Rosson’s Roundup

Congratulations to Levi Russell and Mac Young who are members of the team that received 2016 Friends of Southern IPM Pulling Together Award. The award was presented at the Southwest Branch of the Entomological Society of America last week in Tyler. They are part of the Sugarcane Aphid Team. Thanks Levi and Mac for your great efforts on this and congratulations again!

As we wind down Staff Appreciation Week, I want to again thank all of our staff for the efforts that make us an exceptional department. I see many of their actions on a daily basis and know that they go above and beyond without being asked and make major contributions to all we do. So, thanks for your diligence and dedication, and congratulations on jobs well done!

Congratulations to Candice Foster who received the 2016 Exceptional Staff Service Award. Candice has worked tirelessly on the departmental tailgate committee, while simultaneously balancing her demanding duties with the Farm Assist Team. Great work, Candice, and thanks for all of your efforts.

Congratulations to two-time Olympic skeet shooter, Connie Smotek, who has been selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee to serve on the inaugural U.S. Center for Safe Sport Board of Directors. The Center is an independent nonprofit organization developed to address abuse in sport. It’s focused on safety and well-being of athletes. She is one of only two board members who are former Olympians! Great job, Connie, and all the best in this pioneering work you are doing. We appreciate your dedication to the Olympic ideals and the safety of athletes.

Thursday and Friday I’m attending the International Livestock Congress – USA in Houston. The theme this year is Opportunities and Challenges to Beef’s Role in Feeding the World. The keynote speaker is Gerda Verburg, Netherlands Ambassador to the UN Food Agency. Temple Grandin, Colorado State, moderated a panel on Animal Welfare and Sustainability. The session was followed by a panel of students who did an excellent job.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the basketball, softball and baseball teams! Softball is on the road at a tournament in San Diego, CA, while the Lady Aggies Basketball team is embroiled at the SEC Tournament. It should be exciting times in Aggieland this weekend with a conference basketball championship on the line and the Yale Bulldogs at Olsen Field!
Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

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