

## Plant Sciences members receive multiple weed science awards

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For his services and support for weed science, Cooperative Extension Specialist Brad Hanson recently received excellence awards from both the California Weed Science Society ([CWSS](#)) and the Weed Science Society of America ([WSSA](#)). Plant Sciences graduate students were also awarded for a research paper and posters at the CWSS conference. Professor Emeritus Robert Norris, meanwhile, will receive in March a Fellow Award from the Western Society of Weed Science.



“Dr. Hanson is an outstanding weed scientist,” said one of Hanson’s colleagues in nominating him for the CWSS Award of Excellence. “He has been at the forefront of many new discoveries within weed science and is currently one of the leaders in the dissipation of herbicides in the soil and in herbicide resistance management.”

Hanson received the WSSA Early Career Outstanding Weed Scientist award for being a young scientist who has “demonstrated originality and creativity, has made a notable contribution to weed science and has potential for continued excellence.”

Hanson attributes the award to his recognizing some key research opportunities and, more importantly, to being a member of great research collaborations. He added: “The award is limited to weed scientists less than 10 years since their terminal degree – I barely made it under the wire!”

Tied for first place, graduate student Rafael Pedroso was awarded by CWSS for his student research paper, while graduate student [Whitney Brim-DeForest](#) – also in Professor Albert Fischer’s lab – received the best student research poster award and in third place was graduate student Elizabeth Karn from Marie Jasieniuk’s lab.

Professor Emeritus [Robert Norris](#), who specialized in vegetable crops, was involved in initiating the plant protection and pest management graduate program at UC Davis and served as a UC representative on the California Food and Agriculture Pest Control Advisory Committee. Norris is also a competitive swimmer and continues to train UC Master Gardeners during his retirement.

For more on Brad Hanson’s background see this story on his selection as an [Outstanding Early Career Weed Scientist](#) and read the [UC Weed Science Blog](#), which he helped initiate.



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