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**Department of Grain Science
and Industry**

13th Annual

Student Scholarship and Industry Awards Banquet



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I G P I n s t i t u t e C o n f e r e n c e C e n t e r

Student Scholarship and Industry Awards Banquet

Banquet Introductions

Welcome Hulya Dogan
Master of Ceremonies Sajid Alavi

Introduction of Outstanding Alumni Recipients

Troy Anderson Hulya Dogan
Jeff Hole Hulya Dogan

Introduction of Outstanding Service Recipients

John Hinds Hulya Dogan
Brian Plattner Sajid Alavi
Hendrik Weichelt Huseyin Dogan

Student, Faculty and Staff Recognition

Undergraduate Recognition Fran Churchill
Graduate Recognition Yi Zheng
Student Club Recognition Student Club Presidents
Faculty Recognition Hulya Dogan
Staff Recognition Hulya Dogan
Alumni Recognition Hulya Dogan
Closing Remarks Hulya Dogan

Outstanding Alumni Recipients

Troy Anderson

Troy Anderson serves as Vice President of Operations at Ardent Mills, Denver Colorado. Troy leads all aspects of plant operations for Ardent Mills across the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico by driving strong cross-functional collaboration while ensuring a common team member and customer experience, overseeing operational excellence, regulatory compliance and serving as a talent leader for the operations function.

Troy is from rural McPherson County, Kansas where he grew up working on his grandparent's farms on both his dad's and mom's side of the family. During this time, he learned the value of hard work and developed a deep connection with agriculture.

Troy initially started his pursuits at Kansas State University in the fall of 1988 in Mechanical Engineering. After completing three semesters, he realized engineering was not connecting with his passion for agriculture. Through a friend, Troy found his way to Grain Science where Dr. Eustace gave him a sales pitch he couldn't pass on to transfer to Grain Science and Industry, pursuing the Operations option at the time. Troy graduated from Kansas State University in May 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Milling Science and Management, Operations. Troy joined Cargill upon graduating and held various positions within Cargill's U.S. flour milling and grain operations prior to his current role with Ardent Mills.

Troy and his wife Alison (KSU '92) reside in Manhattan, Kansas. Together they have three children and four grandchildren. In his free time, you'll find Troy enjoying time with family and enjoying the great Kansas outdoors.

Jeff Hole

Jeff is a 1994 graduate of the Grain Science department with a degree in Milling Science and Management and also has earned a Masters of Agribusiness from Kansas State University. Jeff started his career with Cereal Food Processors in various operational roles, working himself up to Director of Plant Administration and later Director of Milling for Grain Craft after the acquisition. Jeff joined Miller Milling in 2017 as the Vice President of Operations and has since been promoted to Senior Vice President of Operations in 2020. Jeff also served as the President of the IAOM in 2019.

In his close to 30 years in the industry, Jeff has always played a very important role in recruiting future leaders from the Grain Science Department. Jeff has led the recruiting efforts for Cereal Foods, Grain Craft, and with Miller Milling. The Grain Science Department has always a very special department to him and Jeff bleeds purple in everything that he has achieved in in career!

Outstanding Service Recipients

John Hinds

John grew up in the Dallas – Fort Worth area. After completing his B.S. degree in Bakery Science and Management he took a job with Bimbo Bakeries USA at their Fort Worth facility as a line supervisor. After a few years there he was recruited to work for Cain Food Industries, Inc. as a laboratory technician. He was promoted shortly thereafter to the position of Manager of the Innovation Center. The promotion not only gave John the responsibility of day-to-day management of all of Cain’s R&D needs, but also tasked him with the building of a new Innovation Center. He handled all of this like a complete pro, delivering a state-of-the-art facility, on time and budget. During John’s tenure as Innovation Center Manager, he and his team developed several, advanced technical ingredients helping customers at all levels with all types of products. Recently John was promoted to Operations Manager where he not only oversees the Innovation Center but has also taken on operational responsibility for the procurement department as well as the warehousing and logistics department.

Brian Plattner

Brian joined Wenger Manufacturing upon graduating from Kansas State University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. He went on to earn his Professional Engineering License in 2003. In 2010 he was appointed as an Adjunct Faculty member of the Grain Science and Industry Department at Kansas State University, and in 2014 he became an affiliated faculty member of the International Grains Program Institute. During his tenure at Wenger he has held numerous positions including Process Engineer, Test Run Coordinator, Technical Center Manager, and currently he holds the position of Process Technology Director for the Food and Industrial Products Division at Wenger. He is responsible for process specification in helping customers specify new lines, improve existing ones, and works directly with the Wenger Technical Center as well as with the Wenger Design Engineering Group to develop improvements and new innovations for Wenger's line of extrusion and drying equipment.

Hendrik Weichelt

After completing the Milling apprenticeship program with Bühler and receiving a degree from the German Milling School, Hendrik began working as a Bühler Process Engineer in flour milling. In this role he gathered international milling experience in Germany, central & eastern Europe, Africa, Canada, Mexico, and the USA. His responsibilities were the design and concept creation of new milling facilities as well as commissioning and proof-of-concept in the final stage of a project. Hendrik also supported prototype testing in the field for the research and development of new technologies. After emigrating to Minnesota, he transitioned into the roll of Sales Account Manager for Wheat and Rye in North America. Hendrik and his wife Claire Bokelman (FSM 17) reside in Kansas City.

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Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, friends and corporate partners, a total of \$165,000 was awarded in scholarships to our undergraduate students for the 2022–2023 academic year.

Club/Organization	President	Faculty Advisers
Alpha Mu Honorary Society	Andrew Kent	Hulya Dogan
Bakery Science Club	Riley Smith	Aaron Clanton and Elisa Karkle
Feed Science Club	Nathaniel Wren	Charles Stark and Chad Paulk
GSGSO	Allison Blomme	Kaliramesh Siliveru
Milling Science Club	Grace Otott	Fran Churchill and Jason Watt

Undergraduate Student Recognition

**Feed Science and Management
Outstanding Senior Award**

To be presented

**Milling Science and Management
Outstanding Senior Award**

To be presented

**Bakery Science and Management
Outstanding Senior Award**

To be presented

**Max Straube Outstanding Junior
in Feed Science and Management**

Julia Gerling

College of Agriculture Ambassadors

Erin Martin, BSM

Ella Martin, BSM

Undergraduate Student Scholarships

AOM Outstanding Operative Miller Scholarship

Lauren Kastner, MSM Jr

American Feed Industry Association & Equipment Manufacturers

Julia Rivera, FSM Sr

Bakers National Education Fund

Erin Martin, BSM Jr

Society of Bakery Women

Emily Leihsing, BSM Soph; Erin Martin, BSM Jr; Anna Staley, BSM Soph

Belstra Feed Milling Scholarship

Nathaniel Wren, FSM Sr

BEMA Belshaw–Loeb Bakery Science Scholarship

Ella Martin, BSM Jr

C.S. Broeman Scholarship

Sabine Hoff, BSM Sr

Wendell Brubaker Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Carroll, MSM Jr; Talia Clanton, BSM Soph; Rachel Featherstone, BSM Soph; Monica Hammeke, BSM Soph; Lydia Long, BSM Sr; Carter Minson, FSM Sr; Anna Staley, BSM Soph; Yishi Zhu, BSM Sr

Charles H. and Colene K. Butler Agriculture Scholarship

Isaiah Stoltz, MSM Sr

Dr. Okkyung Chung Scholarship

Yishi Zhu, BSM Sr

Archie and Flora Cogswell Grain Science Scholarship

Kirkland Nicholson, BSM Soph

Ronald P. Cooper Memorial Scholarship

Jayden McNerny, BSM Jr

Howard Creason Grain Science Scholarship

Anna Staley, BSM Soph

Deyoe Family Scholarship

Jake Herl, BSM Sr

Edmond F. Dickey Memorial Scholarship

Landon Roberts, FSM Soph

Neal Drabbe Memorial

Jake Herl, BSM Sr

Drake Scholarship in Bakery Tech

Kayla Henderson, BSM Jr

Richard Martin Fuller Scholarship

Emily Deeds, BSM Sr

KC GEAPS

Elliott Strahm, FSM Sr

Albert J. Gehrt Memorial Scholarship

Elliott Strahm, FSM Sr

General Mills KSU Milling Science Scholarship

Brenden Meek, MSM Sr

Grain Science Diversity Scholarship

Julia Gerling, FSM Soph

Grain Science Memorial Scholarship

Annastasia Ellu, FSM Sr; Julia Gerling, FSM Soph; Ella Martin, BSM Jr

Art Glade Milling Science Scholarship

Megan Hahn, MSM Soph

Meade C. Harris, Jr. Scholarship in MSM

Daniel Carroll, MSM Jr

Hayes & Stolz Industrial Manufacturing Co. Scholarship

Garrett Friesen, FSM Sr

John Hoffman Johntz and Veenetia Birchfiel Johntz Scholarship

Fernanda Cantu Corona, BSM Sr; Anna Jirak, BSM Sr

Kice Industries Grain Science Scholarship

Mathew Anschutz, MSM Jr; Colin O'Toole, MSM Jr; Tyler Mayorga, MSM Sr

Lair Family Scholarship

Talia Clanton, BSM Soph

R. Newton Laughlin Scholarship

Emily Leishing, BSM Soph

W.E. Long Memorial Scholarship

Simone Boykin, BSM Sr

Majel MacMasters Memorial Scholarship

Lisa Tan, BSM Sr

Manna Pro Employees Feed Science Scholarship

Kali Soyez, FSM Sr

David Mattson Memorial Scholarship

Otto Dunn, MSM Jr; Anna Kolb, BSM Jr; Jay Nightingale, MSM Jr; Paige Staggs, MSM Sr

Robert and Theresa McElhiney Feed Science Scholarship

Garrett Friesen, FSM Sr

Ed Morrison Jr. Milling Scholarship

Chance Gilpin, MSM Soph; Porter Jenkins, MSM Jr, Camden Kirmer, MSM Soph; Gavin Pieschl, MSM Soph

Ernest Schroeder Memorial Scholarship

Caleb Kats, MSM Sr

Ph. Orth Company Scholarship

Roberts, BSM Sr; Yishi Ahu, BSM Sr

David G. and Robert K Page Memorial Scholarship in Milling Technology

Tanner Imthurn, MSM Sr

**Thomas and Jessie E. Page
Memorial Scholarship in Milling
Technology**

Dylan Elgin, MSM Jr

**Quaker Milling Science
Scholarship**

Tanner Imthurn, MSM Sr

Queen of the Pantry

Peyton Huss, MSM Sr

Timothy and Veronica S. Regan

Adilynn Friesen, FSM Sr

REPCO Scholarship

Tyler Mayorga, MSM Sr

**Rempe Family Scholarship in
Grain Science**

Coleton Houdek, FSM Soph

Dr. L.A. Rumsey Scholarship

Emily Kline, BSM Jr

**Schinze Bakery Science
Scholarship**

Adelaide Easter, BSM Soph

**Robert and Evelyn Schoeff
Scholarship**

Harley Vogts, FSM Soph

**Charles D. Singleton Memorial
Scholarship**

Lauren Dornbusch, BSM Sr; Rachel
Featherston, BSM Soph; Kayla Henderson,
BSM Jr; Gage Roberts, BSM Sr

**Everett Smith, Jr. Memorial
Scholarship**

Emily Anderson, BSM Sr

**Stephen & Stacey Soloviev
Agricultural Scholarship**

Adelaide Easter, BSM Soph

**Tuttle Family Scholarship in
Bakery Science**

Monica Hammeke, BSM Soph

**Herb and Margaret Vanderlip
Memorial Scholarship**

Jessica Meyer, BSM Soph

Stephen Vesecky Scholarship

Emily Leihnsing, BSM Soph

**Levi E. and Hazel Zimmerman
Milling Scholarship**

Riley Smith, BSM Sr

**Howard Worley Grain Science
& Industry Scholarship – Kruse
Family Scholarship**

Courtney Downs, BSM Sr

**Marshall and Mona Faith –
Kruse Family Scholarship**

Adilynn Friesen, FSM Sr

Swiss Milling School Graduates

Bennett Jones, MSM Jr; Brooklyn
Terstriep, MSM Sr

Graduate Student Recognition

Outstanding Graduate Student Award Sponsored by Ingredient

Anu Suprabha Raj (Ph.D.)

Hee Seong Kim (Ph.D.)

Tucker Graff (MS)

Anheuser–Busch Fellowship

Ruijia Hu

Rene Buhler Memorial Scholarship

Manoj Kumar Pulivarthi

Majel M. MacMasters Memorial Achievement Award

Zhenjiao Du

Cain Land and Grain Value-Added Agriculture Scholarship

Logan Kilburn

Meicen Liu

Leadership Recognition

Dr. Dick Hahn Distinguished Student Leadership Award

Allison Blomme

External Graduate Student Awards

K-State 3MT (three-minute thesis) competition finalists

Tucker Graff

Conrad Kabus

Shivaprasad D.P

Agriculture Dean and Director’s Award for Outstanding Research

Rania Marie Buenavista (M.S. Winner)

Anu Suprabha Raj (Ph.D. Honorable Mention)

**Richard Elmore Brown Outstanding College of Agriculture
Graduate Student Teaching Award**

Tucker Graff (M.S.)

International Student Center Scholarship

Diego Lopez

Larissa Alves Koulicoff

Alumni Association International Student Scholarship

Rania Marie Buenavista

Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship

Patrick Badger

Tucker Graff

K-State Research & State Poster Presentation

Tucker Graff

Mayra Perez-Fajardo

Capitol Graduate Research Summit - Finalists

Tucker Graff

Mayra Perez-Fajardo

Dan and Kathy Richardson Scholarship

Jared Rivera

Wilbur Ellis Innovation Award competition – Honorable Mention

Jenna Flory, Tucker Graff, Conrad Kabus, Allison Blomme and Samuel Kiprotich

Love of Learning Award from Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Rania Marie Buenavista

Best Poster Award (1st Place) at 29th ICFOST Conference, India

Rania Marie Buenavista

IIC Pinnacle Award

Paris Johnson

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Academics

Hee Seong Kim

ASAS Annual Meeting Companion Animal Symposia

Paris Johnson (Winner – Poster)

Youhan Chen (2nd Place – Poster)

Logan Kilburn (3rd place – Oral Presentation)

AAFP Conference

Samuel Kiprotich (2nd Place – oral Presentation)

Pet Food Expo

Samuel Kiprotich (2nd Place – 3 MT Project Presentation)

Kibble Con Graduate Student Research 3-minute presentation

Paris Johnson

Kibble Con Oral presentation

Logan Kilburn

Graduate Student Council Travel Award

Zhenjiao Du

Ruijia Hu

Rania Marie Buenavista

Hee Seong Kim

Anu Suprabha Raj

Manoj Kumar Pulivarthi

Logan Kilburn

Jared Rivera

Shivaprasad D.P

Tucker Graff

Jenna Flory

Kansas City Section of the Institute of Food Technologists (KC-IFT) Travel Scholarship

Zhenjiao Du

College of Agriculture's Graduate Student of the Month

Zhenjiao Du

Tucker Graff

Jenna Flory

Conrad Kabus

Hee Seong Kim

Anu Suprabha Raj

Jared Rivera

Faculty Awards

Midwest ASAS Outstanding Young Researcher Award (2023)

Chad Paulk

University of Georgia CAES Young Alumni Achievement Award (2023)

Chad Paulk

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Kaliramesh Siliveru

2023 Excellence in Undergraduate Assessment

Aaron Clanton

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award (Honorable Mention)

Sajid Alavi

Promotion and Tenure

Kaliramesh Siliveru

Staff Recognition

Department of Grain Science and Industry University Support Staff Employee of the Year

Eric Maichel

Alumni Recognition

College of Agriculture Alumni Fellow

Hayden Wands

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To educate students and professionals, conduct innovative research, transfer new technologies and knowledge, offer high-quality outreach programs and services that impact the global grain and plant-based food, feed, fiber, fuel and bio-products supply chains.