Awards and Promotions Luncheon

August 6, 2010
Program

Invocation

Introductions

Recognition of Recipients of Promotion and Tenure

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks

Announcements
Promotions and Tenure

County Extension Agent I to County Extension Agent II:
Shelly N. Barnes – Wilson County
Barbara A. Berry – Gibson County
Robbie L. Casteel – Cumberland County
Nancy R. Marshall – Hamblen County
J. Michelle Matthews – Coffee County
Wendel D. Smith – Lawrence County

From County Extension Agent II to County Extension Agent III:
Emmanuel ‘Mannie’ E. Bedwell – Hamblen County
Kelli R. Bottoms – Cumberland County
J. Wayne Key – Putnam County
Scott W. Reese – Humphreys County
D. Brian White – Henderson County
Amy P. Williams – Loudon County

(Currently serving in a temporary assignment as Extension Specialist I in the 4-H Youth Development Office)

From Extension Specialist I to Extension Specialist II
Joseph L. Donaldson – Extension Evaluation &

From Extension Assistant II to Extension Specialist I
Gregory ‘Greg’ K. Breeden – Plant Sciences

From Extension Assistant I to Extension Assistant II
Melanie D. Henry – Clyde York 4-H Center
Associate Professor
Carla S. Sommardahl – Large Animal Clinical Sciences

Associate Professor with Tenure
Feng Chen – Plant Sciences
Seong-Hoon Cho – Agricultural & Resource Economics
M. Reza Hajimorad – Entomology & Plant Pathology
David P. Harper – Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries
Federico M. Harte – Food Science & Technology
Silke Hecht – Small Animal Clinical Sciences
Amy K. LeBlanc – Small Animal Clinical Sciences
Casey J. LeBlanc – Pathobiology
Christopher L. Main – Plant Sciences
Shelley J. Newman – Pathobiology
Tulio M. Prado – Large Animal Clinical Sciences
Adam Taylor – Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries
Xiaofei ‘Phillip’ Ye – Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science
Qixin Zhong – Food Science & Technology

Granting of Tenure
Robert T. Burns – Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science
Curtis E. Stewart – Plant Sciences

Professor
C. Owen Gwathmey – Plant Sciences
Stephen A. Kania – Comparative Medicine
India F. Lane – Small Animal Clinical Sciences
Hwa-Chain Robert Wang – Comparative Medicine

Professor with Tenure
Timothy M. Young – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries
2010 Awards

J. E. Moss Awards

This new award, presented in memory of J. E. and Ann Moss, recognizes excellent achievement in teaching, research and extension for the Institute of Agriculture. Awards are provided each year for each of the four units of the Institute of Agriculture. They are selected by a committee of the Chancellor, Associate Vice Chancellor and the four Deans of the Institute.

Jack W. Oliver – Professor, Comparative Medicine
Matthew ‘Matt’ Devereaux – Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences
Nicole ‘Niki’ Labbe – Assistant Professor, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries
Emily C. Gray – Instructor, CASNR

Mary Neal Alexander Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent Award

This award has been established by Miss Mary Neal Alexander, retired associate supervisor for Home Economics programming from the old District IV (upper Cumberland area of Tennessee). Her career began as a county agent, where she learned the value of county 4-H work. She also had a mentor within Extension who encouraged her to save some money, even as a beginning county Extension agent. She listened and has made some good investments over the years. Now she gives back by encouraging our young agents to get started saving, and by providing funds through which Tennessee 4-H can acknowledge outstanding youth development programming.

Donna D. Calhoun – Extension Agent III, Polk County
G. L. Carter, Jr. Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent Award

This award has been established by Dr. G. L. Carter Jr., whose Extension career began in Greene County in 1949, where he served as a 4-H agent. Before that, he served in the military during World War II and was a Hamblen County 4-H member. Carter was the first in his family to graduate from college. He later went on to earn an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Cooperative Extension Administration at the University of Wisconsin. In addition to serving as an Extension 4-H agent in three Tennessee counties, Carter’s 44-year career included working as the youth editor of a farm and ranch magazine, serving as a state 4-H staff member in both Tennessee and North Carolina, and helping to create the Journal of Extension, a professional publication for Extension agents and specialists. He also worked in Ireland for three years, where he assisted in conducting a graduate program for Extension workers. Dr. Carter values Extension 4-H work and has provided the funding through an endowment to recognize an Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent.

Gregory ‘Greg’ W. Austin – Extension Agent III & County Director, Monroe County

Alice Ann Moore Outstanding 4-H Agent Award

This award has been established by Alice Ann Moore, former Director of UT Extension 4-H Youth Development programs, who served the University of Tennessee in many capacities, with more than 30 years of exemplary service. She was also a 4-H member in Crockett County. With her leadership, Tennessee 4-H developed a life skills evaluation system that is nationally recognized as a groundbreaking scientific means of providing feedback on the effectiveness of 4-H youth education programs. She is also an honorary life member of the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.

Darrell E. Hale – Extension Agent III, Lincoln County
E. R. “Prof” Lidvall Outstanding Teaching Award

This award, established by Mr. Donald E. Williams, a 1961 graduate of the College of Agriculture, is to honor his former professor and mentor Professor E. R. “Prof” Lidvall. The award recognizes faculty who exemplify Prof. Lidvall’s commitment to excellence in the classroom and his commitment to the needs and interests of the student.

William ‘Bill’ M. Park – Professor, Agricultural & Resource Economics

Cavender Outstanding Award for Best Publication

Established by Dutch Cavender, former Director of Communications and his wife Marilee, this award recognizes excellence in the development of published material produced by professionals in the Institute of Agriculture. These co-winners were chosen from all peer-reviewed publications produced by units of UTIA and printed by UT.

Rebecca ‘Becky’ M. Koepke-Hill – Extension Assistant, Plant Sciences

Gregory ‘Greg’ R. Armel – Assistant Professor, Plant Sciences

G. Neil Rhodes, Jr. – Professor, Plant Sciences
“Invasive Weeds of the Appalachian Region”

Carrie J. Barker – Coordinator, Comparative Medicine
“Commodity Connections Cookbook”
The Lloyd and Nettie Downen Endowment Fund Leadership Enhancement Award

Established by Dr. and Mrs. M. Lloyd Downen, Dean Emeritus of the Agricultural Extension Service, this award recognizes Extension faculty members who serve in leadership roles across the state.

Andrew T. ‘Ty’ Petty – Extension Agent II & County Director, Unicoi County

Vernon and Ida Darter Award

This award, named for the late Extension Dean Emeritus Vernon W. Darter and his wife, the late Ida Darter, recognizes excellence among the ranks of Associate Extension Agents.

Christopher T. Sneed – Extension Agent II, Blount County

Mildred Pendergrass Award for Outstanding Service

This award, presented in memory of Mildred Pendergrass, wife of the former Vice President for Agriculture Webster Pendergrass, is given to employees among the technical, skill and service staff in the Institute.

Karl R. Snyder – Lab Section Chief III, Pathobiology
**Webster Pendergrass Outstanding Service Award**

This award presented in memory of Webster Pendergrass, former Vice President of Agriculture, recognizes a teaching, research or extension faculty member who has contributed most to the fulfillment of the Institute’s goals and objectives.

Michael ‘Mickey’ H. Sims – Professor, Comparative Medicine

**Professional/Academic Award for Outstanding Service**

This award, provided by the Institute of Agriculture Administration, is given to a recipient among the professional and other academic employees who has contributed most to the attainment of the objectives of the Institute of Agriculture.

Timothy ‘Tim’ P. Fawver – Budget Director, Extension Administration

**William D. Bishop Outstanding Service Award**

This award, presented in memory of Dean Emeritus William D. Bishop, recognizes a member of the field force of University of Tennessee Extension who has contributed most to the attainment of Extension objectives.

Theresa C. Allan – Extension Agent III, Sumner County
**TAAA&S Hicks Awards of Excellence**

This award, established by the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists and other endowment funds, is presented annually to up to three UT Extension faculty who are also members of TAAA&S.

Jerry D. Lamb – Extension Agent III & County Director, Rhea County  
Clyde D. Lane, Jr. – Professor, Animal Science  
Ricky ‘Rick’ L. Thomason – Extension Agent III & County Director, Johnson County

**Lewis H. Dickson Extension Award for Innovative Programming**

This award recognizes the contributions of Extension professionals and is established to honor the contributions of an outstanding Extension educator. Dr. Lewis H. Dickson was employed by the University of Tennessee from 1946 to 1988, when he retired as Professor in Agricultural and Extension Education. This award was established by his son, Lewis H. Dickson, Jr. in October 2003.

Shelly N. Barnes – Extension Agent II, Wilson County

**E. J. Chapman Outstanding Service Award**

This award was established by the late E. J. Chapman, who served the university in a wide range of capacities from agronomist to assistant vice president for agriculture, and recognizes a member of the supporting staff of the teaching, research or extension divisions.

R. Ann Henry – Administrative Specialist I, Food Science & Technology
**AgResearch Impact Award**

This award is presented to an Experiment Station faculty or professional staff member whose efforts have had a profound effect on improving the efficiency, sustainability and/or economic viability of the food and fiber industry of rural areas of Tennessee.

Burton ‘Burt’ C. English – Professor, Agricultural & Resource Economics

**T. J. Whatley Distinguished Young Scientist Award**

This award established by Dr. Thomas Whatley, Associate Dean Emeritus of the Agricultural Experiment Station, recognizes a young scientist who has less than 12 years of professional experience, with a minimum of five years of service on the agricultural faculty.

Qixin Zhong – Associate Professor, Food Science & Technology

**William T. Miles M.D. Memorial Award for Community Service**

This award, named for William T. Miles, a respected medical doctor, was established by his son, the late Curtis W. Miles, a long-time devotee of the Field Trials at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee. In accordance with the younger Miles’ life philosophy, “Treat people like you want to be treated,” the award is intended to recognize significant contributions and service to the Knoxville community.

John C. New – Professor, Comparative Medicine
**Gamma Sigma Delta**  
**Institute of Agriculture Team Award**

*This award will be given annually to each member of a team of two or more faculty who have made an outstanding contribution to research, teaching and/or extension, either directly or indirectly, related to agriculture and related disciplines. Gamma Sigma Delta members are responsible for the promotion, evaluation and selection of the award. A monetary supplement is provided by the Institute of Agriculture and is divided equally among the team members. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta is not required for nomination.*  
This year’s winning team is the **Bull Genetic Evaluation Center Team**.

F. David Kirkpatrick  
Fred M. Hopkins  
Clyde D. Lane, Jr.  
James ‘Jim’ B. Neel  
W. Warren Gill  
Jeffrey ‘Jeff’ W. Helgren

**B. Ray Thompson, Sr.**  
**Outstanding Faculty Performance Award**

*This award is made possible by earnings from the Thompson Faculty Endowment and is presented annually to faculty in the Institute who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional performance. This award rotates among the four divisions within the Institute of Agriculture.*

Robert ‘Bob’ N. Trigiano – Professor,  
Entomology & Plant Pathology