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Fall/Winter 2015

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM DEPARTMENT EVENTS

2015 Fall Picnic at the Plant Sciences Farm



2015 Holiday Potluck Lunch



DEGREES CONFERRED

Graduate Degrees

Kevin "Taylor" Cyle - M.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences, now pursuing a Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Lin Ma - M.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Michael Plumblee - M.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Jeevan Adhikari - M.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Lan-Shuan Shuang - M.S. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Sarah Doydora - Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Christopher Daniel Burt - Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Lisa Woodruff - Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Sciences.

Undergraduate Degrees

The following students received their B.S.A. in Turfgrass Management:

- Joshua Andrews
- Matthew Cindea
- Brandan Hoban
- Steven Jones

The following students received their B.S.E.S. in Environmental Chemistry:

- Mary Baxter
- Chidinma Okeh
- Michelle Dipietro



FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT UPDATES

Faculty Awards/Recognitions

Wayne Hanna – named by the National Academy of Inventors to the 2015 class of NAI Fellows.

Jerry Johnson – 2015 UGA Inventor's Award from the University of Georgia Research Foundation.

Wes Porter – profiled by CAES in a short YouTube video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKRCOpAzVok&feature=youtu.be>

George Vellidis – D.W. Brooks Award for Excellence in Research

With Sadness...

Joel Giddens passed away on September 20, 2015, at the age of 98. Before his retirement, he was a member of the UGA family for over 40 years, and will be greatly missed.

Robert Morgan who served as the forage specialist in Tifton in the 2000s, passed away on September 6, 2015. He will be greatly missed by the UGA and CRSS community.

Student Awards/Recognitions

Zachary King – profiled as one of UGA's Amazing Students, <http://www.uga.edu/amazing/profile/king-zachary/>

Kristen Pegues – represented UGA on Team USA at the International Field Course and Soil Judging Contest in Hungary, where she placed 1st in the individual contest. Team USA placed 2nd in the team contest, and won the overall contest.

Laura Ney - 2nd place in the Soil Biology & Biochemistry poster session, ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Joint Meetings, Minneapolis, MN.

Taylor Hendricks - 2nd place in the Soil Health in Agroecosystems poster session, ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Joint Meetings, Minneapolis, MN.

Maria Terraza – 1st place in the Soil Chemistry oral session, ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Joint Meetings, Minneapolis, MN.

Thalika Saintil – received a \$5000 grant from Sustainable UGA to track nutrients causing bacterial and algal outbreaks in Lake Herrick.

New Hires

Mohamed Mergoum - Professor, Georgia Seed Development/UGA Foundation Professorship in Wheat Breeding, Griffin campus.

Jared Whitaker - Assistant Professor, Cotton Extension Agronomist, Tifton campus.

Jason Wallace - Assistant Professor, Quantitative Genomics, Athens campus.

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