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AGRICULTURE AWARDS CEREMONY

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Welcome Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

JOHN W. WHITE AWARDS:

Outstanding Research Award

Karen Moldenhauer – Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences
presented byJean-François Meullenet
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture–Research
and Director, Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station*

Outstanding Teaching Award

Kathi Jogan – Department of Animal Science
presented byDeacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
Dean, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences*

Outstanding Extension State Faculty Award

Jeremy Ross – Department of Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences
presented by Bob Scott
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture–Extension
and Director, Cooperative Extension Service*

Outstanding County Extension Educator Award

Les Walz – Cleveland County
presented by Bob Scott
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture–Extension
and Director, Cooperative Extension Service*

Outstanding Team Award

Big Creek Research & Extension Team: Lawrence Berry, James Burke, Timothy Glover, Jennifer Purtle, Andrew Sharpley, Pearl Webb (Department of Crop, Soil, & Environmental Sciences); Brina Smith (Arkansas Water Resources Center); Karl VanDevender (Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering); and Adam Willis (Newton County Extension Agent)
presented by Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AWARDS:

Division of Agriculture Non-Classified Support Personnel Award

Tsung Cheng Tsai – Department of Animal Science
Mary Poling – Information Technology
presented by Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

Division of Agriculture Classified Support Personnel Award

David Reynolds – Department of Poultry Science
presented by Mark Cochran
Vice President for Agriculture

**Bumpers College Excellence in Service Award
for Non-Classified Support Personnel**

Jody Davis – Bumpers College Dean’s Office
presented by Deacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
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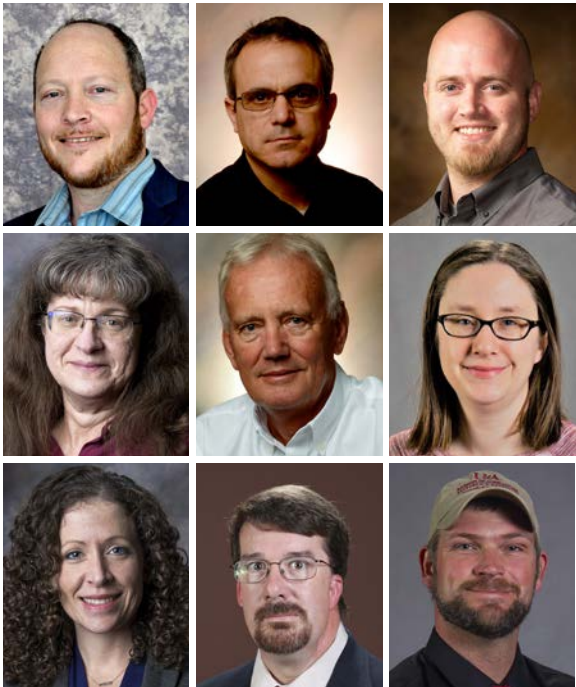
**Bumpers College Excellence in Service Award
for Classified Support Personnel**

Rhonda Harton – Department of Agricultural Education,
Communications & Technology
presented by Deacue Fields
*Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Academic Programs and
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and the soundness of its analysis. While the research was itself grueling, perhaps even more difficult was the public opposition to the farm, which turned into opposition to our research. Despite the challenges, the work done by the team allowed real-time farm management and state policy decisions to be made. The farm ceased operating in late 2019, with the State of Arkansas noting that the owners had done nothing wrong. The impact of the team's work will be appreciably broader and will have significant implications to other CAFOs in areas dominated by karst geology across the U.S. The depth and breadth of monitoring and research by BCRET provides a unique on-farm and real-world database, which farming groups, policy makers, and scientists will inform strategies and decisions regarding on-farm land, manure, and nutrient management.

The Big Creek Research and Extension Team includes (*pictured below, left to right; top to bottom*) Lawrence Berry, James Burke, Timothy Glover, Jennifer Purtle, Andrew Sharpley, Pearl Webb (Department of Crop, Soil, & Environmental Sciences); Brina Smith (Arkansas Water Resources Center); Karl VanDevender (Department of Biological Agriculture and Engineering); and Adam Willis (Newton County Extension Agent).

Since the John White Team Award limits the nomination to nine members, the team wanted to acknowledge other BCRET members who provided critical support to the success and impact of the



project. These include (alphabetically) Kris Brye (University Professor of Soil Physics), Mike Daniels (professor, Extension Specialist for Water Quality and Nutrition Management), Brian Haggard (director, Arkansas Water Resources Center), Ed Gbur (Director, Experiment Station Agriculture Statistics Lab), Phil Hays (U.S. Geological Survey), Mary Hightower (Division chief communications officer), Tim Kresse (U.S. Geological survey-retired), Mary Savin (Professor of Microbial Ecology), and Jun Zhu (director, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability).

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