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Food Science & Technology Students Recognized at Geneva

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GENEVA, NY: Four Cornell University Food Science & Technology students from the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES), in Geneva, NY, received awards at the Institute of Food Science Advisory Council dinner that was held at the Statler Hotel, at Cornell, on May 4.

Haijing Hu received the "Ruth and Henry Herzog Graduate Award" for academic excellence and advancement in her research endeavors. She received a check for $1000 and her name will be added to a plaque in Cornell's Stocking Hall.

Melissa Mundo received the "Ruth Herzog and Albert Flegenheimer Graduate Award" for academic excellence. She received a check for $800 and her name will be added to a plaque in Stocking Hall.

Katherine Kittel received the "Kosi Award" in Food Science along with Soazig Delamarre, a student from the Ithaca Food Science Department. The Kosi Award was established by former students of Professor Emeritus Frank Kosikowski in his honor. It is given annually to a graduate student in the Field of Food Science and Technology at Cornell University who has made exceptional scientific or technical contributions to food science and has displayed leadership qualities and societal concerns.

Sarah Valois was the recipient of the "Downing Graduate Student Excellence Award." The award is made for academic achievements and service to the community and goes to a student at NYSAES conducting research on fruits/vegetables. The award was established by Professor Emeritus Donald Downing in the Department of Food Science & Technology. The award includes a check for $250.

Haijing Hu was also inducted into Phi Tau Sigma, the Food Science Honor Society. Other Geneva grad students inducted were David Hay, Sarah Valois, and Jaruk Srikiatden.

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Note to Editors: Hu, Valois, Hay, Srikiatden, Kittel, and Mundo are currently residents of Geneva, NY.