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American Society of Agronomy Announces 2014 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Jul 15, 2014 – The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) announces the following 2014 award recipient to be formally presented at the ASA Awards Ceremony on 2014-11-05 during the scientific society's International Annual Meeting, Nov. 2-5, 2014. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.



Anna K. Stasko, , Wooster, OH – United Soybean Board Fellowship: Anna Stasko is a Ph.D. graduate research associate in the Department of Plant Pathology at The Ohio State University based at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster. She is studying mechanisms of partial resistance in soybean against *Phytophthora sojae*. Anna received a B.A. from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

Anna is a graduate student member of the ASA and the American Phytopathological Society and was inducted into the Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. She recently served as Treasurer for OSU's Plant Pathology Graduate Student Association. Anna's outreach activities including working with local high school teachers to develop lessons which incorporate agriculture into biology curriculum and serving on a panel to advise students considering graduate study.

United Soybean Board Fellowship

The United Soybean Board (USB) Fellowship promotes graduate education in the area of Plant Sciences, emphasizing the development of improved soybean varieties, understanding soybean genetics, and developing improved ways to grow and use soybeans. The intention of the fellowship is to attract the highest quality students whose careers will continue to advance the science of soybean improvement. Funds for the fellowship are made available by gifts from the United Soybean Board to the American Society of Agronomy. The fellowship provides a \$25,000 annual stipend to the student for up to four years provided that satisfactory progress occurs toward degree completion. The recipient also receives a membership to the American Society of Agronomy and a subscription to *Agronomy Journal* for the duration of the fellowship.

Evaluation:

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Proposed study program/area must be in soybeans

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Evidence of academic excellence

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Explanation of future professional plans

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Demonstration of leadership and other experiences predicting future success

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For more information on the 2014 awards, including award descriptions, visit: www.agronomy.org/awards/view.

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