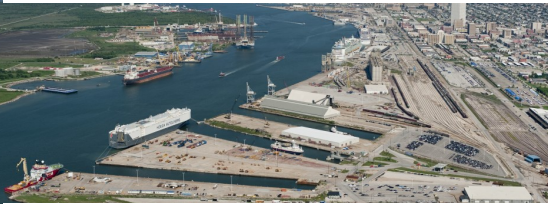




PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS LUNCHEON JULY 29, 2019



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PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS LUNCHEON 2019 AGENDA

Presiding	Brian Triplett TCAAA President Red River County
Invocation	Laura Miller County Extension Agent, Horticulture Tarrant County
Introduction of Guests	Phoenix Rogers TCAAA President Elect Galveston County
Award Presentations	Tommy Phillips Awards & Recognition Committee Van Zandt County
Closing Remarks	Brian Triplett TCAAA President Red River County

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is presented annually by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) to Extension Agents in each of the 50 states. Recognizing only 2% of members annually, the DSA is the highest award that a County Extension Agent can receive from NACAA.

Recipients are selected by their district peers based upon outstanding professional growth, program effectiveness, leadership ability, loyalty to Extension work, and community involvement. Recipients must have 10 years or more of outstanding Extension service and have been a NACAA and TCAAA member.

All Distinguished Service Award recipients will be honored at the NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference to be held September 8-12, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD DISTRICT 1, CARSON CO. JODY BRADFORD

Jody Bradford has worked for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 33 years. Jody has served constituents in Wilbarger, Stonewall and Carson County. His dedication to agriculture is evident through programming in cotton, wheat, corn, grain sorghum as well as beef cattle. Jody also has a passion for the 4-H program and knows a strong youth program is vital to compliment Ag programming efforts.



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
DISTRICT 4, RED RIVER CO.
DR. BRIAN TRIPLETT**

Brian Triplett is the County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources in Red River County. In addition to Red River, he has served the residents of Nacogdoches, San Jacinto, Smith, and Bowie Counties during his 25 years career. His major programming areas have included natural resources, beef and forage production, field crops, small scale vegetables and consumer horticulture. Brian is proud of his work with the 4-H program and the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge.



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
DISTRICT 5, RUSK CO.
JAMIE SUGG**

Jamie Sugg has served the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 15 years in Rusk and Nacogdoches Counties, providing educational leadership in beef cattle and forage production, horticulture and wildlife management. Jamie is also heavily involved in the local 4-H program, providing leadership and expertise in livestock projects as well as the state 4-H program where he is heavily involved in the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program and Outdoor Challenge.



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
DISTRICT 7, JONES CO.
STEVE ESTES**

Steve has served as a County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources for 17 years in Fisher and Jones counties. During his career, he has had the opportunity to work with agricultural producers and industry partners in a wide array of programs, including; cotton, field crops, livestock, wildlife, and economic development. Steve has also shown a dedication to youth through strengthening 4-H programs and providing youth with the skills needed to be successful leaders.



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
DISTRICT 11, ARANSAS CO.
VIRGINIA EASTON SMITH**

Virginia Easton Smith has served as Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent in Aransas County, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, for 9 years, providing programming in water quality, conservation, landscape best practices, tree care and related topics. She spearheads a very active Master Gardener program and also leads the 4-H program in the county, with a wide variety of projects for youth. Prior to moving to Texas, she was an Ag Agent in Hawaii for 17 years.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

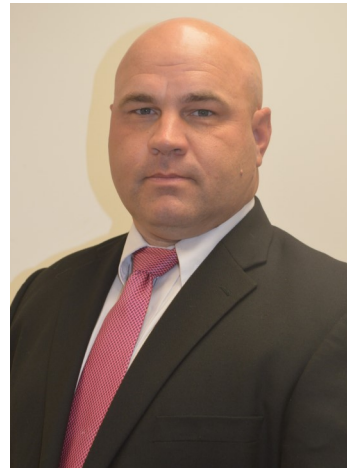
The Achievement Award (AA) is presented annually by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) to Extension Agents in each of the 50 states. Awarded to only 2% of members annually, the Achievement Award recognizes Extension Agents with less than 10 years of service for their outstanding professional growth and contribution to Extension.

Achievement Award Recipients have demonstrated excellence in the field of professional Extension and have been a NACAA and TCAA member for less than 10 years.

All Achievement Award recipients will be honored at the NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference to be held September 8-12, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DISTRICT 2, DAWSON CO. GARY ROSCHETZKY

Gary has served as the Agricultural and Natural Resource Agent for Dawson County since 2012. He currently oversees three program area committees, including the Agricultural Committee, Adult 4-H Committee, and the Youth Leadership Committee. Gary organized and oversees the annual Southern Mesa Ag-Conference which encompasses producers from six counties. When arriving in Dawson County in 2012, there were only twenty members enrolled in 4-H. This has increased to ninety-nine members this year. Gary helps any 4-H members who are interested in showing livestock, purchasing livestock and providing advise on feeding and preparing their animals for county and major livestock shows.



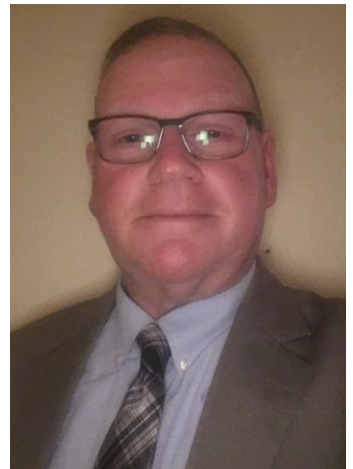
**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
DISTRICT 8, CORYELL CO.
ROBERT FERGUSON**

Robert Ferguson started his career as the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Nature Resources and now possesses the same role in Coryell County since 2016. He received his B.S. degree from Tarleton State University and his M.S. degree from Texas A&M University – Kingsville. Robert's programs target Beef Cattle, Small/New Acreage landowners, Horticulture, Crops, Science of Agriculture, and Livestock Projects. He utilizes numerous volunteer groups and committees that aide in program development and organization.



**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
DISTRICT 9, LIBERTY CO.
ROY FLORA**

The 2018 Liberty County Ag & Natural Resources Educational Program endeavors under the direction and leadership of Roy Flora, Liberty County CEA-ANR, were structured, informative, and productive. With input from the various ANR PAC's, successful educational programs were offered to cover the interests of Liberty County residents including beef production, gardening, natural resources, and conservation. Liberty County education included both local and multi-county educational programs with five area counties.



**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
DISTRICT 11, SAN PATRICIO CO.
BOBBY MCCOOL**

Bobby has served San Patricio County for the past six years as the Ag and Natural Resource Agent. Row crop profitability has and will continue to be the major programming effort with emphasis on grain sorghum and cotton best management practices, weed management, crop management, and variety trials. Bobby was instrumental in establishing the Coastal Bend Grain Storage and Handlers Safety Conference, and the San Patricio County Community Garden.



EARLY CAREER AWARDS

Sponsored by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association to recognize and encourage professional excellence for members with less than five years of service. Districts with more than nine qualified agents may present two awards.

Derek Williamson	Armstrong	D-1
Kyle Howard	Lamb	D-2
Josh Kouns	Baylor	D-3
Thomas Boyle	Dickens	D-3
Marty Morgan	Cooke	D-4
Jacob Spivey	Tyler	D-5
Corey Hicks	Houston	D-5
Cody Trimble	Glasscock	D-6
Emily Grant	Val Verde	D-6
Nick Dickson	Fisher	D-7
Justin Hale	Johnson	D-8
Cassie Ferguson	Leon	D-8
Stacie Villareal	Waller	D-9
David Oates	Jefferson	D-9
Jason Mangold	Hays	D-10
Kailyn Capps	Austin	D-11
Matthew Rodriguez	Willacy	D-12

RETIREMENT WATCHES

To recognize retiring TCAA member for the dedication, service, and leadership they have provided during their careers as County Extension Agents.

2018-2019 Retirees

Isaac Cavazos	McMullen	30 years 2 months
Brad Cowan	Hidalgo	40 years
Rick Maxwell	Lamar	19 years 7 months
Enrique Perez	Cameron	37 years 4 months

2017-2018 Retirees

Mark Brown	Lubbock	31 years 6 months
Michael Heimer	Montgomery	40 years
Terrie Looney	Jefferson	19 years 5 months
Rocky Vinson	Shackelford	31 years

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TCAA COMMUNICATION AWARDS

To recognize NACAA members who excel in communication programs to clientele.

The first place winner in each category advances to NACAA Southern Region Competition. The top three regional finalist in each category go on to complete at the National level. NACAA recognizes all state winners as well as regional and national finalists at the Annual Communications Workshop and Awards at the NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference.

Audio Recordings	1st	Tyler Coufal	Williamson
	2nd	Michael R. Hiller	Jackson
	3rd	Elizabeth Rudd	Dallas

Bound Book	1st	Kara J. Matheny	Washington
	2nd	Scott Wiley	Fayette

Computer Generated Graphics Presentation	1st	Janet Laminack	Denton
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Newsletter, Individual	1st	Tom Guthrie	Mills
	2nd	Kate Whitney	Williamson
	3rd	Elizabeth McMahon	Gillespie

Newsletter, Team	1st	Sandi Whiteman	Angelina
		Ryan Merrel	Angelina
		Joel Redus	Angelina
		Cary Sims	Angelina
	2nd	Whitney Grantham	Bell
		Lyle Zoeller	Bell
	3rd	Tyler Coufal	Williamson
		Kate Whitney	Williamson

TCAA COMMUNICATION AWARDS, CONTINUED

Personal Column	1st	Kate Whitney	Williamson
	2nd	Cary Sims	Angelina
	3rd	Virginia Easton-Smith	Aransas
Program Promotional Piece	1st	Whitney Grantham	Bell
	2nd	Floyd Ingram	Milam
	3rd	Paul Winski	Harris
Website	1st	Paul Winski	Harris
	2nd	Brock Fry	Jasper
	3rd	Andy Holloway	Hemphill
Video Presentation	1st	Paul Winski	Harris
	2nd	Randy Reeves	Gregg

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

To recognize NACAA members who have developed and carried out outstanding extension educational program in specific subject matters.

All recipients will be honored at the NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference to be held September 8-12, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Search for Excellence in Crop Production	Michael R. Hiller	Jackson
Search for Excellence in Commercial and Consumer Horticulture	Michael R. Hiller	Jackson
Search for Excellence in Livestock Production	Michael R. Hiller	Jackson
Search for Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture USDA SARE	Michael R. Hiller	Jackson
Search for Excellence in 4-H Programming	Brock Fry	Jasper

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT COMMODITY AWARDS

Texas Corn Raisers Board	Zach Davis	Hill
Texas Cotton Association	Zach Davis	Hill
Texas Extension Specialist Association Award	Kara Matheney	Washington
	Scott Willey	Fayette
Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board	JD Ragland	Randall
Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association	Shane McLellan	McLennan
Texas Turfgrass Association	Lyle Zoeller	Bell
Texas Wheat Producers Board	Marty Morgan	Cooke

TCAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Youth Scholarship	Melinda Caperton
	Bradin Hanselka
	Cara Hernandez
	Isabelle Netardus
	Samuel Netardus
	Carter Strawn
	Ashleigh Sugg
Agent Advance Degree Scholarship	Whitney Graham
	Samantha Lindsey

TCAAA SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR STATE RECIPIENT

Dr. Pete Dotray

Professor & Extension Weed Specialist

Dr. Peter Dotray is a Rockwell Professor of Weed Science and Extension Weed Specialist with Texas Tech University, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Lubbock. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Minnesota, his Master of Science degree at Washington State University, and returned Minnesota for his Ph.D. degree.



Peter started his current position 25 years ago! He teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses to on-campus and online (Distance) students each year and has advised 38 graduate students. He recently served as President of the Southern Weed Science Society and President of the American Peanut Research and Education Society. Peter has 84 referred journal publications, 8 book chapters, 208 technical publications/popular press articles, 460 abstracts/proceedings, and has given 807 presentations to grower groups.

TCAAA SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR DISTRICT 9 RECIPIENT

Jayla Fry

Texas Master Gardener Program Coordinator

Jayla Fry graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's of Science in Horticulture and a Master's degree in Agriculture Education. Her work experience began by facilitating a horticulture program at a federal prison camp. She currently works with Master Gardener volunteers and coordinators throughout the state of Texas. She teaches an introduction of the Texas Master Gardener Program and Plant Growth and Development.



In 2019, she was the editor for the seventh edition of the Texas Master Gardener Handbook. She authored the Introduction and co-authored the Plant Growth and Development chapter within the handbook.

Jayla serves as the advisor to the Texas Master Gardener Association and supports the state Master Gardener conference and leadership training.

She is married and has two daughters. She teaches Sunday school and is a 4-H Club manager.



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