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Mott Award honors top graduate students

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Congratulations to the students who are recipients of this year's Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science. This annual award recognizes top-notch graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in crop science

disciplines. Departments select students based on academic achievements, research and teaching contributions, leadership accomplishments, service activities, and personal qualifications.

The award is named for the first CSSA President Gerald O. Mott who

trained 75 graduate students during his 45-year career at Purdue University and the University of Florida. Many of his students have become eminent forage scientists in the United States and Latin America. The award is offered by CSSA.



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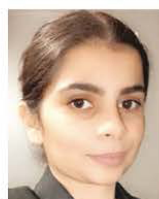
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ASA Southern Branch Student Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2021 ASA Southern Branch student award winners! The 2021 Southern Branch Annual Meeting was held virtually 30 January–1 February. The Annual Meeting always provides a venue for collaboration and networking among agronomy professionals and students in the Southern

Region. It is an excellent opportunity for students to present their research findings and talk with professionals in their area of research/interest.

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Undergraduate Poster Competition

First place: Emma Tyre (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College)

Masters Poster Competition

First place: Hayden Godwin (University of Georgia)

Second place: Hannah Decker (Auburn University)

Third place: Adina Grossman (University of Florida)

Ph.D. Poster Competition

First place: Chiara Rossi (University of Georgia)

Second place: Musfiq Salehin (Texas A&M) and Joseph Iboyi (University of Florida)

Third place: Philip Hinson (Texas A&M)

Masters Oral Competition

First place: Mary Gracen Fuller (Mississippi State University)

Second place: Hayden B Godwin (University of Georgia)

Third place: Lori M. Hearon (Mississippi State University)

Ph.D. Oral Competition

First place: Shandrea Stallworth (Mississippi State University)

Second place: Chiara Rossi (University of Georgia) and Ana Azevedo (University of Georgia)

Third place: Simon Riley (University of Florida)

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