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# **Mott Award Honors Top Graduate Students**

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Congratulations to the students who are recipients of this year's Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science. This annual award recognizes top-notch graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in crop science disciplines.

Departments select students based on academic achievements, research and teaching contributions, leadership accomplishments, service activities, and personal qualifications. Multiple students from one school may be recognized as these students represent their departments.

The award is named for the first CSSA President, Gerald O. Mott, who trained 75 graduate students during his 45~~0~~ year career at Purdue University and the University of Florida. Many of his students have become eminent forage scientists in the United States and Latin America. The award is offered by CSSA.





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Montana State  
University  
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**Annu Kumari**  
Auburn University  
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Escalona**  
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University  
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**Arthur Siller**  
University of  
Massachusetts  
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**Chancellor B.  
Clark**  
Purdue University  
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University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln  
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Kansas State  
University  
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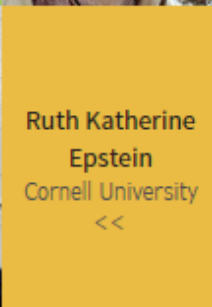
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Cornell University  
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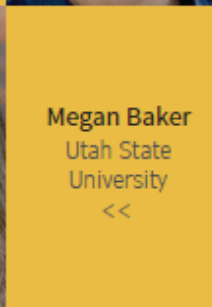
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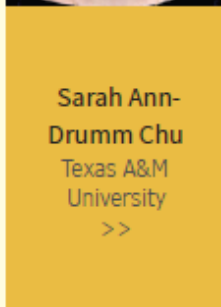
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Tarleton State  
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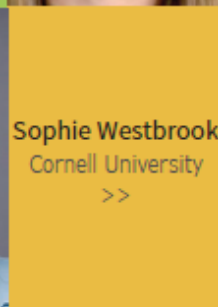
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University of New  
Hampshire  
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**Sophie Westbrook**  
Cornell University  
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**Sudip Kunwar**  
University of Florida  
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University  
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Michigan State  
University  
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**Julia Barra Netto  
Ferreira**  
University of Florida  
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Lakkakula**  
Oklahoma State  
University  
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University of  
Georgia  
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Kentucky  
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South Dakota State  
University  
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**Oluwatola Ibukun  
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Texas Tech  
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**Vladislav  
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