

JEFFERSON B. RODGERS AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Jefferson B. Rodgers received a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1929, an M.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1935 and a Professional degree in Agricultural Engineering, all from the University of Idaho. He came to Oregon State University as head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering in 1946 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1969. Prior to coming to OSU, he had industrial experience with Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in East Pittsburgh, PA, the Idaho Committee on Relation of Electricity to Agriculture, Moscow, ID, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sikeston, MO, Commodity Credit Corporation, Waupon, WI, and War Hemp Industries, Chicago, IL. Under his leadership, J.B. Rodgers established a full-fledged Agricultural Engineering curriculum and was accredited by the Engineers Council for Professional Development, becoming only the sixth such program to receive this recognition.

PURPOSE

To recognize superior achievement by a student in the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering.

NATURE OF AWARD

The award shall consist of a cash award. The amount and number of awards will be dependent upon the annual income from the J.B. Rodgers Endowment Fund that resides with the OSU Foundation. The name of the recipient and the year of the award will be inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering.

DONOR

J.B. Rodgers Agricultural Engineering Endowment Fund

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The recipient either must be a full-time BEE undergraduate or advised in BEE as a graduate student. The graduate or undergraduate student must have a member of the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering faculty as their major professor. The recipient must be enrolled as a full time student the term in which the award presentation is made and have at least one academic year left at OSU.

SELECTION

The Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the recipient. Selection will be based on scholarship and extra-curricular activities.

PROCEDURES

The first award was presented in 1985. The award will be presented at an appropriate occasion selected by the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering Scholarship Committee.

A student may apply for this award or be nominated by a fellow student or faculty member of the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering.

A nomination will include a resume of the nominee, a letter of support from the major advisor, a listing of grades earned at OSU and no more than two additional letters of support.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLICITY

Announcement of the award and the name of the annual recipient will be facilitated through the Department of Biological & Ecological Engineering.

JEFFERSON B. RODGERS AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2019 Erin Drumm & Kathleen Larson
2018 Nathan Barrios, Lucas Evans & Julianne Robinson
2017 Julianne Robinson, Liz Byron, Neal Poovaviranon
2016 Abigail Black, Alaina Floor, Lars Larson, Mary Morgan McCarthy, Shane Roach & Julianne Robinson
2015 Keaton Lesnik & Leah Tai
2014 Bill Hohenschuh & Dustin DeGeorge
2013 Ryan Cole & James Blount
2012 Marissa Buntin, Hannah Smith, Sada Egenriether & Sonja Michelsen
2011 Deepak Kumar, Ankita Juneja, Carole Abourached & Lara Heitmeyer
2010 Eric Andersen
2008 Julie Gabrielli
2007 Benjamin Flugstad
2006 Erika Kraft
2005 Julia Crown & Carole Abou-Rached (both Grads.)
2003 Erick Burns & Stephen Rooklidge
2002 David E. Rupp (Grad.) & Kristina Warren (Grad.)
2001 Jody Martin and Patrick Lew (both Undergraduates) & Chengyan Peng (Grad.)
2000 Denise Hoffert-Hay (Grad.)
1999 Laura Gramann (Grad.) & Megan Oest (Undergrad.)
1998 Robert Bower (Grad.) & John Wilson (Undergrad.)
1997 Jason Smesrud (Grad.) & Charla Triplett (Grad.)
1996 David Gochis (Grad.)
1995 Steven Niswander (Grad.)
1994 Alireza Esteghlalian (Grad.)
1993 Cheng-Kuang Hsu (Grad.)
1992 Kristen Overturf (Mitchell) (Grad.)
1991 Brian L. Whitaker (AE) & Robert W. Koca (Grad.)
1990 Brian L. Whitaker (AE) & Peter B. Bautista (AE)
1989 Mark L. Croghan (AE) & Brian L. Whitaker (AE)
1988 Darrell Dyke (AE) & Greg Peters (AET)
1987 John L. Childs (AE) & Nathaniel Miller (AET)
1986 Dean M. Bowdish (AET), Fall and Winter Term; & David A. Flesher, (AET) Spring Term
1985 Jon A. Odenthal (AET)