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2022 NAICC ANNUAL MEETING AND AG PRO EXPO IN REVIEW

by Allison Jones, Executive Vice President

It was wonderful to be back together, especially in Orlando, Florida. It was great to see everyone and THANK YOU for your dedication to NAICC and your excitement to be here in person. It means so much to the Executive Board and me to have the family back together again after two years.

This year at our Annual Meeting, we had...click [HERE](#) for remaining article and pictures.

FIRST TIMER'S EXPERIENCE

by Karla Jensen, LABServices



Megan Conner is a biologist at Vive Crop Protection in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. She and her colleague, George Huckabay, attended the NAICC in Orlando this past January for the first time. She recently shared her enthusiasm and insights as a newcomer and gave some interesting background on why she attended.

"I joined Vive just prior to the pandemic," said Megan. "I managed trials virtually so I thought NAICC would be a great opportunity to catch up with co-operators ... Click [HERE](#) to read entire article.

NAICC CONSULTANTS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Consultant of the Year Award is a time honored tradition within NAICC. This prestigious award is given to members who demonstrate leadership and within NAICC and in their community. NAICC is honored to award the 2021 Consultant of the Year Award to two very deserving members.

Dan Haubrich

Dan Haubrich is from Renville, MN and also works with Central Crop Consulting. His manager describes him as “Crazy Good!” He goes on to say, “Dan’s hard work and dedication are relentless. He could do anything in the ag field, but loves nothing better than to help growers as an unbiased crop consultant. He brings a lot of value to his co-workers by sharing his knowledge with them. Not only is Dan very successful as a consultant, but he has mentored not one, but two previous interns and has helped them become successful consultants!”

Haubrich consults on corn, soybeans, alfalfa, spring wheat, sugar beets, edible beans, and green peas on 52,000 acres. He specialized in fertilizer management, hybrid/variety selection, soil sampling, VR prescriptions, and government recordkeeping for the purpose of delivering unbiased advice for the profitability of the grower.

Dan has been a member of NAICC since 2014 and served three years on the Allied Industry Committee and also served on the Membership Recruitment, Retention and Rules Committee.

Most importantly, Dan and his wife Abby are expecting their first child in June!



Dan Haubrich

Christopher Johnson

Chris is an independent crop consultant from Horace, ND offering general agronomic advice, variety selection, precision ag, and resistance management recommendations. He consults on 52,000 acres of soybeans, corn, sugar beets, wheat, and sunflowers in eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota. Chris has been a consultant for 25 years and works for Centrol Crop Consulting.

Chris is a member of the Ag Consultants Association of North Dakota, holds a CCA certification and serves on North Dakota State University's Advanced Crop Advisers Committee. According to Dennis Berglund who nominated Johnson, "Chris is very professional and is a valuable resource (both technical and moral support) for the rest of our company. He is a great crop consultant who truly wants to help his growers and always considers how his actions and decisions will affect them. He really tries to maximize the profitability of each of his growers."



Christopher Johnson

NOMINATE A CONSULTANT, RESEARCHER OR QUALITY ASSURANCE MEMBER TO RECIEVE THE CONSULTANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Since 1993, when the Consultant of the Year award was established, NAICC has sought to honor a few crop consultant members each year who have illustrated leadership within and outside the organization. Beginning in 2022, the COTY will expand to also include the Research Consultants and Quality Assurance Professionals. There will be one award for each of the three categories: a CCOTY (Crop Consultant of the Year), a QAPOTY (Quality Assurance Professional of the Year) and a RCOTY (Research Consultant of the Year). NAICC is excited to recognize each of the main membership groups that contribute to our great organization.

The award winners must be NAICC members of good standing who are nominated by another NAICC member. Their applications are evaluated based on career information, involvement in ag-related organizations, honors and awards, and also community involvement and educational background.

The recipient of the COTY will receive complimentary registration package to the next annual meeting. This will include meeting registration, convention meals, a plaque, and recognition in the NAICC News and The Scoop magazine.

To nominate a NAICC member, click [HERE](#) to access both an online application and a form to print.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION

NAICC TOP RECRUITERS FOR 2021

- Dan Moser, Centrol Inc.of Twin Valley
- Grant Jordan, A.C.D.S. Research, Inc.
- Daryl Wyatt, The Carringers, Inc.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

NAICC recognizes and thanks Charlie Mellinger, Glades Crop Care Inc. for his 40 years of active and dedicated membership.

NAICC MOURNS THE LOSS OF A FORMER MEMBER

John Ervin Christian, 89 went peacefully on March 04, 2022, to be with our Lord and Savior. He is the father of Caren (Frank) Krupala and was an active member of the NAICC before his retirement. He was born to Rochelle and Carra (Hicks) Christian in Farwell, Texas on January 16, 1933. He graduated from Farwell High School in 1951 and attended Texas A&M University where he graduated in 1955 with a B.S. Degree in Entomology. He spent two years... click [HERE](#) to continue reading.



2022 FEAE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Following is the remaining 3 of the 5 FEAE Scholarship winners for 2022. Devon Carroll and Mirai Inaoka were highlighted in February's News and can be accessed [HERE](#).

Each year the Foundation for Environmental Agricultural Education awards multiple scholarships to deserving students with a major in Agriculture. To learn more and to apply, visit the [FEAE SCHOLARSHIP](#) page.



Stuart Seputro

My name is Stuart Seputro, a junior majoring in plant biotechnology and actuarial science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As a recipient of the Belchim Crop Protection FEAE Scholarship, I want to thank the Foundation for Environmental Agriculture Education Scholarship Committee for believing in me and my dream, and Belchim for supporting my dream through this generous scholarship. Thank you so much for being a major part of my college career and my future.

I really appreciate your help and generosity. I hope, in the future, I can achieve my dream and have a chance to return your kindness to others.

Sincerely,
Stuart Seputro

I am very pleased to be granted this scholarship from FEAE. It will be a great help towards my efforts to pay tuition. It is also so encouraging to know I am entering an industry and community that is so supportive of its students and future members. That is one of the characteristics of the Agricultural and Horticultural Industries which initially drew me to my major and which has affirmed my decision ever since.

I am currently a junior at Michigan State University majoring in Horticulture. Thank you all again for the financial help this scholarship offers as well as the confidence it represents. It means so much to me to have been selected for this honor.

Sincerely,
Emma Brinks



Emma Brinks

To begin, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity to graduate students wanting to go above and beyond for agriculture and the environment. My name is Tina Sullivan. I am transitioning from a master's degree to a doctoral degree at Utah State University. I defended my Master's thesis in December of 2021 over the topic of "4R Nitrogen and Water Optimization Combinations for Intermountain West Field Crops". My doctoral program begins this semester Spring 2022 with data that has been collected alongside the master's work. Thank you for



Tina Sullivan

choosing me as a recipient of the Wilbur Ellis Scholarship to help fund my educational endeavor. My gratitude cannot be adequately expressed through a simple thank you letter. Truly, thank you for the Wilbur Ellis Scholarship.

Sincerely,
Tina Sullivan

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TRIVIA QUESTION

Congratulations to Michelle Baillargeon of The Carringers Inc. for winning a \$50 Visa Gift Card for knowing that Jenny's phone number, as sung in the hugely popular 1980's song was 867-5309.

Answer the following question for a chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card:

What is the name of the first cloned sheep?



Submit your answer [HERE](#)

WORDS TO PONDER

Problems are not stop signs; they are guidelines. ~Robert Schuller

Thank you to the Newsletter Committee for putting this issue together:

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If you would like to submit an article or have a suggestion for the *NAICC News*, please contact [Rachel Lightfoot](#) or [Allison Jones](#).

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