ABOVE & BEYOND

K-State Libraries honored several employees at its annual recognition ceremony on March 26, 2018.

BRICE G. HOBROCK DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Cliff Hight, university archivist, received the Hobrock Award, which recognizes outstanding faculty librarianship. Hight maintains and preserves university records, everything from photos to documents from the president’s office to electronic records. He received master’s degrees in history and in archives and records administration from the University at Albany, SUNY.

DEAN’S AWARD

Mary Bailey received the Dean’s Award, which recognizes a non-tenure track professional’s contributions in the previous two academic years. Bailey has more than 40 years of library experience, primarily in acquisitions, cataloging and bibliographic maintenance of print serials and electronic resources. She received her master’s in library and information science from Emporia State University.

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

Debbie Wasinger, accounting specialist, received Support Staff of the Year honors for her dedication and ability to work successfully across the organization. Wasinger received her degree in accounting/business management from Fort Hays State University.

THE KIRMSER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Kirmser Award recognizes and promotes outstanding undergraduate scholarship. Applications are evaluated in part on use of library resources. The grand prize winners receive $1,000, and their work is deposited in the online K-State Research Exchange.

Individual freshman category: Ayana Belk, freshman in landscape architecture, Kansas City, Mo. Belk completed “Reviving Troost: Using Phytotechnology to Decontaminate Troost Avenue’s Vacant Lots” for Topics/Developing Scholars Seminar taught by Anne Beamish, associate professor of landscape architecture and regional and community planning.

Individual non-freshman category: Scott Heise, senior in communication studies, Manhattan, completed “Follower Behavior and Followership Identity: A Follower’s Perspective” for Senior Colloquium taught by Natalie Pennington, assistant professor of communication studies.

Group research category: Maxwell Burden, Benton; Quanqing Guo, Manhattan; Laura Krueger, Lebo; and Nicholas Young, Topeka, all juniors in biological and agricultural engineering, completed “Pond Eutrophication” for Biological Systems Engineering Project II taught by Lisa Wilken, assistant professor of biological and agricultural engineering.

THE MORSE SCHOLARSHIP

The $3,000 Marjorie J. & Richard L. D. Morse Family and Community Public Policy Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate project that encourages the development of public policy for improving the quality of family and community life. The 2018 winner is Nick Bouzianis, junior in nutritional sciences and pre-medicine, Tecumseh, Kan. His project is “Renters Together: A Critical Reflection of an Immersive Community Organizing Experience in Rural, Midwest America.”