

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

# Celebrating Excellence

MAY 13, 2024

Memorial Union Horizon Room



**Oregon State**  
University

# Welcome to Celebrating Excellence!

## Welcome

**Christopher Bateman**, National Director IAAS,  
Agricultural Sciences Student

**Tai-Renée King**, Natural Resources Student

**Elia Rybolt**, AGvocate, Agricultural Sciences Student

## Dean's Remarks

Dr. Staci Simonich, Dean

## Faculty Awards

### Distinguished Professor of the Year

**Dr. Timothy Hazzard**, Senior Instructor 1  
In Animal and Rangeland Sciences

### Distinguished New Professor of the Year

**Whitney Stone**, Assistant Professor of  
Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resource  
Communications

### Distinguished Club Advisor of the Year

**Melissa Millhollin**, Advisor, Collegiate Farm Bureau,  
and Steer-a-Year

## Club of the Year Award

### Bug Club

Alexander Butcher – President

## Student Awards

### Savery Outstanding Doctoral Student

**Scott Mitchell**, Wildlife Sciences

### Savery Outstanding Master's Student

**Michelle Borges**, Agricultural Education and Sciences

### Outstanding Senior

**Carissa O'Donnell**, Environmental Economics and Policy

### Burlingham Undergraduate Student of Excellence

**Zachary Kowash**, BioResource Research

### Diversity Commitment Award

**Victoria Flores Parra**, Animal Sciences

### EOU Outstanding Senior Award for the Eastern Oregon Agriculture and Natural Resources Program

**Claire Goracke**, Agricultural Sciences

### OSU Outstanding Senior Award for the Eastern Oregon Agriculture and Natural Resources Program

**Ellie Justice**, Agricultural Sciences

## Undergraduate Research Awards

**Celeste Groth**

**Zachary Kowash**

**Louisa Malnor**

**Maria Nanau**

**Jaiden Sakamoto**

**Sofia Vazquez-Fernandez**

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## Student Leader Recognition

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### Club Leadership Team 2023/2024

Serena Li  
Deborah Miller  
Madalynn Sweet  
Kylie Wolff  
Summer Wong  
Emily Ammeraal - Student Director

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### Corvallis/Ecampus Ambassador Team 2023/2024

Sydney Bowne  
Brianna Coughlin  
Dustin Cooper  
Elena Ferraiuolo  
Zachary Kowash  
Brianna Rimmy  
Georgia Rojas-Kerbow

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### EOU/La Grande Ambassador Team 2023/2024

Saira Amaral-Ramirez  
Claira Goracke  
Elizabeth (Ellie) Hanson  
Cassin Pittmann

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### EOU La Grande Ambassador Team 2024/2025

Amy Carpenter  
Marygrace Dudek  
Sydney Pek

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### Leadership Academy

Full list of 2023/2024 Leadership Academy Fellows can be found at [beav.es/iwv](https://beav.es/iwv)

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## Registry of Distinguished Students

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Giselle Brasseur  
Paola Estribi-Mendez  
Charlotte Hussain  
Janelle Layton  
Sophia Loureiro  
Hayden Matzger  
Lian Moy  
Micaela Munoz  
Adie Rang  
Victor Ribeiro  
Kayla Ruth  
Jaiden Sakamoto  
Xavier Tacker  
Dragomira Zheleva  
Nina Zweifel

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## Prestigious Scholarship Winners

Camden Schmidt - US Fulbright  
José Naranjo Mendez – Goldwater Scholarship  
Roberto Ponce Velez - Goldwater Scholar and Udall Scholar  
Xavier Tacker – NSF- Graduate Research Fellowship Program and GEM Fellowship

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## National MANRRS OSU Chapter Award Winners

Victoria Flores Parra – MANRRS 2023-24 Region VI Undergraduate Vice President.

Jaiden Sakamoto – 1st Place Interview Contest

Guadalupe Lincona – 3rd Place Interview Contest

Felice Yarbough – Graduate Interview Contest and Cluster Award Recipient.

**Thank you** to all of the to all the students, faculty, staff, industry leaders, donors, and friends who support our college in so many ways!

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