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Outstanding H&CS Columbus Staff Honored



Columbus H&CS staff Brian Mowery and Jenny Pope earned honors for excellence in performance for department programs.

The H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program has honored two Columbus-based staff members for their outstanding contributions to the Ohio State Horticulture & Crop Science program. **Jenny Pope** and **Brian Mowery** have each been recognized for enhancing the capabilities of their programs and furthering the mission of the department.

As coordinator of several volunteer groups, Jenny Pope supports the operations of a number of different programs in Horticulture & Crop Science. "Jenny has been very proactive in developing new and improving existing volunteer programs that allow several areas of the department to function more effectively and affordably," explains Peg McMahon, her supervisor. "Thanks to Jenny's superlative social and organizational skills, the Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens volunteers are a more harmonious and effective group that is providing improved service to the department."



Jenny Pope was recognized by the H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program for her work with volunteers.

Pope also assists with the Mayhew Scholars program and contributes regularly to the H&CS 150 and 200 courses. "Jenny Pope has always taken the extra step to make struggling programs improve and begin to thrive and be dynamic. In spite of heavy demands on her time by her managerial responsibilities, she always has time to cheerfully and wisely advise students, volunteers or colleagues who seek her counsel," McMahon said. Colleague Liz Kinney notes Pope's work with the annual Beat Michigan Tailgate

event as evidence of her commitment to the department and its alumni and friends. "When Jenny is in charge of a project it will be done right. Jenny has always been a thoughtful employee with the best interest of others. She has a favorable impact on the department because she knows what needs to be done and she does it without question. She is the epitome of a team player."



The H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program honored Brian Mowery for his IT support to the Columbus campus.

Much of the work that Brian Mowery performs happens behind the computer screens in department offices. As systems specialist in charge of the overall management and maintenance of the H&CS Columbus IT systems, Mowery provides technology service to all the Columbus-based faculty and staff of Horticulture & Crop Science. Mowery manages servers, provides data backup capabilities, offers hardware and software maintenance service and develops new data management capabilities on a daily basis. Supervisor Glen Arbogast applauds Mowery's efforts, "Brian has developed new online capabilities for internal department use. Brian goes well beyond what is expected of an individual in his position to ensure the Department's success."

Recently Mowery provided outstanding exceptional to the renovation Kottman Hall 333 classroom suite. His commitment of time and effort expedited the installation of videoconferencing equipment and turned around a timeline that was behind schedule. "He works countless hours beyond his normal schedule to ensure that IT and computer operations are functioning, and responds on days off to work on projects or solve problems if he is contacted. Brian has also become involved in the undergraduate teaching program by providing instruction on computer-related

information in one of our courses," said Arbogast.

The H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program recognizes four outstanding staff members each year. In addition to the Columbus-based recipients in 2006, Wooster-based staff **Greg Smith** and **Bruce Williams** were honored for their contributions to the department. The 2005 winners were Columbus-based staff **Liz Kinney** and **Marcia Feller** and Wooster campus staff **Laura Raubenolt** and **Catherine Herms**.

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