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Top graduate students honored with 2025 Mott Award

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**Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate
Student Award in Crop Science**

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-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.



**Benjamin
Agyei**
Michigan State
University
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**Mckenna
Barney**
Utah State
University
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**Lucas
Berger
Munaro**
University
of Illinois
Urbana-
Champaign
<<



**Sovika
Bhattarai**
Minnesota State
University
-Mankato
>>



**Sujata
Bogati**
Purdue
University
>>



**Maria
Roberta
de Oliveira**
North Dakota
State
University
>>



**Mary Jane
Espina**
University
of Minnesota
<<



**Rishap
Dhakal**
University
of Wisconsin
-Madison
<<



**Taylor
Dill**
Ohio State
University
<<



**Ethan
Foote**
North Carolina
State University
>>



**Bishnu
Ghimire**
Texas Tech
University
>>



**Yaslin
Gonzalez**
University
of Florida
>>



**Pedro
Hattem
Squiapati**
California State
University
Fresno
<<



**Ayodeji
Idowu**
Clemson
University
<<



**Daniel
Jackson**
University
of Georgia
<<



**Joe
Johnson**
Texas A&M
University
<<



**Mikerly
Joseph**
University
of Florida
<<



**Maureen
Kahiu**
University
of Tennessee
<<



**Mark
Kendall**
University
of Wisconsin
-Madison
>>



**Pooja
Kumari**
North Dakota
State University
>>



**Bharath
Kunduru**
Clemson
University
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