

# HLA Happenings

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## 2024 HLA Undergraduate Awards and Senior Recognition Celebration



The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture held a celebration recognizing their Undergraduate Award Winners and Seniors on April 16. Outstanding HLA Undergraduates and Faculty Nominated Award Winners were announced and club officers and scholarship winners were recognized as well as the May and August graduating seniors.

Thanks to **Robin Tribbett** for organizing the celebration and thanks to all the HLA faculty, staff, and undergraduates who attended.

More photos can be viewed in the [2024 HLA Undergraduate Awards and Senior Recognition Celebration Gallery](#).

## 2023-2024 HLA Outstanding Undergraduates

### Sustainable Food and Farming Systems

- **Freshman:** Ella Pegg
- **Sophomore:** Ren Rund
- **Junior:** Camille Kristinik
- **Senior:** Faith Hartman

### Turf Management and Science

- **Freshman:** Abe Tebbe
- **Sophomore:** Otto Hoehl
- **Junior:** Brody Piel
- **Senior:** Jacob E. Tower

### Landscape Architecture

- **Freshman:** Erika Grams
- **Sophomore:** Danielle Hewitt
- **Junior:** Serine Kao
- **Senior:** Yahan You

### Horticulture

- **Freshman:** Cy Wolheter
- **Sophomore:** Isaac Damer
- **Junior:** Lauren Harmon
- **Senior:** Ian J. Kelly

## Faculty Nominated HLA Awards

### Best Undergraduate Research

- Ian Kelly
- **Honorable Mentions:** Isaac Damer, Phoenix Jefferson

### Best Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Noelle Dennis
- **Honorable Mention:** Stephen Mills

### Best Departmental Service

- Wil Grimm-Brown

### Best Promoter of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

- Faith Hartman



## Best Undergraduate Leadership

- o Brody Piel
- o **Honorable Mention:** Faith Hartman

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## HLA Undergrads Recognized by ASHS



Lauren Harmon, Outstanding Undergraduate Student (American Society of Horticulture Science).

The American Society for Horticultural Sciences (ASHS) have announced their 2024 Outstanding Undergraduate Horticulture Students and 2024 ASHS Collegiate Scholars Award Winners.

ASHS recognized **Lauren R. Harmon** as a 2024 Outstanding Undergraduate Horticulture Student. Students for this award were selected on the basis of their academic achievements, leadership abilities, participation in campus/club activities, and service to their departments.

2024 ASHS Collegiate Scholars honors the academic achievements of junior and senior undergraduates from departments of horticulture, or plant and crop science, who are majoring in horticulture. Students must be in the top 15% of their class, based on academic standing. HLA students who were recognized for this award were:

- o **Blake A. Belter**
- o **Gianna L. Buono**
- o **Aubrey L. Dague**
- o **Jennifer A. Flesher**
- o **Kaylee E. Guerrero**
- o **Lauren R. Harmon**
- o **Faith M. Hartman**
- o **Ian J. Kelly**
- o **Morgan M. Klein**
- o **Camille A. Kristinik**
- o **Stephen C. Mills**
- o **Matthew E. Smits**

Congratulations to our undergraduate students recognized by ASHS!

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## 2024 Graduate Appreciation Lunch



HLA celebrated graduate students' contributions, impact, and value by hosting the 2024 Graduate Appreciation Lunch.



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## Dr. Krishna Nemali Featured on WFYI

Krishna Nemali was featured on a video for WFYI's Across Indiana: "Hooked on Ponics"

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## Emmanuel Cooper and Colleagues Publish Sweetpotato Research



The first chapter of **Emmanuel Cooper's** MS thesis entitled "Evaluation of critical weed-free period for three sweetpotato (*Ipomoea batatas*) cultivars," was recently accepted and published by Weed Science. The journal article is co-authored by HLA members **Stephen Meyers**, **Ashley Adair**, and **Jeanine Arana** as well as Katie Jennings from North Carolina State University and Kevin Gibson and Bill Johnson from the Purdue University Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. This research was funded by a USDA-NIFA-OREI grant. The full article is available here: <https://doi.org/10.1017/wsc.2024.15>.



## HLA's Spring Fest 2024



HLA's Spring Fest tent was a smashing success! We handed out nearly 900 plant necklaces to the excited families who stopped by. Students from **PASLA** set up various children's activities at their table. **Purdue Extension Master Gardeners** volunteers from Tippecanoe County staffed a table, answering questions and challenging attendees with a Plant Problem ID Challenge. Purdue EMG Volunteers Kathryn Reeves and Michal Hathaway hosted two container gardening demos at the tent. **Dr. Celina Gómez** and **Michael Fidler** promoted their Citizen Science project. The **Purdue Horticulture Society** and the **Purdue Student Farm Organization** hosted their successful plant sale in the HORT greenhouse.

Thanks to Dr. **Mike Dana** for propagating this year's plants for the plant necklaces. Thanks to HLA's student workers, **Olivia Minier** and **Erynn Escobedo** for preparing the "necklaces." Thanks to our volunteers who helped families make their own plant necklaces: **Shivika Aggrawal, Shannon Stirling, Camila Ulloa, Alessandra Baravaglia, Noelle Dennis, Nicole Rahfaldt, Celia Corado, Katherine Pivaral, Dr. Linda Prokopy, Ishraq Awashra, Alexandra Jewell, and Felicity Schaffer.** And thanks to **Pam Fisher** for coordinating HLA's Spring Fest Tent.

More photos from the HLA Spring Fest tent can be found in the [HLA Spring Fest 2024 Gallery](#).

## HLA Bowling Team Wins League for Second Straight Year!

23/24 Purdue Staff/Students RESULTS						
Player	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Scratch	Hdcp	Total
Alexandra Jewell	234	204	211	649	129	778
Chris Adair	156	205	191	552	162	714
Ashley Adair	136	154	146	436	270	706
Robert Luecke	89	167	117	373	267	640
Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Scratch	Hdcp	Total
<b>Good Thyme Gang</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>2838</b>
	<b>276</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>276</b>			
	<b>891</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>941</b>			
				<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	
				<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	

Our team **Good Thyme Gang** played against **River City Rascals** Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl for the last week of the Purdue Staff and Students league. **Good Thyme Gang** has become the Champion of the league for the second year in a row!

In the Team Category: **Good Thyme Gang** placed 1st with team scratch game scoring an 730, placed 2nd with team scratch series scoring a 2010, placed 1st with team handicap game scoring a 1006, and placed 1st with team handicap series scoring a 2838.

In the Women's Category: **Alexandra Jewell** placed 1st with scratch game scoring a 234, placed 1st with scratch series scoring a 649, placed 3rd with handicap game scoring a 277, and placed 1st with handicap series scoring a 778.

No placements in the Men's Category.

**We need 2 substitutes next season!**

We bowl 3 games on Monday nights starting at 6:30pm. Substitutes do not bowl every week, but we may need you! All Purdue faculty, staff, students, and retirees are welcome. If you would like to bowl with us for a session during the next season, please email **Alexandra Jewell** at [jewell4@purdue.edu](mailto:jewell4@purdue.edu).

## HORT Capstone Presentations (Updated)

Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, April 24  
1:10 PM  
HORT 222

HLA Capstone Presentations

1:10 Lara Staton	Light and Fertilizer Impact on Annual Cuttings in VIP Systems
1:30 Erynn Escobedo	Planting My Seed at the Chicago Botanic Garden
1:50 Matthew Haan	Vines & Veggies: Biodynamic farming in Tuscany
2:10 Kaylee Guererro	Maintenance of Plant Science Greenhouses
2:30 Stephen Mills	Landscape Design in a Mid-sized Residential Landscaping Company
2:50 Rachel Behrend	Glenstone Museum 2023 Summer Internship
3:10 Hannah Hunnicutt	My summer at Clark's Cutting Edge

You're invited to the Capstone Presentations reviewing internships and work experiences by several of our graduating seniors in various concentrations. These oral presentations are a companion to a written descriptive review of the internship employer.

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**Purdue Boilermaker Vegetable Season Pass Is Back!**





The [Purdue Boilermaker Vegetable Season Pass](https://purdue.ag/studentfarm) is back for 2024!

Take a giant leap towards supporting the **Purdue Student Farm**. Sign up for the Boilermaker Vegetable Season Pass to get your box of Purdue-grown vegetables, herbs, and fruits! Once you have signed up, you have the option to pay by check or credit card. See the signup confirmation email for details.

There are two share purchase options for 2024: Weekly & biweekly. [Sign up today!](#)

## Hydroponics for Everyone Workshop

**Hydroponics for Everyone**

Hydroponics training is offered to everyone in May and June at Purdue University. Interested participants can choose either May or June session. There will be four classes for each session on Saturdays from 9am-4pm. Training will be provided at the state-of-the-art Purdue hydroponics facility located in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, 625 Ag. Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907

Registration fees are \$300 per participant. Use the following links to register:  
 May session [HYDROMAY | Purdue Ticket Office \(ticketmaster.com\)](#)  
 June session [HYDROJUN | Purdue Ticket Office \(ticketmaster.com\)](#)

**Course Highlights**

- \* Taught by Purdue faculty \*
- \* Extensive hands-on experience \*
- \* Lunch included with free parking \*
- \* Receive printed materials, plants, and seedlings \*
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## Purdue Hydroponics and Greenhouse Crop Production Webinar Series

*Purdue Hydroponics and Greenhouse Crop Production Webinar Series (2024)*

Registration is free

Register here for all webinars: [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e5UHPj4UtdQ0QK](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5UHPj4UtdQ0QK)

1. Nutrient Management in Recycling Hydroponic Systems (April 15, noon to 1 pm)
2. Temperature Management (Summer/ Winter) in Greenhouses (May 15, noon to 1 pm)
3. Organic Lettuce Production in Hydroponic Systems (June 12, noon to 1 pm)
4. How to Build an Indoor Hydroponic Production System for Homes and Schools (Aug 21, noon to 1 pm)
5. Fundamentals of Soilless Substrates for Floriculture Crop Production (Sep 18, noon to 1 pm)

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[Register](#) for the Purdue Hydroponics and Greenhouse Crop Production Webinar Series.

## Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day

SAVE THE DATE

**PURDUE SMALL FARM EDUCATION FIELD DAY**

**JULY 25, 2024**  
 at the Purdue Student Farm  
<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/studentfarm/events/>

PRESENTED BY:

## Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

SAVE THE DATE

**Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day**

**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024**  
 Purdue Meigs Ag Center  
 9101 S 100 E, Lafayette, IN 47909

Newsletters:

Facts for Fancy Fruits: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu>

Vegetable Crops Hotline: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>

Purdue Landscape Report: <https://www.purduelandscape.com/>

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