AWARDS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, August 8, 2023
78th SWCS International Annual Conference
Committee Recognition

• Awards and Scholarships Committee
• *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* Editorial Board
• Science and Policy Committee
• Professional and Chapter Development Committee
• International Committee
• Annual Conference Planning Committee
• Iowa Chapter SWCS
2023 Student Moderators

• Bryce Bearson
• Cesar Guareschi
• Emad Mady
• Gustavo Roa Acosta
• Lauren Stanton
• Maria Batool
• Patricia Marie Cordero-Irizarry
• Ravi Teja Kumar Reddy Neelipally
Outgoing SWCS Board Member

Jason Weller
At-Large Director
CONGRATULATIONS,
2023 AWARD WINNERS!
Dale Threatt-Taylor, North Carolina

“Dale has led with an infectiously positive and brilliant demeanor that excites a room and elevates any project she touches.”

- Clare Lindahl, SWCS CEO

Hugh Hammond Bennett Award

In recognition of extraordinary accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.
Reflections from Hugh Hammond Bennett Award Winner

Dale Threatt-Taylor, North Carolina
Fellow Award

In recognition of Society members who have performed exceptional service in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.

Larry Cihacek, North Dakota

“Larry is a dedicated member, researcher, educator, and leader in conservation, whose impacts can be seen across the landscape and in the lives of those he teaches.”

- Beth Hill, SWCS North Dakota Chapter Past President
Fellow Award

In recognition of Society members who have performed exceptional service in advocating the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.

"Dr. Gilley has made outstanding contributions to Nebraska agriculture."

- Dr. David Archer, American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Nebraska Chapter

John Gilley, Nebraska
Fellow Award

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Maysoon Mikha, Colorado

"Dr. Mikha's passion is to enhance soil health and sustainability in dryland and semiarid climates of the U.S."

- Jorge Delgado, USDA-ARS Soil Scientist
In recognition for an outstanding activity, product, or service by a group, business, firm, corporation, or organization that promotes natural resource conservation.

Soil Health Institute, North Carolina

“Providing a scientifically rigorous, yet practical approach for assessing soil health should increase adoption of regenerative soil health systems because farmers and their advisers can now measure the impact of their management choices with confidence. This will in effect bring more on-farm and environmental benefits to scale for agriculture and society.”

- Dr. LaKisha Odom, FFAR's Scientific Program Director for Soil Health
Conservation Innovation Award

In recognition for an outstanding activity, product, or service by a group, business, firm, corporation, or organization that promotes natural resource conservation.

Water Talk Podcast, California

“[The Water Talk Podcast assists in] opening up dialogues and engaging in what are such a myriad of complex issues that are facing our watersheds.”

- Joaquin Esquivel, Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board
Naeem Kalwar, North Dakota

"The nominee recognizes that each of his client's soil problems are very important to the client and tailors recommendations and solutions to that specific client's needs."

- Dr. Larry Cihacek, SWCS North Dakota Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
Conservation Professional of the Year Award

In recognition of outstanding accomplishments in practicing and advancing the science and art of natural resource conservation.

Chris Kappes, North Dakota

“Chris’s leadership has been instrumental in the success of our local chapter, and he is recognized throughout the region as a voice for conservation.”

- Beth Hill, SWCS North Dakota Chapter Past President
Society Service Award

In recognition of SWCS members for service to their chapter or to the Society.

Jim Culver, Nebraska

“Jim Culver has contributed greatly to the Nebraska Chapter and the Society and is a model of professionalism, natural resource advocacy, and service for others.”

- Craig Derickson, Retired Nebraska State Conservationist
Kelly Goward, Michigan

“Kelly's passion is planning and coordinating events for the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.”

- Gerald Miller

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Beth Hill, North Dakota

“Beth is always very cheerful and helpful to work with and is willing to go above and beyond her usual responsibilities.”

- Naeem Kalwar, SWCS North Dakota Chapter President-Elect
Claudia Stevenson, Nebraska

“Claudia is a dynamite SWCS leader, not only initiating new and old ideas, but also spending time and skills with others to get a revitalization for our chapter with nine new members.”

- Anita Nein, SWCS Nebraska Chapter Awards Committee Chair

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Chair’s Leadership Award

In recognition of exemplary assistance in helping to carry out the goals and objectives of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

SWCS Colorado Chapter
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Gretchen Sassenrath, Kansas

Chair’s Leadership Award
Conservation Research Award

In recognition of Society members or teams of members whose research has led to exceptional improvements in soil conservation, water conservation, and/or related natural resources research.

Girish Panicker, Mississippi

“Girish Panicker: Agronomist, Horticulturist, and Innovator.”

- American Society for Horticultural Science
JSWC Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality Award Honorable Mention

In recognition for the impact and quality of a research paper published in the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation in the previous five years.

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JSWC Editor’s Choice Award

In recognition of the following article of excellence appearing in the “A” Section of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation in the previous year.

https://doi.org/10.2489/jswc.2022.1219A.
JSWC Editor’s Choice Award
Honorable Mention

In recognition of the following article of excellence appearing in the “A” Section of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation in the previous year.

Associate Editor Excellence Award

In recognition of associate editors for their contributions to the success and development of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation.

Eli Argaman, Israel
Associate Editor Excellence Award

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Chunsheng Hu, China
Associate Editor Excellence Award

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Thomas Iserloh, Germany
Exceptional Chapter Event Award

In recognition of chapters for significant achievements through a single activity conducted during the year.

Kansas Chapter
Land of Lincoln Chapter
Michigan Chapter
National Capital Chapter
Nebraska Chapter
North Dakota Chapter
Southern New England Chapter
Wisconsin Chapter
Outstanding Chapter Award

In recognition for the chapter’s success in carrying out its overall program during the past year.

Arizona Chapter
California/Nevada Chapter
Hoosier Chapter
Iowa Chapter
Kansas Chapter
Michigan Chapter
National Capital Chapter
Nebraska Chapter
South Dakota Chapter
Southern New England Chapter
Diego Della Lunga, Arkansas

Awarded to a member of SWCS working towards a degree involving natural resources and conservation.
Judyson de Matos Oliveira, Florida

Awarded to an SWCS member pursuing interdisciplinary graduate-level research in a conservation topic that will extend the SWCS mission of fostering the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management research.
WiN Conservationist of the Year

The 3 Calhoun Sisters - Nancy Calhoun Mueller, Susie Calhoun, and Merry Calhoun Carter

In recognition of an outstanding woman farmer/producer/conservationist who demonstrates a vital role in supporting women in agriculture and conservation.
Valerie Hartman, North Dakota

In recognition and commendation of WiN’s Past President for the outstanding contributions made throughout the four-year WiN President track, encompassing a wide array of activities and responsibilities.
In recognition of an individual who has contributed substantially and creatively to our Natural Resources Conservation profession.

Elizabeth Oolman, Minnesota
WiN Mentoring Committee

In recognition of a group who, over a period of time, have contributed substantially and creatively to our Natural Resources Conservation profession.

WiN Group Award of Excellence
April Wilson, Missouri

In recognition of excellence in professionalism and leadership as a WiN member, based on achievements in WiN over an extended period of years and on participation and support of its mission.
Congratulations!

Thank you all for your contributions to SWCS and the conservation field!