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## NEWS RELEASE

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# American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America Announces 2015 Award Recipient



MADISON, WI, Nov 15, 2015 – The American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) announces the following 2015 award recipient. The annual awards are presented for outstanding contributions to agronomy through education, national and international service, and research.

Amanda M Pennino, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR – Golden Opportunity Scholars: Amanda Pennino is a senior at Oregon State University studying soil science, with a minor in horticulture. She is the president of OSU's Soil Science Club and a 3rd year competitor at the National Soil Judging Competition. Previously, she has been a field research assistant aiding in sampling for predictive mapping across Oregon. Amanda currently works for OSU's Crop & Soils Dept. on a research Hops farm with the USDA as well as a lab technician in the Central Analytical Laboratory. Her final year at OSU will be spent with an internship involving soil quality assessment within the Willamette Valley. She is active in the annual meetings with OSSS, Oregon Society of Soil Scientists, in addition to participating in the committee for the annual Warkentin Lecture Series. Amanda anticipates continuing on in her education beyond Oregon State University, using her vast knowledge of plants to aid her career in the soils world.

### 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 2015 awards, including award descriptions, visit: [www.agronomy.org/awards/view](http://www.agronomy.org/awards/view).  
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more information on the Societies' Annual Meetings, visit: [www.acsmeetings.org](http://www.acsmeetings.org).