Mott Award Honors Top Graduate Students

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2017 Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science. This annual award recognizes top-notch graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in crop science disciplines. Departments select students based on academic achievements, research and teaching contributions, leadership accomplishments, service activities, and personal qualifications.

The award, offered by CSSA, is named for the first CSSA President Gerald O. Mott who trained 75 graduate students during his 45-year career at Purdue University and the University of Florida. Many of his students have become eminent forage scientists in the United States and Latin America.


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Surveys to Solicit Feedback

A survey will be developed by the Task Force and sent to emeritus members soliciting feedback on the Societies’ offerings. In addition, the Task Force wants to reach out to former emeritus members and determine if changes could be implemented so that they would rejoin as emeritus members. We will also be polling our current, active members who have more than 25 years of membership in ASA, CSSA, or SSSA. It is our desire to have programs and activities that will attract them as emeritus members. We will specifically ask for feedback on member interests such as networking, publications, and specific programs at the Annual Meetings as ways of staying connected with colleagues.

The Task Force will present a session at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Tampa that will share feedback obtained from emeritus members and solicit input on future Society activities focusing on these members. If you have suggestions for presentations at this session, please contact Susan Chapman (schapman@sciencesocieties.org).

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scientist to visit their classroom. Visit www.soils.org/ask/volunteer to participate.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to make a difference. However you get involved, you’ll have a real and lasting impact while giving back to the profession that has contributed to your success. A comprehensive webpage with links to opportunities for volunteerism/involvement can be found at:

www.agronomy.org/get-involved
www.crops.org/get-involved
www.soils.org/for-members/get-involved