

**Annual Report of the American Pomological
Society UP Hedrick Award Committee, 2020**

August 1, 2020

Dear President Pritts and Board Members of the American Pomological Society,

The UP Hedrick Awards were established by the American Pomological Society in 1982 to encourage promising and gifted students to specialize in the field of pomology. The awards are named for Ulysses Prentiss Hedrick (1870 – 1951), a distinguished horticulturist, and a prolific writer.

The UP Hedrick awards committee in 2020 consisted of:

- Dr. Susan Brown, Professor of Pomology, Cornell University
- Dr. Dan Ward, Associate Professor of Pomology, Rutgers University
- Dr. Peter Hirst, Professor of Pomology, Purdue University
- Dr. Rob Crassweller, Professor of Pomology, Penn State University
- Dr. Essie Fallahi, (Chairman), Professor of Pomology, University of Idaho

This year we received three outstanding contributions, two research, and one review paper. We all agreed that quality of submitted papers were excellent and thus, I wrote a letter to each of the contributors and expressed appreciations on behalf of the committee. Despite the tight competition the following papers receive the first and second place winners in 2020:

The First-Place award goes to a review paper titled “***Development of Quality Attributes in Strawberry Fruit: A Review***”, authored by: **Anya Osatuke and Marvin Pritts** from Cornell University. The Second Place award will be presented to authors of a research paper titled “***Effect of Hydrogen Cyanamide on Flower Production of ‘AU Golden Sunshine’ and ‘AU Gulf Coast Gold’ Kiwifruit***” authored by: **Jacob T. Kelley, James D. Spiers, J. R. Kessler,, Elina D. Coneva, and Edgar L. Vinson**, Department of Horticulture, Auburn University.

All participants of these awards are notified and encouraged to be present at our APS Business meeting. Since the checks will be issued by the ASHS headquarters, I would like to respectfully ask you to authorize the ASHS to issue these checks in the names of first authors. Thus, Anya Osatuke and Jacob Kelley will receive checks in the amount of \$300 and \$150, respectively with a certificate. I will prepare the award certificate and will e-mail for your signature before the Business meeting.

This report is presented to you and the APS Board as the formal annual report for the APS UP Hedrick Award, 2020.

Sincerely yours,



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