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Outstanding H&CS Wooster Staff Honored



Wooster H&CS staff Bruce Williams and Greg Smith earned honors for excellence in performance for department programs.

The H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program has honored two Wooster-based staff members for their outstanding contributions to the Ohio State Horticulture & Crop Science program. **K. Gregory Smith** and **Bruce Williams** have each been recognized for enhancing the capabilities of their programs and furthering the mission of the department.

As Farm Manager, Bruce Williams is responsible for numerous tasks managing the operations and research activities on the Wooster-campus horticulture farm. Williams, who has been working for the department for 29 years, accepted the promotion to manager a year ago. "Bruce has taken on his new responsibilities very well," explains his supervisor **John Elliott**. "He always has his jobs done in a timely manner. He has always put the student first on the farm. He has very good job knowledge and is very productive. Bruce always does what is asked of him and he works well with the faculty."



Bruce Williams was recognized by the H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program for his work as the farm manager.

In addition to his operational duties, Williams takes pride in the upkeep of the farm. Elliott also notes that Williams maintains excellent relationships with his farm colleagues, "He is liked by everyone he works with and gets along with everyone."

Agricultural equipment and research projects on the Agronomy Farm in Wooster run smoothly thanks to the efforts of Greg Smith. He is also responsible for calibrating and application of weed and insect control measures. "Greg works

with many faculty, staff and students conducting agricultural research. Not only is he involved in the related hands-on duties, but he troubleshoots mechanical and equipment problems on tractors, plot combines, and grain elevators," explains **Lynn Ault**, his supervisor. "It is essential to have quality technicians such as Greg to ensure smooth running research. He keeps current with new agricultural technologies and information."



The H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program honored Greg Smith for his equipment management on the farm.

As organizer of several social events for his colleagues, Smith goes above and beyond his duties to ensure the social cohesiveness of the department. "Greg helps build and maintain a social infrastructure for all the co-workers to enjoy. He chairs the annual Pig Roast and arranges informal sports activities for everyone to participate in," said Ault.

The H&CS Staff Awards for Excellence in Performance Program recognizes four outstanding staff members each year. In addition to the Wooster-based recipients in 2006, Columbus-based staff **Jenny Pope** and **Brian Mowery** 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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