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2018 Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Award In Its 16th Year

Nominations are being sought for the 2018 Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Award. The Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Award is in its 16th year and recognizes people in agriculture who have been positive mentors and role models for people in agricultural fields, especially women. Mentors play an integral role in the development of our agricultural leaders and they often go unheralded. Minnesota District 11 Agri-Women formally recognizes the excellent work of these mentors during their annual Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference. Please assist us in recognizing these outstanding mentors by nominating a mentor that has made an impact for agriculturalists.

The Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Awards will be presented during the luncheon at the **20th Annual Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference, Agriculture 2018: Passion for Progress on April 11, 2018** at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, Minnesota.

Anyone may nominate a mentor to receive this award. You do not have to be in a formal mentoring program to make a nomination. Mentors can be of any age or gender and need to have influenced somebody in the field of agriculture. Although this award is coordinated by Minnesota District 11 Agri-Women, mentors or their nominators need not be affiliated with the Agri-Women organization, nor is affiliation considered criteria for evaluation.

Applications are due March 9, 2018 and may be found on the Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference Agriculture 2018: Passion for Progress conference web site at www.womensagleadership.org or by e-mailing Emily Wilmes at krek0033@umn.edu.

Past Mentoring Award winners include:

Carol Abrahamzon

Leah Addington

Susan Anderson

Jim Boerboom

Dr. Michael Boland

Mary Buschette

Tim Claus

Dr. Dale Dahl

Steve Dille

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Sarah Dornink

Yvonne Erickson

Terri Fast

Annette & Kay Fernholz

Amy Gales

Claudine Goodrich

Mary Hanks

Margaret Hart

Gene Hugoson

Paul Hugunin

Jerry & Linda Jennissen

Robin Kinney

Marie LeFebvre

Kim Lippert

Dr. Will Marsh

Robert Marzolf

Sheryl Meshke

Becky Meyer

Michael Miron

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