




## 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS CELEBRATION



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## 2021 Scholarships, Awards, and Fellowships

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, a total of \$3,084,797 was awarded to 844 students in the College of Agricultural Sciences for the 2021–22 academic year as of September 7, 2021.

## **Welcome**

Amanda Mullen  
*BioRenewable Systems*

## **Remarks**

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

## **Student Thank-yous**

Thomas Gabel  
Andreas Sergiou  
Luke May  
Renee Sollenberger  
Clayton Wagner  
Tanya Muratori  
Lydia Periconi

## **Closing Remarks**

Amanda Mullen  
*BioRenewable Systems*

## **Additional Website Content**

**Undergraduate Student Keynote Speaker**  
Lydia Periconi  
*Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences*

**Graduate Student Keynote Speaker**  
Tanya Muratori  
*Animal Science*

## **2022 Scholarships and Awards Celebration**

Stay tuned for more information next  
summer regarding the 2022 event.

## **New Scholarships and Awards for 2021**

Barbara Howell Raphael Educational Equity Graduate Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

H. Duane and Roslyn W. Norman Millennium Scholars Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Terry and Constance Updegraff Eshenour Educational Equity Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Norman and Donna Brown Mountain View Arabians Scholarship  
Jason and Valerie Dabrow Scholarship  
in Agricultural Business Management

Dr. Christopher Raines Memorial Scholarship  
in the Agricultural Sciences

Hollandia Nurseries Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Dr. William L. Henning, Sr., Family Scholarship  
Long Family Scholarship in Food Science

Thomas L. Watschke Award of Excellence in Turfgrass Science

## **Milestones—Continued Support**

### *Five Years*

Jarrold S. and Natalie A. Angstadt Award  
in Agricultural Systems Management Excellence

Natalie A. and Jarrod S. Angstadt Award in Equine Science Excellence

D.M. Boyd-Arms Turfgrass Products Turfgrass Award  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Dowler Family Scholarship

Flinchbaugh Family Trustee Scholarship

J. Clair Graybill Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Dr. Jay E. Hreiz, VMD, Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences

George and Annaliese Williams Animal Science Scholarship

### *Ten Years*

York Ag Products, W. Dale Anderson Memorial Trustee Scholarship

Ray and Jan Evans Scholarship in Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Edward R. Hintz (1915) Memorial Trustee Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Robert and Elizabeth Hodge College of Agricultural Sciences  
Honors Scholarship

Francena L. Miller and Michael F. Nolan Graduate Scholarship  
in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

Lawrence and Elizabeth Specht Scholarship in Dairy and Animal Science

John W. Thatcher Family Scholarship

Theola F. Thevaos Honors Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Theola F. Thevaos Memorial Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State

Theola F. Thevaos Trustee Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Lyle A. Williams Memorial Trustee Scholarship

Jean Womer Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences

### ***Fifteen Years***

Bill Baldwin Memorial Scholarship

Charles and Jane Brosius Annual Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

William J. Cox Memorial Fund

Edgar and Dorothy Fehnel Leadership Development Scholarship

Heiser Family Trustee Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Holcomb Family Scholarship in Horticulture

Dr. Herbert E. Longenecker Trustee Matching Scholarship

Mincemoyer Family Trustee Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

John T. and Paige S. Smith Scholarship  
in Agricultural and Extension Education

PA Master Farmers Trustee Matching Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Myron A. and Anita E. Pinkus Charitable Foundation Trustee Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Richard H. Ross Family Trustee Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Joan and Malcolm Stehman Scholarship in Wood Products

### ***Twenty Years***

David C. Beppler Award in Agricultural Systems Management

Larry and Lisa Campbell Scholarship  
in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Richard E. and Peggy K. Denison Scholarship in Dairy and Animal Science

John L. George Student Conservation Award

Donald V. Josephson and Stuart Patton Mentorship Award  
in Dairy and Food Science

Betty Parks Strutin Scholarship in Dairy and Animal Science  
in Memory of Lieutenant David P. Parks

Therese A. Vrooman Memorial Equine Endowment

J. Richard Wian Scholarship in Veterinary Science

Boyd E. Wolff GOTCHA Fund in International Agriculture

### ***Twenty-five Years***

Aaronsburg Story, Inc., Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences  
John and Beverly Bernardi Scholarship in Agricultural Sciences  
Michael E. Duke Memorial Scholarship in Entomology  
Mary Ellen and Glenn R. Kean Memorial Scholarship  
J. Franklin Styer Graduate Fellowship in Horticulture

### ***Thirty Years***

Robert T. Billin Memorial Scholarship  
Homer V. Gifford Scholarship  
Bryce Jordan Student Leadership Award  
James P. Roberts Scholarship  
John H. Weinberger Scholarship in Horticulture

### ***Thirty-five Years***

College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society Internship Award  
Frank S. and Nina Cobb Grant-in-Aid  
Galen Dreibelbis Endowment for Excellence in Agriculture  
Hugh F. Gerhard Scholarship in Agriculture  
Gerald and Leoda Gummo Excellence Fund in Agriculture  
Frank W. and Jeanette S. Peikert Scholarship  
in Agricultural and Biological Engineering  
J. Franklin and Agnes T. Styer Scholarship in Horticulture  
Wilber W. Ward Memorial Scholarship

### ***Forty Years***

John Danhouse Martz, Jr., Scholarship  
Raymond F. Russell Memorial Scholarship  
Dwight E. and Frances E. Younkin Memorial Scholarship Fund

### ***Forty-five Years***

Clemens Family Corporation Award

***Fifty Years***

Lawrence L. Huber Memorial Award

***Fifty-five Years***

The Craola Scholarships

***Sixty-five Years***

Case New Holland Scholarship in Memory of James B. Stere

**College of Agricultural Sciences  
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*of Food Science Safety, Assistant Professor of Food Science*



## **Biographies** (in order of appearance)

### **Amanda Mullen**

*BioRenewable Systems*



Amanda Mullen, of Easton, Connecticut, is a fourth-year student majoring in BioRenewable Systems with a minor in Environmental Resource Management. Growing up and through her high school career, Amanda developed passions for nature and climate change. At Penn State, she found her enthusiasm for agriculture and sustainable development. Amanda takes a combination of environmental science, business, and agricultural engineering classes, and participates as vice president of the BioRenewable Systems Club and as a member of the Sigma Alpha sorority and the Penn State Outing Club. In addition to her work at Penn State, Amanda has interned with Ardent Mills in Chattanooga, Tennessee. After graduating in December 2022, Amanda plans to begin a career in sustainability and environmental consulting.

### **Richard T. Roush, Ph.D.**

*Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences*



As dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Rick Roush is responsible for the administration of all the college's educational, research, government, alumni, and industry relations, the Penn State Berkey Creamery, research and extension centers at Biglerville (Adams County), Manheim (Lancaster County), and North East (Erie County), and Penn State Extension programs. He is particularly focused on key issues facing agriculture and rural communities in Pennsylvania.

## **Lydia Periconi**

*Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences*

Lydia Periconi, a first-year student from Easton, Maryland, is majoring in



Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Spanish. She has always had a deep love for animals, and as a new member of the Pre-Vet Club, she hopes to learn more about the field of veterinary medicine. Even though Lydia is just starting her experience at Penn State, she plans on being involved with undergraduate research and intends to get hands-on animal experience both at Penn State and while studying abroad. Lydia is also a student in the Schreyer Honors College, through which she is a member of Schreyer for Women. When she graduates in 2025,

Lydia aims to attend veterinary school and one day work as an exotic animal veterinarian.

## **Tanya Muratori**

*Animal Science*

Tanya Muratori, of Vignola (Modena), Italy, is a fourth-year Ph.D. student



majoring in Dairy Genetics in the Department of Animal Science. Tanya lived in Italy until 2018. During her life, Tanya developed a passion for genetics, food safety, agriculture, and communities. Tanya has applied these passions working as a food safety and quality manager in three different food companies and volunteering at local hospitals with a clown therapy association.

During her time at Penn State, Tanya has worked as a teaching assistant while volunteering in the First-Generation Advocates Association and the Graduate Women in Science Empowerment Committee. Tanya is a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture.

After graduating next year, Tanya plans to begin a career that will bring her to the European Commission, determined to create a safer food chain with a lower environmental impact while focusing on animals' genetics.





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