

2017 George H Cook Awards Recipients



Kerry Kirk Pflugh
BA Communications 1980

Kerry has spent most of her career at NJDEP. She has been a leader in risk communication to the public and to the scientific community. Nominated by Dr. Roger Locandro and Dr. Bonnie McCay, they both describe her as a true leader in the field of environmental education and outreach to New Jersey's stakeholder on a host of environmental issues. Kerry has worked closely with our faculty at SEBS to promote faculty research to the environmental community and to fishermen, recreational and commercial alike. She is also involved heavily at the community level on health and environmental issues. Currently, she is the liaison to all 565 New Jersey Mayors and 21 County Administrators advocating for them and ensuring they have a voice in environmental matters that affect their towns and counties.



Marc Kollar
BS Human Ecology 1995

Marc is a tireless supporter of the COOK CAES Alumni Association and is currently the president of this group. He devotes countless hours to the COOK CAES group as well as the RAA. He currently works as a freelance media and communications specialist with a number of clients in Central NJ. He has worked hard to move our COOK CAES alumni group closer to the RAA and to be better incorporated into the university wide strategy for supporting the university through alumni activities. He has also worked hard to move the young alumni group into the process and on the life after graduation program. Marc has been active in ag field day, events at athletic functions, and also most recently promoting the support of the Cook's Market at the Rutgers Gardens.



Michael J. Hlubik
BS Ag Science 1970 CAES
MEd Rutgers University College - Graduate School of Education 1977

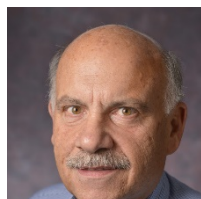
Mike Hlubik had an outstanding career of 42 years as an Ag teacher at Northern Burlington High School. He was active in many professional Ag teacher and agricultural societies and programs. He was an active member of his township, serving as a committeeman for 15 years. Mike served as the mayor for four years and 6 years as deputy mayor. Mike served on the Chesterfield planning board for 17 years. Mike has always given time and energy to Rutgers and Cook causes. He is a very humble and giving individual with a long list of professional and personal accomplishments. Most important in my mind is his constant efforts to recruit bright young men and women into agriculture and to steer them to SEBS (COOK) for their education.

2017 Dennis M. Fenton Award Recipients



Anne Marie Grover Carlton
MS Bioresource Engineering, 1999
PhD Environmental Science, 2006

Dr. Carlton recently took a very exciting associate professor position at UC-Irvine. Prior to that, she was a scientist at U.S.EPA and here at Rutgers. Her past awards include: Rutgers University Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence 2016, U.S.EPA –Science Advisory Board: Level II Science and Technology Achievement Award 2012, American Association of Women Geoscientists (AWG) – Distinguished Lecturer 2011 and 2012, U.S.EPA National Honor Award (Bronze Medal) for CMAQ Model 2010, U.S.EPA-National Exposure Research Laboratory, Special Achievement in Atmospheric Chemistry 2010, Distinguished Alumnus (early career) Rutgers University 2009, U.S.EPA-ORD National Honor Award for CMAQ Development 2009, U.S.EPA National Honor Award (Gold Medal) for Air Quality Forecasting 2009, Emerging scientist award: Gordon Conference on Biogenics and the Atmosphere 2007, and Atmospheric Chemistry Colloquium for Emerging Senior Scientists (ACCESS VIII) 2005.



Gregory DiLalo
BA Economics, 1977
MS in Food and Business Economics, 1979

Greg has been a very strong supporter of all things on the G H Cook Campus; he works tirelessly and quietly to make certain the IT infrastructure at SEBS and NJAES functions. He is always very willing to assist the Cook CAES Alumni group and is a very loyal and dedicated alumnus. He is Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences / NJ Agricultural Experiment Station Director of Information Technology (1991-Present) and is responsible for all short and long range information technology planning. Greg addresses IT policy issues, application development needs, administrative systems operations, scientific and disciplinary specific computation, data transmission, transformation, and storage requirements. He analyzes and plans for all on-campus and remote station internet networking and computing needs, directs the work and operation of the Information Technology Services unit, and serves on key university advisory councils including: the university CIO Leadership Council, collaborative applications and architectures committees, technology standardization and procurement committees, emergency preparedness, and university human resource classification committee. Greg serves as the chief technical advisor to the Executive Dean and the dean's leadership team.



Apostolos Pappas
PhD in Food Science, 1999

Apostolos Pappas, Ph.D., started his professional career as a research biochemist in the Skin Research Center of Johnson & Johnson in '99 and later, in 2001, served as a group leader at Munich Biotech, where he worked on cancer research. Thereafter, in 2003, he returned to Johnson & Johnson, where he is currently a Research Manager and Fellow at J&J focusing on lipid metabolism research. Dr. Pappas is one of the first to culture cells that were previously not cultured; as human primary sebocytes and more recently human facial pre-adipocytes. He has authored forty peer-reviewed scientific publications, patent applications, and four books. While at J&J, he collaborated with many experts and KOLs to open a new field within the academic textbooks arena and curriculums on "Nutrition and Skin," which was published by Springer in 2011. The success and wide recognition of this project paved the way for his second academic textbook by Springer in 2014: "Lipids and Skin Health," which is the very first of its kind, as well. He has initiated and chaired three major symposia and has given more than 20 invited lectures at prestigious societies and universities.

In September 2013, Apostolos became a member of the Rutgers Center for Lipid Research and adjunct faculty for the Department of Food Science at Rutgers University teaching: "Nutrition and Skin," "Food and Health," and "Nutraceuticals, Functional Foods, and Dietary supplements," as well as the "Lipid Chemistry" lecture for the "Introduction to Food Science" course. He has also been appointed as a member of the scientific advisory board of directors of the CARF Society.

The 2017 George Hammel Cook Distinguished Alumni Awards



From L to R – Master of Ceremonies and Co-Chair for the Awards Committee Dr. Mark Robson, **2017 GHCDAA winners Michael Hlubik, Kerry Kirk Pflugh and Marc Kollar**, Co-Chair of the Awards Committee Margaret O'Donnell

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From L to R – Master of Ceremonies and Co-Chair for the Awards Committee Dr. Mark Robson, **2017 DMFDAA winners Dr. Anne Marie Grover Carlton, Gregory DiLalo**, Co-Chair of the Awards Committee Margaret O'Donnell. **Missing is DMFDAA winner Dr. Apostolos Pappas**