

April 2022

## Department Newsletter

### 2022 Student Scholarship and Industry Awards Banquet



*Chad Paulk introduces the next award recipient while hosting the department awards banquet.*

Chad Paulk, associate professor of feed science, hosted the department's 2022 Student Scholarship and Industry Awards Banquet held at the IGP Institute Conference Center on April 20. Department members presented various undergraduate and graduate student awards following the banquet dinner along with special recognition for grain science faculty and staff. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, friends and corporate partners, a total of \$175,000 was awarded in scholarships to our students for the 2021–2022 academic year.

# 2022 Scholarship/Fellowship Awards

## **Anheuser-Busch Fellowship**

Manoj Kumar Pulivarthi

## **Rene Buhler Memorial Scholarship**

Rañia Buenavista

## **Cain Land and Grain Value Added Agriculture Scholarship**

Nelsa Beckman and Jenna Flory

## **Dr. Dick Hahn Distinguished Student Leadership Award**

Karly Brungardt

## **Majel M. MacMasters Memorial Achievement Award**

Hee Seong Kim

## **Dr. Rasik Daftary Grain Science Excellence Fund**

Blake Plattner and Jared Rivera

## **GSI Outstanding Service Award**

Scott Martin

## **Outstanding M.S. Graduate Student Award**

Allison Blomme

## **Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate Student Award**

Logan Kilburn

## **Dr. C. E. Walker International Graduate Student Fellowship**

Jing Qi and Ruijia Hu

## **Wendell L. and Ina K. Brubaker Graduate Student Scholarship**

Patrick Badger and Katelyn Bailey

## **GSI Outstanding Alumnus Award**

Debi Rogers (for the year 2021)

Ted Korolchuk (for the year 2022)

## **GSI Outstanding Staff Award**

Brenda Heptig

**Congratulations to all who received awards.**

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### **Congratulations to Mehreen Iftikhar**

Please join us in congratulating Mehreen Iftikhar on the successful defense of her thesis, "*Accelerated Shelf-life study of fortified rice: Evaluating micronutrient retention in different packaging options.*" The Graduate Program Committee wishes Mehreen continued success in all her future endeavors.

### **Students Receive Facility Tours From Industry Groups**

Milling science students were able to tour several industry locations in April. We would like to thank Ethan Rice at Frito-Lay, Tate Schenkel, Jake Wessel and Chris Caplinger at Bunge, and TreeHouse Foods/American Italian Pasta Company for hosting the GRSC 580 class and allowing them to see their facilities.





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### **Grain Science Students Receive Multiple Awards**

Mehreen Iftikhar represented K-State at the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools 3MT regional competition in Wisconsin where she received the People's Choice Award and placed third among the 40 plus participants in the 3MT competition.

Hee Seong Kim, (Ph.D. student) advised by Dr. Aldrich, was selected as a K-State 2022 Alumni Association International Student Scholarship recipient.

Manoj Pulivarthi, (Ph.D. student) advised by Dr. Kali, and Manivannan Selladurai, (Ph.D. student) advised by Dr. Subi were selected as K-State 2022 Alumni Association International Student Scholarship recipients. There were 20 scholarship awardees this year. Manoj and Manivannan will be awarded a \$500 scholarship for the fall 2022–2023 semester.

Hung-Chi Peng “Benjamin”, a doctoral student under the advisement of Dr. Yong-Cheng Shi, was selected the K-State 2022 Joe Tio International Student Scholarship recipient. The International Student and Scholar Services and the Alumni Association presented Hung-Chi with his \$500 scholarship and award certificate at the International Talent Show April 2, 2022 at the K-State Student Union.

Congratulations to all!

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### **2022 K-State Open House a Success**

The department hosted a variety of grain science activities and displays to a good crowd of participants who came out for the first in-person open house event since the pandemic.



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## Our Mission

*The mission of the Department of Grain Science and Industry is to advance the global grain and plant-based food, feed, and bioproduct industries through scholarship, research, and outreach.*

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