

CURRENT AWARD WINNERS – SPRING 2023



Agricultural Engineering Technology Student of the Year: Ella Rursch

- Ella is a Sophomore student studying Agricultural Engineering Technology at UW-Platteville
- She is a member of the UW-Platteville Agricultural Mechanization Club and UWP National Agri-Marketing club (NAMA).



Biological Systems Engineering Student of the Year: Jaya Suneja

- Saya is a Senior studying Biological Systems Engineering at UW-Madison Agricultural Business Management, Studio Art and Drawing, and Environmental Studies
- She is Treasurer of the UW-Madison ASABE Student Chapter and Operations Supervisor for UW-Madison Recreation and Wellbeing.



Biological Systems Engineering Graduate Student of the Year: Yuchi Ma

- Yuchi is pursuing a PhD Degree in Biological Systems Engineering under the mentorship of Prof. Zhou Zhang.
- His research objective focuses on remote sensing, monitoring crop growth and agricultural mapping.
- He was awarded the 2022 Louis and Elsa Thomsen Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship.



Career Achievement Award: Dr. John Shutske

- Dr. Shutske has been on the faculty at UW since 2008 as a Professor in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering.
- John's research and outreach focuses on Agricultural Safety and Health.
- John served as UW CALS Associate Dean for Extension & Outreach and Extension Program Director for 8 years.
- Dr. Shutske has published many journal, extension, and popular press articles concerning agricultural safety.
- John has been an ASABE member since the early 1980 and attended his first of many AIM meetings in 1982.