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# E-NEWS



## Important Upcoming Dates:

**Staff Meeting**—March 9, 12:00 -1:00pm at 311 Latham

**Donut Tuesday**—“Boris Vinatzer”, March 3, 8:30am at 311 Latham

**Faculty Meeting**—March 13, 3:00-4:15pm at Fralin Auditorium

**Graduate Student Lunch with Director**-March 13, 12:00-1:00pm at 311 Latham

**SPES Social**—March 27, 4:00 - 6:30pm at Rivermill

## Faculty Awards:

Ozzie Abaye presented with The Council’s 2020 Land Grant University Award at the Virginia Crop Improvement Association’s 98th Annual Meeting. Congratulations Ozzie!





## Announcements and News:

Kang Xia's students in her ENSC 4414 Monitoring and Analysis of the Environment class flying drones at the VT drone park and taking water samples from Stroubles Creek.



## Graduate Student Awards:



Shawn Askew's PhD student, John Brewer, won at the Southern Weed Science Society meeting on January 27-29, 2020. John won the 2020 Outstanding PhD Student Award and also won first place oral PhD presentation competition.

## Publications:

G. Gu, A. Ottesen, S. Bolten, Y. Luo, S. Rideout, and X. Nou. 2020. Microbiome convergence following sanitizer treatment and identification of sanitizer resistant species from spinach and lettuce rinse water. *International Journal of Food Microbiology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijfoodmicro.2019.108458>.

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Pittman, K., Cahoon, C., Bamber, K., Rector, L., & Flessner, M. (2020). Herbicide selection to terminate grass, legume, and brassica cover crop species. *Weed Technology*, 34(1), 48-54. doi:10.1017/wet.2019.107.

Brasier, K., Oakes, J., Balota, M., Reiter, M., Jones, N., Pitman, R., Sneller, C., Thomason, W., and Griffey, C. 2020. Genotypic variation and stability for nitrogen use efficiency in winter wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.). *Crop Science*. 2020;1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20006>.

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