Soil Science Special Feature

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Plant and Soil Science graduate student, Shelby Young, has recently been awarded the coveted Fulbright U.S. Student Grant. Young was selected by a group of 12, presidentially appointed members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, based on her observed leadership ability and research conducted in the department thus far. This grant will allow Young to continue her research in Australia. The Fulbright Program has set out to increase the mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. According to Ambassador Jeffery L. Bleich of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship board, "Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, and university presidents". Young will not only be joining the world's largest and most diverse international educational exchange program, but will also be participating in a program which has turned out Pulitzer Prize winners, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients, Nobel Laureates and thousands of distinguished leaders from around the world. Young will graduate in August with her Master's under the guidance of Dr. Glen Ritchie but will continue her research on the management of early-season cotton disease, in Australia, as a graduate student in Agribusiness at Texas Tech. She will be exploring "the effects of irrigation, nitrogen, and potassium on Verticillium wilt incidence and severity", Young explained. She plans to apply disease management practices tested in the United States, to Australian cotton production systems. Young will then compare the results to similar studies in both the United States and Australia, having the ability to observe whether management strategies in the U.S. will also apply in Australian production systems.

For the next year, Young will become an ambassador and spokesperson for The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Texas Tech University and The United States of America through the aid of the distinguished Fulbright program.

Dr. David Weindorf

Department of Plant and Soil Science Professor and BL Endowed Chair of Pedology, Dr. David Weindorf, was awarded the honorable mention plaque for the 2019 Texas Tech University Global Visions Lifetime Achievement Award.

Weindorf was considered for this great honor for his many years of leadership in the promotion of international scholarship and teaching as well as his continued contributions to the internationalization of Texas Tech University.

Weindorf has been on the receiving end of a large number of impressive awards for his academic and professional achievements. Some of those awards include, the 2015 Texas Tech University's Faculty International Award, the 2017 Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources International Impact Award, and the 2017 Soil Science Society of America Presidential Award. He currently holds the position as Associate Vice President of Research and Innovation at Texas Tech University, averaging 11 publications a year over the previous half-decade in top international journals, and a total of 1787 citations of his works to date. Weindorf has kept himself rather busy during his time at Texas Tech, having recieved one United States Patent with three others currently under review and continuously travelling all over the world for his research. He has had the opportunity to present his research at a vast number of international venues including Kyrgystan, Spain, Romania, India, China, South America and Rome. It is no wonder that Dr.

