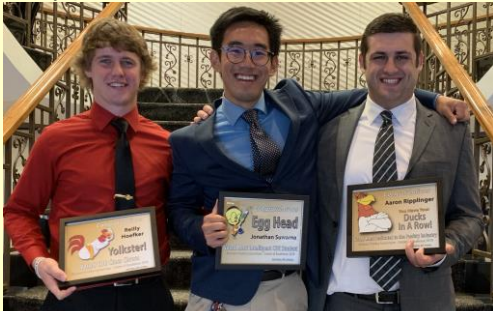


YEAR-END BANQUET HONORS COE GRADUATES, FACULTY MEMBERS

The COE “Casino-Nite” Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held recently at Madison’s Concourse Hotel and Governor’s Club to honor its 36-member COE class – one of the largest ever. Marking the end of its 24th year of providing students an emphasis in poultry science, the year-end banquet and awards ceremony brought together students, family members, faculty, MPC board members, staff, and industry representatives to socialize, network, and, most importantly, recognize and reward students and faculty for their hard work in completing another successful COE.

An intense 6-week poultry science curriculum held over the course of two consecutive summers, the COE is intended to better prepare students for employment within the poultry industry upon graduation. It provides students with the opportunity to earn up to 18 credits in poultry science, participate in internship opportunities which give them a “foot-in-the-door” to future employment within the industry, and develop a lifelong industry network of peers on which to rely over the course of their poultry careers.

The “Casino-Nite” Banquet gives students the opportunity to visit with industry representatives about potential employment opportunities and career paths within the poultry industry prior to their job search upon graduation. The banquet included a social hour, dinner, and an awards ceremony which recognized Aaron Ripplinger as the most dedicated student (*Ducks in a Row Award*), Reilly Hoefker as class clown (*Yolkster Award*), and Jonathan Suwarna as the most intelligent student (*Egghead Award*). All awards were determined by a vote of the students.



L to R: Reilly Hoefker, Jonathan Suwarna, Aaron Ripplinger.

Mick Fulton. The *Mark Cook Pullet-zer Prize* is voted on by students and goes to the faculty member student’s feel went above and beyond in their efforts to connect with and educate students at the 2019 COE. Others nominated for the award included: Dianna Bourassa, *Auburn University*; Beth Button, *University of Wisconsin*; Anup Johny, *University of Minnesota*; Mark Richards, *University of Wisconsin*; Yuko Sato, *Iowa State University*; and Carl Parsons, *University of Illinois*.

The “Casino-Nite” Banquet also recognized faculty with the awarding of the coveted *Mark Cook Pullet-zer Prize*. The award, renamed in honor of perennial *Pullet-zer Prize* winner and distinguished University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty member Dr. Mark Cook, was a clean sweep for Michigan State University as the award for Summer Session I went to Zachary Williams and the award for Summer Session II went to



L to R: Didier Jean, Keaton Gibbs, Michael Carroll, Alexis Reily.

Diplomas were presented by COE Onsite Coordinator Dr. Mark Richards recognizing 2019 graduates and the hard-work they put in to complete both years of the COE. 2019 COE graduates include: Marydith Barkley, *Iowa State University*; Hannah Campbell, *Michigan State University*; Yalitzia Curiel, *Iowa State University*; Taylor Deplazes, *South Dakota State University*; Paige Doklovic, *Ohio State University*; Reilly Hoefker, *South Dakota State University*; Miranda Painter, *South Dakota State University*; Kyle Reichard, *Purdue University*; Alexis Reily, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Aaron Ripplinger, *North Dakota State University*; Alexandra Volpi, *University of Florida*; and Maddison Wiersema, *Iowa State University*. Congratulations COE graduates!



L to R: Stacey Montgomery (Rembrandt Foods), Haley Lemle, Jessica Murawski, Hannah Campbell, Miranda Painter.

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2019 COE participants.