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The mission of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) is to prepare students in natural and social sciences-based professional academic programs for careers in agriculture, natural resources, and other arenas. The CASNR academic programs accomplish this by:

1. Providing strong general education with a foundation in fundamental knowledge, an understanding of the human experience, a global perspective, and a foundation in communication skills (visual, oral and written);

2. Building on the natural and social sciences to provide experiential learning that applies gained knowledge to problem-solving situations using critical thinking and analytical skills;

3. Providing student-centered educational programs where students engage in the process and take responsibility for their education; and

4. Providing international experiences to provide a global perspective to their education.

To recognize those students, faculty and staff that meet the mission of the College and excel in their efforts, the College presents various awards. Any student (graduate or undergraduate), faculty member, staff member, department, or student organization may nominate individuals for the various awards. This document provides guidance to those preparing nominations.

The CASNR Office of the Dean accepts nominations at any time during the year; nomination deadlines

Nominations are due by the 3rd Friday of February with the following exceptions.
Peacock Award (p. 3), Wharton Award (p. 4) ........................................ March 1, June 1, Sept 1, Dec 1
Prof Lidvall Award (p. 10) ...................................... 3rd Friday, April
Duncan Upper Division Undergraduate Research Award (p. 13) .................. 3rd Friday, Feb
Dept. Outstanding Students Awards (p. 20) ........................................ 1st Friday, March
Duncan Lower Division Undergraduate Research Award (p. 13) ............ 4th Wednesday, Nov
are given within the description of each award. The Office of the Dean establishes *ad hoc* review committees to ensure representation is not from departments or programs represented by the nominees, whenever possible. Ballots are submitted to the Office of the Dean for tally.

Awards reviewed by various committees composed of students, faculty, and/or department heads are:

- W.F. & Golda Moss Outstanding Teacher Awards, ten or fewer years of experience and greater than ten years of experience
- Outstanding Staff Award
- Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award
- Outstanding Student Awards
- W.S. Overton Faculty Award of Merit
- Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit
- E.R. “Prof” Lidvall Outstanding Teaching Award (nominations due the first Friday in April)

The Distinguished Alumnus Award nominations are reviewed by a committee representing the UTIA Development and Government Affairs Office, department heads, and faculty from departments not represented by the nominees.

Departmental Outstanding Students are selected by the departments who have oversight for the various academic majors.

The Neal and Tacie Peacock Teaching Award submissions for educational projects and activities are reviewed by the CASNR dean and associate dean to determine merit.

The Edward Neal Duncan Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research is selected by the CASNR Honors Advisory Committee.

Awards are presented at the annual awards reception held the first Tuesday in April. The recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award is invited to the awards reception and the spring commencement exercise, or whichever best fits their schedule. The Lidvall Award is presented at the UTIA Promotions and Awards Luncheon.

**Gamma Sigma Delta Awards**

Organized with 70 charter members, the UT Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta (GSD) was chartered on June 4, 1964. Its membership includes undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) and the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM).

Each year GSD presents numerous awards to students and faculty.

- Faculty Team Award
- Excellence in Teaching
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Extension
- Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture
- Alumni Award
- Graduate Student Award

Criteria and nomination information about each of the awards is available from their web site—[http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/gsd/awards.htm](http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/gsd/awards.htm)

Nominations for the faculty and professional awards are normally due in October of each year. Graduate Student Award nominations are normally due in April.

Check the GSD Calendar posted to their website for specific annual deadlines.
The Neal and Tacie Peacock Teaching Award

Dr. Neal Peacock, former dean of resident instruction, retired in 1967 after 45 years of service to the former College of Agriculture. Through the generosity of Dr. Peacock and his wife, Tacie, an endowment fund was established to improve teaching and learning in the College.

The purposes of the endowment are

- to encourage the faculty of CASNR to initiate and implement innovative teaching methods
- to improve evaluation of student learning in courses
- to motivate and guide students to a higher level of comprehension, communication, and reasoning skills

Educational projects and activities eligible for support may:

- bring outstanding teachers and/or resource personnel to campus to focus on instructional methods, learner assessment, learning styles, advising, and other aspects of teaching
- invite proposals for innovative teaching methods or the evaluation of student learning
- provide travel funds for faculty to visit other institutions of higher education for the purpose of learning from colleagues about teaching

All members of the faculty offering courses for college-credit through CASNR are eligible to submit proposals for projects and activities as described above.

Proposals should be concise and include:

1. clearly stated objective(s) of the project/activity
2. clear procedures and methods
3. anticipated impact
4. anticipated scholarly or creative work resulting from the project/activity
5. timetable
6. detailed budget including departmental contribution

A report summarizing the results of the approved proposal is due within 60 days after the project is completed. Any articles published should acknowledge the support provided from the Neal and Tacie Peacock Teaching Endowment. A copy of such publication should be provided to the Office of the Dean.

Proposal Selection Criteria

Projects that demonstrate imagination and innovation in education will be given high priority. Proposals that show promise of leading to expanded projects or support by external funding agencies are encouraged. The extent to which projects demonstrate truly effective teaching and/or learning will also be an important consideration.

Proposals requesting funds to supplement salary, pay hourly student workers, or purchase normal budgetary items will not be considered.

Proposals are accepted quarterly by March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. Notification will be given within 30 days.
Wharton Faculty Development Award

The Wharton Faculty Development Fund is supported through the generosity of Charles and Julie Wharton. The fund is intended to support faculty development with the goal to keep the CASNR faculty on the cutting edge of their disciplines.

This award is intended to allow faculty to participate in special training that will contribute to improving their program. It is not intended for participation in annual conferences of professional societies held domestically or internationally.

Past recipients have participated in intensive workshops to update teaching skills or provided assistance to work in a colleague’s lab at another institution to learn new techniques to incorporate into their laboratory teaching methods.

All members of the faculty offering courses for college-credit through CASNR are eligible to submit proposals for projects and activities as described above.

Proposals are accepted quarterly by May 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. Notification will be given within 30 days.

Proposals should be concise and include:

1. clearly stated objective(s) related to the activity
2. anticipated impact
3. anticipated scholarly or creative work resulting from the activity
4. timetable
5. detailed budget including departmental contribution

A report summarizing the results of the approved proposal is due within 60 days after the activity is completed. Any articles published should acknowledge the support provided from the Wharton Faculty Development Award. A copy of such publication should be provided to the Office of the Dean.

Proposal Selection Criteria

Projects that demonstrate imagination and innovation in faculty development will be given high priority. Proposals that show promise of leading to expanded projects or support by external funding agencies are encouraged. The extent to which projects demonstrate truly effective teaching and/or learning will also be an important consideration.

Proposals requesting funds to supplement salary, pay hourly student workers, or purchase normal budgetary items will not be considered.
W.F. & Golda Moss Outstanding Teaching Award

One faculty member (tenure, tenure-track, or non-tenure track) with ten (10) or fewer years of faculty experience and one faculty member (tenure, tenure-track or non-tenure track) with greater than ten (10) years faculty experience will be recognized at the CASNR Awards reception, generally held on the first Tuesday in April.

Faculty are nominated by CASNR student organizations (clubs, judging teams, service and honor societies), departments or individuals. Each may recommend one faculty member in each category.

Those submitting nominations should also be prepared to assist nominees in preparing the nomination packet, and making sure the nomination packet is submitted by the due date.

Only one packet need be submitted if a faculty member is nominated by more than one individual or group. Special mention of support from multiple groups should be made in the nomination letter, but letters of nomination from each group of individuals should be included.

Faculty are not eligible if he or she were an award winner in either category within the past five (5) years.

All nomination packets must be complete and submitted to 126 Morgan Hall by the third Friday in February.

The nomination packet (not to exceed 12 pages) includes the following items for each nominated faculty member:

- Letters of nomination by organization/individual (maximum of 2 pages). This should include the appointment of the faculty member.
- Letters of recommendation, no more than 2 letters:
  - One faculty colleague (maximum of 2 pages)
  - One undergraduate or graduate student advisee (maximum of 2 pages)
- Brief summary of the following (maximum 4 pages):
  - Personal information
  - Educational background
  - Honors and awards related to teaching
  - Other professional honors
  - Description of the nominee’s engagement in the CASNR educational program (courses, advising, honors program, student organizations, etc.)
- Nominee’s statement of teaching philosophy (1 page)
- Summary of research in lay-man’s terms and list of courses taught. (1 page)

Nomination materials for those not selected for the “greater than 10 years award” will be retained and considered for the next two years. Recipients are not eligible if s/he were a recipient in the past five (5) years.

Screening committee is composed of students appointed by the Associate Dean and represents all academic majors and classes in the College.
Past recipients who are ineligible in 2011 (10 or fewer yrs. followed by greater than 10 yrs.)

2010: Mr. Russell Kriewald, AS & Dr. Ann Draughon, FST

2009: Dr. Matthew Gray, FWF & Dr. Paris Lambdin, EPP

2008: Professor Curtis Stewart, PS & Dr. P. Michael Davidson, FST

2007: Dr. John Sorochan, PS & Dr. Michael O. Smith, AS

2006: Mr. Aaron Fisher, AS & Dr. John Mount, FST

Past recipients

2005: Dr. Carrie Fritz, AgExtEd & Dr. William Hart, BsE

2004: Dr. Svetlana Zivanovic. FST & Dr. Fred Hopkins. AS

2003: Dr. Lisa Muller, FWF & Dr. John Wilkerson, BsE

2002: Dr. David Golden, FST & Dr. Daniel Yoder, BsE

2001: Dr. Ron Yoder, ABE & Dr. Marjorie Penfield, FST

2000: Dr. Raj Raman, ABE & Dr. John Mount, FST

1999: Dr. Neal Schrick, AS & Dr. Ann Draughon, FST

1998: Dr. Alan Mathew, AS & Mr. William Minser, FWF

1997: Dr. William Hart, AEngr & Dr. Bobby L. Bledsoe, AEngr

1996: Dr. Michael Mullen, PSS & Dr. Frank Masincupp, AS

1995: Dr. Daniel Yoder, AEngr & Dr. Don Williams, OHLD

1994: Dr. John Wilkerson, AEngr & Dr. Marjorie Penfield, FST

1993: Dr. Paul M. Winistorfer, FWF & Dr. Luther R. Wilhelm, AEngr

1992: Dr. Greg Pompelli, AgEcon & Dr. William Backus, AS

1991: Dr. Benny Bell, AS and Dr. P. Michael Davidson, FTS

1990: Dr. John G. Graveel, PSS & Dr. Luther H. Keller, AERS

1989: Dr. William M. Park, AERS & Dr. Jim Riemann FTS

5 or fewer yrs followed by greater than 5 yrs

1988: Dr. H. Dwight Loveday FTS Dr. John D. Todd, AgExtEd

1987: Dr. John Mount FTS & Dr. John Graveel, PSS

1986: Dr. Benny Bell, AS & Dr. Frank Masincupp, AS

1985: Dr. Robert von Bermuth, AEngr & Dr. Bobby Bledsoe, AEngr

1984: Dr. William Park, AERS & Dr. Fred D. Tompkins, AEngr

1983: Dr. Randy Miles, PSS & Dr. Karl M. Barth, AS

1982: Dr. Jim Riemann FTS & Dr. Lloyd Callahan, OHLD

1981: Prof. David T. Kendall, OHLD & Dr. Monty Montgomery, AS

1980: Dr. Lawson Safley, Jr., AEngr & Dr. Ben R. McManus, AERS

1979: Dr. Gordon W. Davis FTS & Dr. Ed. R. Lidvall, AS

1978: Dr. Ron L. Hay, FWF & Dr. Robert L. Murphree, AS

1977: Dr. Jim Riemann FTS & Dr. Hugh O. Jaynes FST

1976: Dr. Fred Tompkins, AEngr & Dr. Don Richardson, AS.

1975: Dr. Curtis Melton, FTS & Dr. Donald Richardson, AS
Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award

One faculty member (tenure, tenure-track, or non-tenure track) or professional staff member who serves as an academic advisor, is recognized for outstanding advising of undergraduate and/or graduate students, and service to student organizations. The recipient is invited to attend the CASNR Awards Reception, generally held on the first Tuesday in April. The recipient will also be recognized for their support of students at the spring college commencement ceremony and be asked to address the graduates.

Nominations can be made by CASNR clubs, organizations, individuals, and/or departments. Each may recommend one faculty member or professional staff member. Nominations may also be self-nominations.

Those submitting nominations should also be prepared to assist nominees in preparing the nomination packet, and making sure the nomination packet is submitted by the due date.

Only one packet need be submitted if a person is nominated by more than one individual or group. Special mention of multiple support groups should be made in the nomination letter, but letters of nomination from each group or individuals should be included.

All nomination packets must be completed and submitted to 126 Morgan Hall by the third Friday in February.

The nomination packet (not to exceed 11 pages) includes the following items for each nominated faculty member or professional staff:

- Letters of nomination by organization/individual (maximum of 2 pages)
- Letters of recommendation (limit of 2 letters)
  - One faculty colleague (maximum of 2 pages)
  - One undergraduate or graduate student advisee (maximum of 2 pages)
- Brief summary of the following (maximum of 4 pages):
  - Personal information
  - Educational background
  - Honors and awards
  - Role and experience in advising undergraduate and graduate students and student organizations
- Nominee’s statement of philosophy of advising (1 page).

Nomination materials for those not selected will be retained and considered for the next two years. Recipients are not eligible if s/he were awardees in the past five (5) years.

Screening committee is composed of students appointed by the Associate Dean and represents all academic majors and classes in the College.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February.

Past recipients who are ineligible in 2011
2010: Dr. Paul Ayers, BsE
2009: Dr. F. Neal Schrick, AS, & Dr. Michael O. Smith, AS (tie vote)
2008: Dr. Joanne Logan, ESS
2007: Mr. Aaron Fisher, AS
2006: Dr. Richard Heitmann, AS

Past recipients
2005: Dr. Daniel Yoder, BsE
2004: Dr. J. Larry Wilson, FWF
2003: Dr. John Riley, AgEcon
2002: Dr. William Park, AgEcon
2001: Dr. Frank Masincupp, AS
2000: Dr. David Golden, FST
1999: Dr. William Hart, ABE (first recipient)

Prior to 1999, there is no mention in the archived Scholarship and Awards Banquet programs of the W.S. Overton Faculty Awards of Merit.
W. S. Overton Faculty Award of Merit

The W. S. Overton Faculty Award of Merit is presented annually by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, at the CASNR Awards Reception, generally held on the first Tuesday in April, to a tenure/tenure-track faculty member who makes notable contributions to the development of students. Outstanding classroom teaching, effective student advising, positive contributions and work with student organizations and/or outstanding direction of graduate student theses and dissertations would be factors considered in making this award. Recipients also receive the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Teaching Award of Merit Certificate.

The nomination package due, by the third Friday in February in 126 Morgan Hall, includes:
- a letter of nomination from the department head or his/her designate that discusses the merits of the faculty member’s teaching program,
- resume/curriculum vitae that includes contributions to the teaching/advising program,
- a statement of teaching and advising philosophy.

Selection is made by an ad hoc committee of a department head, faculty and students, named by the Associate Dean.

A recipient of the award is not eligible for the award again for a period of three (3) years.

Nomination materials for those not selected will be retained and considered for the next two years.

Past recipients who are ineligible in 2011
2010: Dr. Matthew Gray, FWF
2009: Dr. John Mount, FST
2008: Dr. F. Neal Schrick, AS

Past recipients
2007: Professor Sam Rogers, PS
2006: Dr. David Golden, FST
2005: Dr. Henry Kattesh, AS
2004: Dr. Carl Sams, PS
2003: Dr. Michael O. Smith, AS
2002: Dr. Paris Lambdin, EPP
2001: Dr. J. Larry Wilson, FWF
2000: Dr. Alan Mathew, AS, and Mr. Garry Menendez, OHLD
1999: Dr. John Brooker, AgEcon
1998: Dr. Richard Strange, FWF, and Dr. Jerome Grant, EPP
1997: Dr. David Buehler, AEng, and Dr. Joanne Logan, PSS
1996: Dr. Benny Bell, AS, and Dr. John Mount, FST
1995: Dr. John Day, OHLD, and Dr. John Todd, AgExtEd
1994: Dr. Ralph Dimmick, FWF, and Dr. Susan Wilson (Hamilton), OHLD
1993: Dr. Gary Lessman, PSS, and Dr. J. Larry Wilson, FWF
1992: Dr. Ben McManus, AERS, and Dr. Charles Pless, EPP
1991: Dr. Edward Buckner, FWF

There is no mention in the archived Scholarship and Awards Banquet programs of the W.S. Overton Faculty Awards of Merit being awarded prior to 1991.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February.
The Williams-Lidvall Outstanding Teaching Award

The Williams-Lidvall Outstanding Teaching Award is presented annually at the Institute of Agriculture’s Promotions and Awards Luncheon. It is presented to a current faculty member in CASNR with a record of success in the classroom and demonstrated commitment to the interest of students as evidenced by their performance as an academic adviser, as well as their support and participation in student initiatives and activities, such as serving as an adviser to student clubs or organizations.

The nomination package due, by the first Friday in April in 126 Morgan Hall, includes

- a letter of nomination from the department head or designate,
- resume of accomplishments (to include pertinent information pertaining to the nominee's involvement in the teaching and advising program),
- copies of student evaluations from the past 5 years, and
- no more than five supporting letters.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of April.

Selection will be made by a committee composed of a department head, past recipients, a minimum of two students, and one other person designated by the associate dean for academic programs.

Nomination materials for those not selected will be retained and considered for the next two years.

This award was established by Mr. Donald E. Williams, Nashville, TN, to honor his former professor and mentor. Mr. Williams graduated from UT in the spring of 1961 with a BS in animal science.

Past recipients

2010: Dr. William “Bill” Park, ARE
2009: Dr. Mark Windham, EPP
2008: Prof. Garry Menendez, PS
2007: Dr. Neal Eash, SS
2006: Dr. Richard Strange, FWF
2005: Dr. Richard Heitmann, AS
2004: Dr. John Riley, AgEcon
2003: Dr. William Hart, BsE
2002: Dr. Jerome Grant, EPP
2001: Dr. Michael O. Smith, AS (first recipient)

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of April.
Outstanding Staff Award

One award will be given to a staff member who has displayed extraordinary service and support of the CASNR mission. The recipient may be a full-time, exempt or non-exempt clerical, technical, or professional staff member who is involved with the teaching program. The recipient will be invited to the CASNR Awards Reception, generally held on the first Tuesday in April.

Staff members are nominated by CASNR student organizations (clubs, judging teams, service and honor societies), departments or individuals. Each may recommend one staff member.

Those submitting nominations should also be prepared to make sure the nomination packet is submitted to 126 Morgan Hall by the third Friday in February.

The nomination packet includes the following items for each nominated staff member:

- Nomination letter by the student organization, the department head or designate, or a faculty member (maximum of 2 pages)
- An additional support letter from a student organization, department head or a faculty member.
- A resume, if available.

Nomination materials for those not selected will be retained and considered for the next two years. Recipients are not eligible if s/he were a recipient in the past five (5) years.

Screening committee is composed of students appointed by the Associate Dean and represents all academic majors and classes in the College.

Past recipients who are not eligible in 2011

2010: Mr. Eddie Jarboe, AS & Dr. Stacy Worley, BsE (tie vote)
2009: Ms. Renee Follum, EPP
2008: Ms. Sandra Kitts, PS
2007: Ms. Emily Tipton, AS
2006: Mr. Craig Wagoner, BESS

Past recipients

2005: Mrs. Martha Thompson, FWF
2004: Mrs. Angela Berry, OD, and Mrs. Leann McElhaney, OD (tie vote)
2003: Mrs. Joanne Galyon, AS
2002: Mrs. Joan Presnell, AS (first recipient)

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February.
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit

The Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit is presented annually at the CASNR Awards Reception, generally held on the first Tuesday in April.

Graduate students, who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and work with undergraduate students in other ways that enhance the undergraduate educational experience, are nominated by department heads or faculty mentors. Graduate students may be nominated regardless of their appointment, as some departments require all graduate students to have a teaching experience. Evidence of professional development as an instructor is also considered. The recipient(s) will also receive the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit Certificate.

The nomination package, submitted to 126 Morgan Hall by the third Friday in February, includes:

- A nomination letter that addresses the nature and quality of the graduate student’s teaching efforts in the department written by the department head or the faculty member supervising the graduate student’s teaching.
- A resume/curriculum vitae, that includes contributions to the teaching program and evidence of the student’s professional development as an instructor.

Selection is made by an ad hoc committee of students and faculty named by the Associate Dean.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February.

Past recipients

2010: Mr. Nathan Haislip, MS, WFS
2009: Ms. Carla Dilling, PhD, PSI-EPP, & Mr. Adam Thoms, PhD, PSI-PS
2008: Ms. Julie Mawhorter, PhD, NatRes, & Ms. Faith J. Critzer, PhD, FST
2007: Ms. Ann Marie Craig, PhD, FST, & Mr. Andrew Pulte, MS, PS
2006: Ms. Magdalena Rambeaud, PhD, AS
2005: Ms. Amy Mathis, PhD, NatRes
2004: Ms. Jamey Pavey, PhD, NatRes
2003: Ms. Nancy DeTrana, PhD, FST
2002: Ms. Vivian Ann Rash, MS, FST
2001: Mr. Chris Graves, MS, WFS
2000: Ms. Laura Franks, MS, PSS, & Ms. Linda Seals, MS, OHLD
1999: Mr. Paul Ebner, MS, AS, & Ms. Stephanie Smithson, MS, BsET
1998: Mr. Gregory L. Bailey, MS, FWF, & Ms. Rebecca Gilfillen, PhD, PSS
1997: Mr. Ronald Dericke Smiley, PhD, FST
1996: Mr. Robert Inman, MS, WFS
1995: Mr. Greg Upchurch, MS, AS, & Mr. Andrew Arthur, MS, AEngrT
1994: Ms. Teresa A. Cerny, MS, OHLD, & Mr. Kirk Swortzel, MS, AgExtEd
1993: Ms. Janis Brownlee, MS, FST, & Mr. Kevin W. Thompson, MS, AS
1992: Mr. Jim Satterfield, MS, AgExtEd, and Mr. Todd Wilkerson, MS, AEngr
1991: Award given, however no record of recipient
1990: Award given, however no record of recipient
1989: Award given, however no record of recipient

Prior to 1990, there is no mention in the archived Scholarship and Awards Banquet programs of outstanding graduate teacher awards or recognitions.
Edward Neal Duncan Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research

Initiated in the 2009-2010 academic year, the Edward Neal Duncan Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Endowment was established to encourage undergraduate student participation in research, making them better prospective employees and graduate school candidates. All CASNR students are eligible to submit entries for consideration. Faculty from each department are encouraged to submit nominations.

There will be two awards made annually, one each to a lower division student (FR or SO) who shows promise in conducting research and to an upper division student (JR or SR) who is actively conducting research with a faculty member in the UTIA. The award is processed as a scholarship to reduce the student’s need to work during the academic year thereby allowing time to conduct the research.

LOWER DIVISION AWARD

The nomination package for the Lower Division Award consists of:

- A letter from the student describing why the student is interested in conducting research and explaining the type of research s/he is interested in conducting.
- An endorsement from the faculty member agreeing to mentor the work.

Nominations for the Lower Division Award should be submitted no later than the fourth Wednesday of November (the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving Holiday). Awards will be made for the spring semester to encourage the student to begin work on the research. The recipient will be recognized at the annual Awards Reception held the first Tuesday of April.

UPPER DIVISION AWARD

The nomination package for the Upper Division Award consists of:

- If the work is not yet completed,
  - A letter from the student describing the research being conducted, progress made and what needs to be completed.
  - A letter from the faculty member describing the work completed by the student and the student’s progress in understanding the scientific method and conducting research.
- If the work is completed,
  - A report or journal article prepared by the student based on the research conducted which includes an introduction to the problem, a clear hypothesis, materials and methods, research findings, discussion and conclusion.
  - A letter from the faculty member describing the actual contributions the student made to the research described in the report or journal article and the student’s progress in understanding the scientific method and conducting research.

Nominations for the Upper Division Award should be submitted no later than the third Friday of February. The recipient will be recognized at the annual Awards Reception held the first Tuesday of April.

Nominations will be reviewed by the CASNR Honors Advisory Committee.
If funds are sufficient in any given year, CASNR will also match the cash awards provided by Gamma Sigma Delta to those CASNR students participating in EUReCA — the annual Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement.

Past recipients and faculty mentors

2010: Mariam Fawaz, SR, ESS, Dr. Mark Radosevich
Outstanding Student Awards

A maximum of ten full-time students will be honored at the annual CASNR Awards Reception, generally held on the first Tuesday in April. Although the nominations received will determine the distribution of the awards, the goal will be to recognize four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman.

Selection of recipients will be based upon the candidate’s college leadership, activities, letters of nomination/reference and scholarship. The application should include information for the preceding 12 months (spring, summer and fall terms). A minimum GPA of 2.7 on course work through fall semester is required for nomination. Emphasis will be placed on leadership and activity.

The nominee must be enrolled in the current spring semester and be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 credit hours in both the fall and spring semesters of the academic year of nomination) to be eligible. Class is determined per University guidelines and is based on the student’s status at the beginning of fall semester of the current academic year.

Freshman: a student with fewer than 30 credit hours.

Sophomore: a student with between 30 credit hours and 60 credit hours.

Junior: a student with between 60 credit hours and 90 credit hours.

Senior: a student with 90 credit hours or more.

Classification IS NOT BASED on the number of semesters enrolled at UT or in CASNR. Advanced placement, transfer and departmental credits are included in the credit hour total.

Nominations are encouraged by CASNR student organizations (clubs, judging teams, service and honor societies), individual faculty members or individual students.

It is the responsibility of the nominator to assist the nominee in preparation of the application, provide a letter of nomination and request the needed support letters.

Nominations may also be made by individuals, including self nominations. Nominations prepared by an individual student require a letter of nomination from another student and one letter of recommendation from a CASNR faculty member.

Nominations submitted/prepared by a faculty member do not require a letter of support from another student.

If a student is being nominated by more than one individual/group, each individual/group should provide a letter of nomination. However, only one completed nomination cover page (see page 17) from the nominee and one faculty reference letter should be submitted.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February

There is no limit to the number of times a student may win the Outstanding Student Award. The Office of the Dean reserves the right to verify all information. The committee asks that nominations follow the specified format and that the materials be typed or neatly written.

Nomination materials including the nomination cover page, support materials, and letters must be submitted by the third Friday in February to 126 Morgan Hall.
A resume or a list that describes the level of involvement under the appropriate headings should be included. The following list is provided only as a guide and should not be considered inclusive. Complete the enclosed nomination cover page (see page 17).

**Scholarship:** Honor society membership; national professional society membership; Gamma Sigma Delta awards; state, regional or national recognition and awards; assistance provided to a faculty member’s research, Extension or teaching program; honor program participation; work on an independent project under direction of a faculty member; any research, Extension, and teaching presentations.

**Leadership:** Officer or committee chair with for the College or any club, fraternity/sorority, or other organization; Varsity Visit or Ag Day tour guide or speaker; State 4-H or FFA officer (following high school); conferences, conclaves, regional or national student organization officer or committee chair.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Departmental club and/or judging team member and/or awards, fraternity/sorority members, intramurals, band, student senate, internship, part/full-time work, and committee membership, community service, international study tour, off-campus membership and activities.
Outstanding Student Award Nomination Cover Page  
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
The University of Tennessee

Name: _______________________________  Student ID: ____________________
Local Address: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________
Major: ____________________________
Classification: _____ FR  _____ SO  _____ JR  _____ SR
Previous Spring Semester:  Credit Hrs (no.): _______________________  GPA: __________
Previous Fall Semester:  Credit Hrs (no.): _______________________  GPA: __________
Current Semester:  Credit Hrs (no.): _______________________  GPA: __________
Transfer GPA (if applicable): ____________________________
Cumulative GPA at UTK (minimum of 2.7 GPA is required) ______________
Nominator: ________________________________________________
Recommendation letters from:
  Student or student group name: ____________________________
  Faculty member name: ____________________________

NOTE: If a faculty member is making the nomination, a letter from another student or student group is not required.

Attach a resume or additional pages to address the following:
• Scholarship (provide description of involvement, as appropriate)
• Leadership (provide description of involvement, as appropriate)
• Extracurricular Activities (provide description of involvement, as appropriate)

APPLICATION DUE BY THIRD FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY IN 126 MORGAN HALL

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Distinguished Alumnus Award

The CASNR Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented annually to a graduate (at least 10 years) of the CASNR, or its predecessor, the College of Agriculture, for outstanding achievement in the academic or corporate community and/or noteworthy public service, which have brought distinction to the graduate and The University of Tennessee.

The recipient will be selected by an ad hoc committee named by the Associate Dean.

The award recipient is invited to the CASNR Awards Reception and/or the College’s Spring Graduation Ceremony.

The nominations, by alumni, faculty or department heads, consist of the nomination form (see page 19) and a letter (maximum of 3 pages) that includes the following information:

- Name of the Nominee
- A statement of significant accomplishments in the academic, corporate and/or community/public service arenas.
- Additional comments regarding the nominee and how they distinguished themselves and/or The University of Tennessee.
- Up to an additional five letters of support may be submitted on behalf of the nominee.

A CV or resume may be attached, if available.

The nominator, if not a UTIA employee, must include his/her full address, work and home telephone numbers and e-mail address.

Nominations should be post-marked no later than the third Friday of February and sent to:

CASNR Alumni Award Selection Committee
126 Morgan Hall
2621 Morgan Circle
Knoxville, TN 37996-4500

Nominations are reviewed by a committee composed a department head, faculty members, and a representative of the UTIA Development Office. Every effort is made to select members who do not represent the majors of the nominees.

Nominations received after the third Friday in February will be held for the next year.

Nomination materials for those not selected are retained and considered for the next two years.

A recipient may receive the award only once.

Past recipients
2010: Ms. Jennifer Pine Smith, OHLD
2009: Mr. James “Jim” Stocker, AgEcon
2008: Ms. Catherine Lynne Dorko, FTS, NFS
2007: Mr. Waymon Hickman, AgEd
2006: Mr. Hollis Malone, OHLD
2005: Dr. James Heird, AH
2004: Mr. Louis Buck, AEng
2003: Dr. Ed R. Lidvall, AH
2002: Mr. Larry Redden, PSS
2001: Mr. Don Shadow, OHLD
2000: Dr. Frank Bell, Agron
1999: Mr. W. F. “Red” Moss, AgEd (first recipient)

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February
The CASNR Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor presented annually by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to an alumnus whose outstanding accomplishments in his/her professional, civic, or volunteer work reflects dignity and distinction on CASNR, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Service to CASNR or the University of Tennessee is not essential. Eligible alumni are those who graduated at least 10 years ago from CASNR or its predecessor the College of Agriculture.

Nominators complete this form and attach the nomination letter that includes a discussion of the significant accomplishments of the nominee. Up to an additional five letters of support may be submitted.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the third Friday of February for consideration in that year.

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Nominee contact information

Name: ____________________________
Undergraduate major: ____________________________ Year graduated: __________
Graduate major, MS: ____________________________ Year graduated: __________
Graduate major, PhD: ____________________________ Year graduated: __________
Address: ____________________________ Daytime phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________ Work phone: ____________________________
Cell phone: ____________________________

Nominator contact information

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ Daytime phone: ____________________________
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The faculty associated with each academic program recognize the outstanding
- freshman (< 30 credit hours),
- sophomore (30 to 59 credit hours),
- junior (60 to 89 credit hours) and
- senior (90 or more credit hours)
in each program:
- Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
- Animal Science
- Biosystems Engineering
- Environmental and Soil Sciences
- Food and Agricultural Economics (includes the former Agricultural Economics & Business major)
- Food Science and Technology
- Forestry
- Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
- Plant Sciences
- Wildlife and Fisheries Science

Class is determined per University guidelines and is based on the student’s status at the beginning of fall semester of the current academic year.

Departmental faculty members determine whether or not the recognition will be awarded in any given year.

Nominations are accepted at any time during the year and no later than the first Friday of March.