2012 to 2015 and has contributed to the Journal's increasing impact and reputation as a leading publisher of soil and water conservation research. He is well-deserving of the Associate Editor Excellence Award.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Chapter Achievement Award

The Chapter Achievement Award recognizes chapters for significant achievements through a single activity conducted during the year.

Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter

The Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter in North Carolina is recognized with the Chapter Achievement Award for working jointly with the North Carolina Association of Soil

and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) to host an expo during the NCASWCD 2017 Annual Meeting. The Chapter provided leadership to organize and staff the event. This event is a fundraising event for both the Chapter and the NCASWCD, and the funds raised go into conservation education.

Kansas Chapter

The Kansas Chapter is being awarded the Chapter Achievement Award for the Kansas Natural Resource Conference. This conference was cosponsored with six other professional societies and nonprofits to present natural resource issues. This was the conference's 10th year, and the topic was "Rivers and Streams: Reflections of Landscape Management." The conference is the Chapter's main activity during the year and provides members a great way to stay informed on research issues and interact with the authors. Congratulations to the Kansas Chapter.

National Capital Chapter

The National Capital Chapter in Washington, DC, is recognized with the Chapter Achievement Award for hosting the "Communicating Science" event with presentations from Erica Goldman, Director of Policy Engagement for COMPASS, and Bobby Cochran, Executive Director for the Willamette Partnership, both nonprofit organizations. The event was for discussion and engagement with SWCS members and nonmembers interested in communicating science to diverse audiences. Congratulations to the National Capital Chapter.

North Dakota Chapter

The North Dakota Chapter has been awarded the Chapter Achievement Award for their "Good Bugs" workshop, which had the goal of disseminating more information in regard to the biological component of Integrated Pest Management Plans and to train local conservation planners and land managers across North Dakota so they can learn methods to include beneficial insects (not just pollinators) in their planning efforts. The success of the initial workshop has led to develop a series of these workshops to now move across the state, with six more workshops already in the planning process. Congratulations to the North Dakota Chapter.



Hoosier Chapter

The Hoosier Chapter in Indiana is recognized with the Chapter Achievement Award for their "Healthy Soil, Happy Pollinator" event. The objective of this training event was to educate attendees about soil health and its connection to pollinators. The event had the best attendance from the Indiana Conservation Partnership employees for any training event that the Hoosier Chapter has conducted in recent years. Congratulations to the Hoosier Chapter on a successful event.

Outstanding Chapter Award

The Outstanding Chapter Award recognizes one chapter from each region for its success in carrying out its overall program during the past year.

Razorback Chapter

The Razorback Chapter in Arkansas is recognized as an outstanding chapter for carrying out a successful year. The Chapter's fall meeting and tour was a professional development opportunity that offered continuing education units. The Chapter increased their membership by over 10%. The Chapter also conducted outreach to multiple soil and water education events throughout the year. Congratulations to the Razorback Chapter.

Kansas Chapter

The Kansas Chapter is recognized as an outstanding chapter for their professional and educational activities throughout the year. The Chapter not only hosted the Kansas Natural Resource Conference, but held their fall meeting and tour, which focused on the latest research on cover crops, conservation plants, and other plots. Members also participated in the Envirothon program. Congratulations to the Kansas Chapter.

Firman E. Bear Chapter

The Firman E. Bear Chapter in New Jersey is recognized with the Outstanding Chapter Award for carrying out the SWCS mission throughout the year. The Chapter hosted a spring meeting and tour of Walnut Brook Stream Restoration Project, organized a fall meeting and tour of Cattus Island Nature Preserve where they presented their annual College Scholarship and Environmental Excellence

Awards, and assisted the Envirothon program by volunteering and donating. Congratulations to the Firman E. Bear Chapter.

North Dakota Chapter

The North Dakota Chapter is recognized as an outstanding chapter for offering and participating in multiple educational events throughout the year. The Chapter not only hosted the "Good Bugs" workshop, but held their annual meeting, which was themed "Farming for Sustainability: Back to the Roots" and included a diverse network of conservationists and students in attendance. Chapter members also participated in multiple educational events, including Train the Teacher, Envirothon, Earth Day, and much more. Congratulations to the North Dakota Chapter.

Wisconsin Chapter

The Wisconsin Chapter has been awarded the Outstanding Chapter Award for their assistance in hosting the 2017 Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The 2017 Annual Conference set the modern era attendance record with 519 attendees.



SPECIAL THANKS

SWCS would like to thank Datu Research for sponsoring Amanda Locker to attend the 2018 International Annual Conference. Amanda was selected from applicants for the student moderator submissions and received a full scholarship to attend.

