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HLA AMBASSADORS INTRODUCED HLA TO CHILDREN AT ABC'S OF AG EVENT



HLA Ambassadors **Brody Piel** (Turf Management & Science) and **Sarah Stewart** (Pre-Landscape Architecture) introduced horticulture and landscape architecture to 9-12 year olds at the ABC's of Ag event at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds on Friday, March 10.







LINDA PROKOPY TRAVELS TO TRINIDAD FOR USAID FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM



Department Head, **Linda Prokopy**, spent the last 2 weeks in Trinidad visiting horticultural farms and training staff at the Ministry of Agriculture about how to increase farmer adoption of improved agricultural practices. This was part of Purdue's USAID funded farmer-to-farmer program led by HLA's Dr. Raghothama. She saw crops we're all familiar with like watermelon and sweet potatoes in addition to more tropical crops like pineapples and papaya.







CO-PI'S STEPHEN MEYERS AND PETRUS LANGENHOVEN AWARDED MARY S. RICE GRANT



PI Chloe Richard and Co-PI's Jay Young, **Stephen Meyers**, **Petrus Langenhoven**, Laura Ingwell, and
Elizabeth Long were awarded a Mary S. Rice grant.
Funding will be used to purchase a Hylio AG-110
unmanned aerial vehicle for the application of pesticides
at Meigs. The grant title is Acquisition of an Unmanned
Aerial Vehicle (UAV) for spray applications to support
the research of specialty crops at the Meigs Horticultural
Facility.

LIZ MAYNARD, PETRUS LANGENHOVEN, AND ASHLEY ADAIR AWARDED MARY S. RICE GRANT

Liz Maynard, Becca Koetz (Purdue Extension Lake County), Petrus Langenhoven, and Ashley Adair were awarded a grant from the Mary S. Rice Foundation titled "Equipment for Small Acreage and Urban Vegetable Farms." The grant will fund purchase of equipment for use at the Pinney Purdue Agricultural Center in intensively managed production systems.

LORI HOAGLAND ATTENDED GLOBAL SOIL BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Lori Hoagland attended the third Global Soil Biodiversity Conference in Dublin, Ireland, and gave a presentation covering factors influencing the composition and functional capacity of microbe and nematode communities in urban farm soils to cycle carbon and suppress foodborne pathogens.

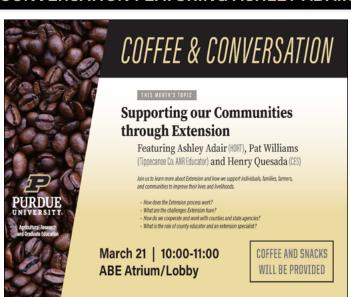
EMILY USHER, LIZ MAYNARD, AND BECKY TRALDI PRESENTED AT SOIL HEALTH WEEK

Emily Usher, Liz Maynard and Becky Traldi were joined by Carmen Blubaugh (University of Illinois) in presenting "Imagining a Diverse Corn Belt" on March 10 as part of the Soil Health Week organized by the Illinois Stewardship Alliance.

SHANNON STIRLING RECEIVED TRAVEL GRANT

Shannon Stirling (Dudareva Lab) received a travel grant for the American Society of Plant Biologist Midwest Conference.

AG RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION'S MARCH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION FEATURING ASHLEY ADAIR



SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FIELD DAY





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- Facts for Fancy Fruits: https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/
- Vegetable Crops Hotline: https://vegcropshotline.org/
- Purdue Landscape Report:
 - https://www.purduelandscapereport.org/
- Greenhouse and Indoor Production of Speciality Crops: https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/newsearch.asp?subCatID=425%20
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