



**Cornell University**  
**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Dear CALS Faculty and Staff,

I am pleased to announce that on Monday, November 4, 2013, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) will be presenting the 2013 CALS Research and Extension and the Core Value Staff awards. The awards will be presented during a 4-6 p.m. reception in G10 Biotech, with remarks scheduled to begin at 4:45 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

The CALS Research and Extension awards recognize a broad range of accomplishments contributing to the realization of our vision, "To be the preeminent college for research, teaching and extension of agriculture and life sciences, developing leaders to address the global challenges of the 21st century." No single award can adequately capture the diverse achievements of CALS faculty; therefore, several new awards have been established. This year, we are pleased to announce awards in seven categories:

**Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Applied Research:**

Christine D. Smart, Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, for developing an outstanding extension/research program that is well-supported by an exceptional applied research program.

**Award for Outstanding Service to the CALS Community:**

Daniel Decker, Department of Natural Resources, for the many leadership roles he has served in throughout his Cornell career.

**Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Extension/Outreach:**

Russell R. Hahn, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, for his strong research-based extension program, and the sustained and meaningful nature of his contributions over the course of his career.

**Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Science and Public Policy:**

Patrick J. Sullivan, Department of Natural Resources, as a recognized leader in global fisheries and marine policy as well as natural resource management in additional areas such as bird and turtle conservation.

**Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Early Achievement:**

Alon Keinan, Department of Biological Statistics and Computational Biology, for his impressive contributions to statistical genetics, including discoveries regarding human migration effects on variation and the design of new approaches for detecting the genetic bases for developmental disorders.

**Award for Career Accomplishment:**

Timothy Mount, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, for his influential body of research, teaching and advising excellence over the duration of his Cornell career.

**Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Basic Research:**

Stephen C. Winans, Department of Microbiology, for his exceptionally strong research program that includes ground-breaking research in quorum-sensing.

The Core Value Staff Awards recognize staff whose performance has gone far beyond the standards defined by Cornell's Skills for Success, recognizing performance that surpasses expectations and makes a significant and/or unique contribution to the College. We are pleased to announce eleven individual award winners in eight categories:

**Teamwork:**

Wendy Aquadro, in recognition of her work and dedication as a Supervisor and mentor in the Department of Undergraduate Biology.

**Motivation:**

Akio Enders, in recognition of his work and dedication as a Technician in the Department of Crop and Soil Science.

**Adaptability – (Team award):**

Mark Sarvary, Martha Lyon, Louise Lattin, and K.C. Bennett, in recognition of their work and dedication as lab staff members in the Section of Neurobiology and Behavior.

**Communication:**

Michelle Bidwell, in recognition of her work and dedication as a Gardener at the Plantations Horticultural Center.

**Inclusiveness:**

Matthieu Stratton, in recognition of his work and dedication as an Administrator in the Department of Food Science.

**Self-Development:**

Paul O'Connor, in recognition of his work and dedication as an Extension Support Specialist in Cooperative Extension.

**Service Minded:**

Kent Loeffler, in recognition of his work and dedication as a Photo Specialist in the Department of Plant Pathology.

**Stewardship:**

David Benscher, in recognition of his work and dedication as a Research Support Specialist in the Department of Plant Breeding.

I look forward to honoring this year's award winners and hope you will join us on November 4th to celebrate their many outstanding accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn J. Boor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'J' before the last name.

Kathryn J. Boor, PhD

*The Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*