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Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

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HAPPENINGS

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Dr. Kathryn Orvis promoted to Full Professor.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our newly promoted faculty, effective August 14, 2023: **Dr. Ying Li** and **Dr. Kathryn Orvis!**

Dr. Ying Li promoted to Associate Professor.

WELCOME CELIA CORADO!

Celia Corado is a new visiting scholar in the **Meyers' weed science lab**. She was born and raised in Honduras, where she obtained her bachelor's in Agronomy from the National University of Agriculture UNAG. Her main interest is in Horticulture production. Her short-term goal is to learn everything related to weed management as well as helping and learning from the weed science team. Her long-term goal is to have the opportunity to apply for a graduate degree in the same area. In the future she wants to help her home country and contribute to science.

Welcome to Purdue, Celia!

HLA PACKED MEALS FOR HAMMER DOWN HUNGER

As part of Ag Week, several faculty, staff and students from HLA joined hundreds of others to pack 60,000 meals for local and international distribution.
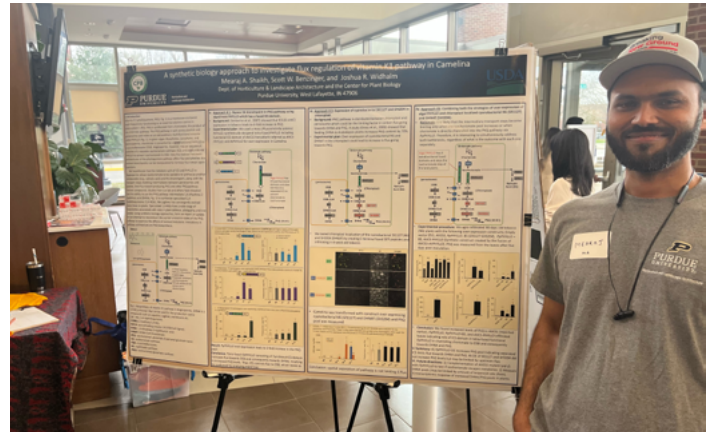
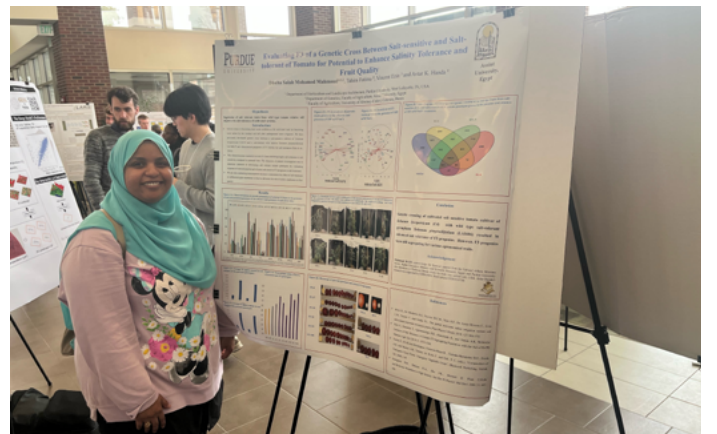## JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT HLA

On April 6, **Karen Mitchel**l presented at the C-PASA Career Day for about 90 eighth grade students. Students learned about the diverse opportunities in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture and designed their own "perfect pocket park" for their neighborhood.

HLA MEMBERS PRESENTED AT THE COLLEGE OF AG AND COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING JOINT POSTER SESSION AND NETWORKING GATHERING
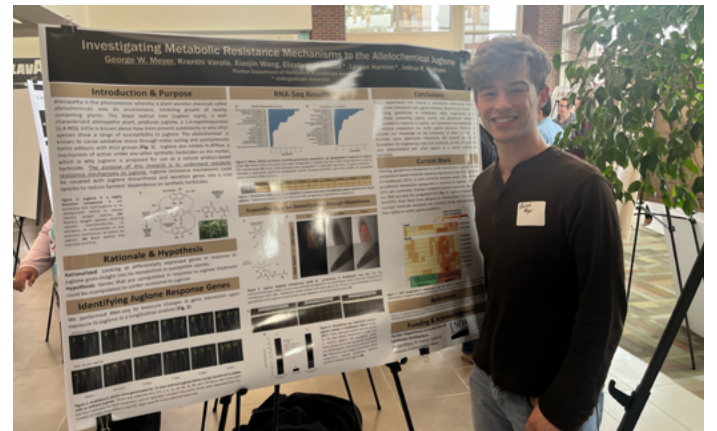
Postdoc Dr. **Mearaj Shaikh** (Widhalm Lab) and graduate students **Dhuha Mohamed** (Handa Lab) and **George Meye**r (Widhalm Lab) presented at the College of Ag and College of Engineering Joint Poster Session and Networking Gathering on Friday, March 31st.

Mearaj Shaikh

Dhuha Mohamed

George Meyer

YIWEI HUANG FEATURED IN WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE

Yiwei Huang was featured in a Washington Post article introducing concepts and design elements of raingardens: https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/04/11/tips-creating-rain-garden/

KATHRYN ORVIS AND PETER HIRST AMONG TEAM AWARDED THE PK-12 TEAM ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Kathryn Orvis and **Peter Hirst** were part of a team that was just awarded the PK-12 Team Engagement Award for their work on the Apple Crunch project. The team developed videos and educational materials for grades 1-3 to teach about apple nutrition and careers, and promote healthy eating habits.

RECENTLY PUBLISHED RESEARCH FROM FORMER HIRST LAB STUDENTS

Research in the **Hirst lab** by former students has recently been published:

"Fruit Growth and Development in Apple: A Molecular, Genomic and Epigenetics Perspective", by Khalil Jahed and Peter Hirst, published in "Frontiers in Plant Science-Functional and Applied Plant Genomics".

"Flowering in 'Honeycrisp' Apple Shows That Spurs Are Semiautonomous Organs" by Mokhles Elsysy and Peter Hirst published in the Journal of the American Horticultural Society.

CAMILA ULLOA RECEIVED TRAVEL GRANT

Camila Ulloa (Torres Lab) received a $400 travel grant from Purdue's Institute for a Sustainable Future. The grant is for her presentation, "Characterizing the U.S. Salad Mixes Market Environmental Footprint Claims," at the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association meeting in June 2023. ISF promotes collaborative research that advances understanding of persistent global sustainability challenges. The ISF selected Camila's project because of the "quality of my research and alignment with the mission of ISF."

MARKETING CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

Consider coming to the Marketing Capstone presentations on 4/17 at 5:30pm @HORT 210.

HLA BOWLING TEAM THIS WEEK

Our team **Split Happens** played against The PurDudes Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl for Week 29 of the Purdue Staff and Students league. We won 6 out of 8 points, making us tied for 1st place with Spoilermakers II.

In the Women's Category, **Alexandra Jewell** placed 2nd with scratch game scoring a 190 and placed 1st with scratch series scoring a 526.

Ashley Adair placed 3rd with handicap series scoring a 684.

No placements in the Men's Category.

Wish us luck for the last week of the Purdue Staff and Students League!

ROLLER DERBY OUTING

The Social Committee has arranged a fun outing coming up on April 29th for departmental affiliates and their families. The department has agreed to grant FREE TICKETS to the first 25 registrants (this includes guests). Please RSVP as soon as possible to guarantee your free ticket. After those are claimed, tickets are $8 each for anyone over 10 years old. 10 and under are free. Find more details and the RSVP link below:

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FIELD DAY

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE TURF AND LANDSCAPE FIELD DAY 2023

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE SMALL FARM EDUCATION FIELD DAY 2023

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