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American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America Announces 2016 Award Recipient

MADISON, WI, Jul 16, 2016 – The American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) announces the following 2016 award recipient to be formally presented at the ASA Awards Ceremony on 2016-11-08, CSSA Awards Ceremony on 2016-11-09 and SSSA Awards Ceremony on 2016-11-07 during the scientific societies’ Annual Meeting, Nov 6-9, Phoenix, AZ - Sheraton Grand Phoenix Ballroom C. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.

Juniper (Boroka) Kiss, Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM – Golden Opportunity Scholars: Juniper Kiss is a part-time undergraduate student on the Marine Biology with Biodiversity and Conservation course at Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge, UK). She works full-time as a Field Trials Technician and Team Leader at NIAB (Cambridge, UK) where she specializes in oilseed rape and cereals variety DUS trials. She started working at CABI (Egham, UK) at the age of 19 where she was inspired by the ‘Plantwise’ program and its support networks of plant clinics in developing countries where small farm holders can diagnose their crops and have open-access to plant health information. Her current passion is to work in developing countries supporting small farm holders and to create Global Opportunities for Ecological Sustainability (GOES) - a new research center. This will have an innovative education system to circulate knowledge for a global environmentally and economically friendly food production system based on local community involvement.

Golden Opportunity Scholars
The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute will match undergraduate students with society professionals during the international Annual Meetings. This exciting professional development program is aimed at strengthening the agronomy, crops, soils, and environmental science professions by encouraging students to enroll in related programs, with the intent of having them become the next generation of leaders in the profession. The program is supported by Golden Opportunity Fund through the Agronomic Science Foundation. Students from across the U.S. and the world will be selected. Student scholars will receive financial support for travel, lodging, registration, and other costs related to attend the Annual Meetings. This award is open to students currently enrolled in associate or bachelor degree programs.

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For more information on the 2016 awards, including award descriptions, visit: www.agronomy.org/awards/view.
www.crops.org/awards/view.
www.soils.org/awards/view.

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