13th Annual

Student Scholarship and Industry Awards Banquet

April 27, 2023
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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.
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.

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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 Hammelke, 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 McEllhiney 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 Leihsing, 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 Ingredion
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
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.