

**Report from the Southwestern Branch ESA Awards Committee** to the 2011 Southwestern Branch ESA Annual Meeting, Ambassador Hotel, Amarillo, TX March 7-10, 2011

The Awards Committee accepted and reviewed nomination packages for one ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension and three student awards: the John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award; Undergraduate Student Achievement in Entomology Award (co-sponsored by SWB-ESA and Society of Southwestern Entomologists); and the for the Percival Scientific Undergraduate Entomology Student Activity Award (the second time ever awarded).

1. **Dr. Chris Sansone** was recognized as the Southwestern Branch representative for the ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension. Dr. Sansone is a professor and Extension Entomologist at San Angelo TX, and serves as the associate Department Head for Extension with Texas AgriLife in College Station, TX.
2. **Hsiao-Ling Lu**, was the recipient of the 2011 John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award, and she will also be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the ESA later this year. She is a Ph.D. graduate student at Texas AgriLife under the mentorship of Dr. Patricia Pietrantonio, Professor in the Department of Entomology, Texas A&M.
3. **Cassie Skipper** was the recipient of the Undergraduate Student Achievement in Entomology Award (\$50). Cassie is a student at the University of Texas at Tyler under the mentorship of Dr. Blake Bextine.
4. **Janet Arras** was the recipient of the inaugural Percival Scientific Undergraduate Entomology Student Activity Award (\$250). Janet is a student at the University of Texas at Tyler under the mentorship of Dr. Blake Bextine.
5. Discussion was exchanged on the future crafting and maintaining the bust model for the Ta-que-ne-whap Award (pronounced Ta-k-ne-wa). Dr. Grant Kinzer (retired), the artist of the award will continue to produce the bust, but someone will be needed to hold and maintain the award. Currently Dr. Scott Bundy will be the holder of the busts.

Respectfully submitted,

John Scott Armstrong  
Chair, Awards Committee of the Southwestern Branch of the ESA

Members:

1. Pauline Vega (2011, INIFAP, TAMPS, MX)
2. Jesus Esquivel (2011, USDA-ARS AWPRU)
3. Jeff Tomberlin (2011, Texas A&M University)
4. Blake Bextine (2011, Univ. of Texas – Tyler)
5. Erik Rebek (2011, Oklahoma State University)
6. David Kattes (2012, Tarleton State University)
7. Sonja Swiger (2012, Texas AgriLife Extension)
8. Dave Thompson (2012, New Mexico State University)