QCNR 2021 Awards Recipients

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Message from the Associate Dean

Congratulations to all the recipients of S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources (QCNR) Awards for 2021!

Our awards seek to recognize the efforts of members of our QCNR community across all our roles within the College and at the University. QCNR students, staff, and faculty excel in so many ways, and the decisions made by the college awards committee that I chair are often difficult. I thank the other members of that committee (Janice Brahney, Becky Hirst, Karin Kettenring, Sarah Klain, and Doug Ramsey) for their careful deliberations.

With these awards we celebrate the successes and achievements of individuals in our QCNR community, especially over the last year, but we also come together to celebrate our collective resilience. These awards signal not only the hard work of the award recipients; they also signal our collective hard work to keep teaching well and to keep learning well in the face of new challenges. They recognize that our Research, Extension, and Service programs persisted. Although many of our doors literally closed for periods of time, the business of the College went on and thrived in new ways.

It is my great honor to recognize our award recipients for 2021 but also to thank all our students, staff, and faculty for everything you did in 2020.

Best regards,
Claudia Radel
Associate Dean, QCNR

QCNR Awards Recipients

Jim Lutz | QCNR Researcher of the Year

This award recognizes excellence in research, scholarship or creative activity over the past 3 years.
Mark Chynoweth | QCNR Teacher of the Year

The QCNR Teacher of the Year Award is given each year to recognize and emphasize excellence in teaching.

Edd Hammill | QCNR Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year

This award recognizes the outstanding faculty as mentors of undergraduate researchers.

Tal Avgar | QCNR Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year

The QCNR Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award is given each year to recognize and emphasize excellence in academic mentoring.

Janice Brahney | QCNR Graduate Mentor of the Year

The purpose of the QCNR Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award is to recognize faculty excellence in the complex process of mentoring graduate students to prepare them for productive careers.
The QCNR Faculty University Service Award is given each year to recognize and emphasize excellence in service to the operations and governance of the University.

The Staff Researcher of the Year is recognized for his or her accomplishments over the past year.

The Employee of the Year Award is given annually to recognize an outstanding classified or professional employee in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources.

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The QCNR Doctoral Student Researcher of the Year

Joanna Endter-Wada | QCNR Faculty University Service Award

Melanie Conrad | QCNR Employee of the Year

Chase Lamborn | QCNR Staff Researcher of the Year

Leslie Forero | QCNR Doctoral Student Researcher of the Year
The recipient is chosen based on quality of research effort, evidence of success such as published papers, presentations, posters at professional meetings, and other unique activities related to research efforts.

**Emma Doden** | QCNR Master’s Student Researcher of the Year

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**Manny May and Martinique Chavez** | QCNR Graduate Student Teacher of the Year

This award recognizes an outstanding graduate teaching assistant or graduate instructor in QCNR.

**Madison Vega** | QCNR Undergraduate Researcher of the Year
This award is given each year to recognize an undergraduate student who has consistently engaged in independent inquiry and independent research.

Maria Catalano | QCNR Scholar of the Year

The QCNR Scholar of the Year Award is given annually to recognize and emphasize excellence in undergraduate scholarship.

The Legacy of Utah State Award is given each year to recognize and highlight a student who represents the heart and soul of the University.

Sage Sutcliffe | ENVS Senior of the Year (Shared)

Each department selects its outstanding senior based on scholastic achievement, involvement, and professional commitment to the natural resources field.

Christina Longjohn | QCNR Legacy of Utah State Award

Holden Regnier | ENVS Senior of the Year (Shared)
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Bailey Holdaway | WATS Senior of the Year

Amanda Mast (faculty mentor: Karen Mock) and Claire Tempest (faculty mentor: Doug Ramsey) | Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year (Shared)

Each Year the QCNR selects an Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Fellow. This award is to recognize a student who shows extraordinary commitment to his/her fellow students as a UTF.

Hannah Johnson | WILD Senior of the Year