



2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS CELEBRATION



PennState
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2020 Scholarships, Awards, and Fellowships

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Welcome

Thomas Gabel
Agricultural and Extension Education

Remarks

Richard T. Roush, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences

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Thomas Gabel
Agricultural and Extension Education

Donor Keynote Speaker

Jen Beidel
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Student Keynote Speaker

Gillian Warner
Community, Environment, and Development

Save the Date for 2021

Scholarships and Awards Banquet: October 21, 2021

New Scholarships and Awards for 2020

Laura Loder Watts Scholarship in Animal Science
Roger C. Pertl Award in the College of Agricultural Sciences
Paul S. Dimick Graduate Student Award in Food Science
Zepp Family Food Safety Endowment
Kathleen A. and Eugene J. Huttie, Jr., Scholarship
Lane-Cole Family Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences
Nancy R. and Thomas B. Higgins Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences

Milestones—Continued Support

Ten Years

Arthur S. Wolfe Scholarship
William H. Knightly Scholarship in Food Science
Kenton D. Rexford Honors Scholarship
in the College of Agricultural Sciences
James A. Wrotny Scholarship
Dr. J. Clyde Johnson and Ruth A. Johnson Award
Storer Family Trustee Scholarship
in the College of Agricultural Sciences
Jim Comes Memorial Award in Horticulture
Albert and Ellen Jarrett Scholarship
for Biological Engineering Students
Andrea A. Leonard Student Award
Paul R. Heller Memorial Award
Charles B. and Miriam M. Forney Family Trustee Scholarship
Dutch Gold Honey and William R. Gamber II Endowment in Entomology
William G. Zewan Trustee Scholarship
Pennsylvania Floral Industry Association's
Charles H. Dillon Memorial Trustee Scholarship
Go! The Global Opportunity Award
Earl and Kay Harbaugh Endowment for International Programs
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Fifteen Years

Bruce and Alice Jean Edwards Trustee Scholarship
in the College of Agricultural Sciences
Nelson S. and Brenda W. Loftus Ag Advocate Leadership Award
Jack H. Dreibelbis & Miriam Keim Dreibelbis Trustee Scholarship
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

George C. and Madeline C. Bartley Scholarship
in the School of Forest Resources

D. Bruce Stauffer Scholarship for Dairy and Animal Science Students
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Samuel M. and Joan B. Curtis 4-H and FFA Award

Robert W. Bauer Award in Agricultural Sciences

Eugene and Carol Schurman 4-H Scholarship
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Barry L. and Rosemary Zoumas Trustee Scholarship

C. Channa and Usharani Reddy Trustee Scholarship
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

George L. Settlemyer Fund for International Experiences

Twenty Years

Wilbur F. and Mary P. Cherry Scholarship in Horticulture

Ralph O. Mumma Graduate Award

Edgar E. and Dorothy W. Fehnel Scholarship
in Dairy and Animal Science

Russell C. and Ann E. Seward Scholarship
in Agricultural Sciences

Russell C. and Ann E. Seward Scholarship for Study Abroad

Harold W. Swartley Scholarship in Plant Science

Patrick John Bennett, Jr., Memorial Scholarship
in Landscape Contracting

Jeffrey S. Blanton Endowment
in Environmental Resource Management

Matt and Virginia Haist Endowed Scholarship
in Honor of the Master Farmers of Pennsylvania

Max and Esther Sestili Memorial Award
in Landscape Contracting

Robert Lamar Skeath Scholarship
in Ornamental Horticulture

The Penn State Stockmen's Club Memorial Award
for Freshmen Students

Joseph G. and Sharon A. Strite Scholarship in Horticulture

Alpha Zeta Lindley and Dorothy Dennis Memorial Award

Esther J. Darrow Scholarship in Horticulture

Ronald C. Young Fund in International Agriculture

Dairy and Animal Science Fund

Twenty-five Years

Janet G. and Frank J. Dudek Graduate Scholarship in Food Science
Ray H. Dutt Scholarship
Ruth and Robert O'Connor Scholarship
Horticulture Alumni Group Scholarship
William L. and James F. Kjølgaard Scholarship
in Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Ira W. Minter Memorial Award
Gertrude B. Paschall Memorial Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences

Thirty Years

John N. Adam, Jr., Scholarship for Excellence in Agriculture
Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department Award
Angstadt Family Agricultural Excellence Scholarship
Alec and Lexi Beliasov Scholarship in Agriculture
Frederick H. Brown Endowed Scholarship in Floriculture
Mark Heilman Campbell Scholarship in Dairy Production
Keith A. Davies Memorial Scholarship Endowment
College of Agricultural Sciences Enrollment Incentive Award
Farmshine Scholarship in Dairy and Animal Science
Mr. and Mrs. E. Bosworth Grier Scholarship
John H. Hetrick Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Food Science
The James and Gertrude Leamer Scholarship Endowment for Excellence
Donald L. and Betty J. Mincemoyer Scholarship
in the College of Agriculture
The Gail Gilman Prescott Scholarship in Food Science
Star Kay White Scholarship in Food Science
Horace T. Woodward Scholarship in the College of Agriculture
The Bernard N. and Beatrice W. Sandson Scholarship in Agriculture

Thirty-five Years

August E. Branding Memorial Award
Lawrence F. Marriott Memorial Scholarship

Forty Years

The A. L. Bortree Award
Waldo Wilbur Corl Memorial Scholarship
Boyd C. Gartley Memorial Scholarship
Robert P. Meahl Scholarship

Forty-five Years

The J. Lin Huber Scholarship Fund
Carl I. Peterson Scholarship Fund
College of Agricultural Sciences Memorial Scholarship

Fifty Years

Eisenhower Memorial Award
Forbes Chocolate Leadership Award

Fifty-five Years

Henry S. Brunner Outstanding Student Award
The Joseph M. Johnston, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sixty Years

The F. P. Schlatter Memorial Scholarship

Sixty-five Years

Walter S. Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Eighty Years

Harriet Searle Watts Memorial Scholarship

One Hundred Years

Alan Nutt Memorial Award

College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarships and Awards Committee

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Biographies (in order of appearance)

Thomas Gabel

Agricultural and Extension Education; International Agriculture minor



Thomas Gabel, of Newport, Pennsylvania, is a junior majoring in Agricultural and Extension Education with a minor in International Agriculture. Thomas grew up on his parents' dairy farm, Barnview Farm, in Perry County, which fostered his passion for agriculture and agricultural education. Growing up he became heavily involved in the Wila 4-H Club and Newport FFA Chapter, serving as President for both organizations. He continued his involvement with FFA as the 2017–2018 Pennsylvania FFA State Vice President and was a 2018 American FFA Degree Recipient. At Penn State, Thomas serves as President of LEAD Society, a Teach Ag Avenger,

and as the expert intern for the Global Teach Ag Network. Additionally, he works for the National FFA Organization as a 212/360 Conference Facilitator. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends, finding himself in YouTube rabbit holes, and locating the best burgers in his local area. After graduation, Thomas plans on investing in the development of tomorrow's leaders by becoming a high school agriculture teacher.

Richard T. Roush, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences



Rick Roush joined the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences in October 2014 after serving as Dean of the Melbourne School of Land and Environment at the University of Melbourne (2006–2014). His career in sustainable agriculture spans research, teaching, regulatory, and administrative appointments in both the U.S. and Australia. An entomologist with a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, Roush has focused his research on biological pest control and strategies to slow the evolution of resistance to control tactics in insect pests and weeds. He has served on review panels for the USDA and the US EPA and was a member of the Australian Genetic Manipulation Advisory

Committee from 1998 to 2003. As Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, he provides leadership for nine diverse academic units, Penn State Extension, a wide array of centers and institutes, several administrative and service units, and beloved facilities such as the Penn State Creamery, The Arboretum at Penn State, and the Pasto Agricultural Museum.

Jen Beidel

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Jen (Flinchbaugh) Beidel grew up on a Southdown sheep farm near York, Pennsylvania. She was the first generation in her immediate family to earn a college degree. Jen's love of Penn State started in her teens, when the 4-H livestock judging team she was a part of got to stay in East Halls for 4-H State Days. Jen never looked back—her only college application was to Penn State, where she became an Animal Science major and a member of the Schreyer Honors College. Jen was active in many clubs on Ag Hill, including Block and Bridle, Dairy Science, Alpha Zeta, and Ag Advocates. Jen quickly leaned on mentors in the Animal Science department, like

Dr. Erskine Cash, Jana Peters, Dale Olver, Dr. Terry Etherton, and the late Dr. Harold Harpster, to help her figure out where her path might lead. After taking an agricultural law course at Dr. Cash's encouragement, she realized that the law was her path. Jen graduated from the ag college in 2003 and was recognized as both the college's Outstanding Senior and the Student Marshal. She went on to the Dickinson School of Law, graduating in 2006. Jen is currently a partner at the Philadelphia-based law firm of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, which is a 400-lawyer law firm with a diverse practice, including food, beverage, and agribusiness. Jen has served the alumni through roles on the alumni board for the College of Agricultural Sciences, the Ag Advocate alumni board, and the Penn State Stockmen's Club board. Jen was awarded the college's Outstanding Recent Alumni Award in 2011. On October 10, 2020, Jen married Matt Scramlin, who was also an Animal Science major and grew up on a Southdown sheep farm in eastern Michigan. Matt may be a Michigan State grad, but Jen doesn't hold that against him. Jen and Matt currently live in Philadelphia. In their spare time, they help both of their families with their Southdown sheep flocks and travel to and judge sheep shows.

Gillian Warner

Community, Environment, and Development; International Agriculture and Anthropology minors



Gillian Warner, of State College, Pennsylvania, is a senior majoring in Community, Environment, and Development (CED) with minors in International Agriculture and Anthropology. Growing up in State College, Gillian developed a passion for agriculture, horses, communities, and local politics. During her time at Penn State, Gillian has been able to develop these passions, spending mornings on the farm working with the horses while afternoons are spent taking classes in Community Development, volunteering locally, and participating as President of the Small and Exotic Animal Club, as a member of CED Club, and as an AESE Advising Advocate.

In addition to her work at Penn State, Gillian has interned for Oxfam America, the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, and for professional equestrians. Additionally, Gillian has studied abroad in Belize and has worked both as a research assistant and as a teaching assistant at Penn State. After graduating this May, Gillian plans to begin a career in the equine industry, expanding access to equestrian sports while building a community around the farm.



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