2:10 | Welcoming Remarks  
Dr. Patrice M. Buzzanell  
Susan Bulkeley Butler Chair for Leadership Excellence  
2:15 | Introduction and presentation of awards  
3:00 | Reception begins  
4:00 | Closing of reception

The Honorees

Faculty
Joan Fulton is Professor and Associate Department Head in Agricultural Economics at Purdue. She has a three-way appointment with responsibilities in teaching, research and Extension. Fulton is active in the broader Purdue community. She was Chair of the University Senate during the 2010-2011 academic year. She has been one of the senior faculty resources for Purdue's FAST mentoring program since its inception and is a regular table facilitator for the ADVANCE hiring workshops. Fulton was selected by the Provost’s office as one of five faculty to be a Fellow in the 2015-2016 CIC Academic Leadership Program.

Student
Priyanka Brunese is a Ph.D. candidate in the Technology Leadership & Innovation department at Purdue. Priyanka received the 2015 Emerging Leaders in Science and Society Fellowship sponsored by AAAS. She has a B.Eng. in Computer Engineering from Mumbai University and a M.S. in Computer and Information Technology from Purdue University. Prior to pursuing her Ph.D., she worked as an IT project manager and change management specialist for a large global appliance manufacturer. Priyanka’s research interests include leadership and collaboration, with her dissertation focusing on leading cross-sector partnerships.

Staff
Ashley York became the Director of Advising and Student Services for the Department of Animal Sciences in 2010. In this role, Ashley has many different duties such as: coordinate student advising, support and coordinate advising faculty, provide appropriate knowledge and tools for student academic success, promote leadership and self-development in student success, coordinate scholarships, as well as many other student centered activities. Prior to this position she served as the Agricultural Science and Business Instructor/FFA Advisor at Fountain Central Jr. /Sr. High School for eight years.

April Sauer is the managing director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business at Purdue University. She received her bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of New Mexico and her master’s degree in business administration at Wake Forest University. April’s primary responsibilities include serving as chief operating officer and chief financial officer for the center. April manages daily operations and staff, along with the yearly management and projection of workload for the professional staff team. She monitors gross revenue of almost $3.5 million per year.

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