



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report  
August 2022**

**Office or Committee Name:** Awards  
**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Tim Prather  
**Date of Preparation (include year):** 8/1/2022

**Activities during the year:**

Prior year recipients of awards were announced by Richard Zollinger at the WSWS meeting in Newport Beach CA. Dr. Zollinger announced the following:

- WSWS Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career was awarded to Dr. Charles Geddes, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.
- WSWS Weed Manager was awarded to Julie Kraft, Sublette County Weed and Pest District, Pinedale, WY.

There were 5 entries for the student travel awards. The following students were selected recipients of the WSWS Elena Sanchez Outstanding Student Scholarship Program:  
Jodie Crose: 3<sup>rd</sup> year Ph.D. candidate, University of Wyoming, Dr. Brian Mealor.  
Ednaldo Alexandre Borgato: 4<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. candidate, Kansas State University, Dr. Mithila Jugulam and Dr. J. Anita Dille  
Sachin Dhanda: 1<sup>st</sup> year Ph.D. candidate Kansas State University, Dr. Vipam Kumar.

I made suggestions for update to the website for people interested in nominating an individual and where forms are located. Our committee has been communicating via email so far this season. I requested that each committee member suggest an individual for nomination and to supply the name of an individual to sponsor the nomination. I think our efforts collectively as a committee may increase the number of nominations.

Our input has resulted in suggestion for awards, totaling 3 people for early career, 11 people for outstanding weed scientist, and 2 for professional staff.

Our committee will meet in August or September and determine who will contact individuals to prepare packets.

**Recommendations for Board Action:**

We have not meet other than via email, so we don't have any recommendations as a committee. The committee would benefit from a list of past nominees and past winners. Those lists would assist the committee in soliciting additional nominations packets and avoid spending time on past recipients.

**Budget Needs:** I have listed the same budget needs as previously suggested by Richard. \$2,000 funding for student scholarships. Plaques for winners.

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