

Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management

Background: During 1977 to 1980, Howard Schwartz was a research plant pathologist with the Bean Program at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in Cali, Colombia. From 1980 to 2015, he was a research and extension plant pathology specialist and Associate Dept. Head for the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management at Colorado State University. Responsibilities consisted of research and extension programs for major row (dry edible bean) and commercial vegetable (onion) crops grown in Colorado. Research and extension programs focused upon integrated disease management through host resistance, cultural practices, environmental monitoring, disease forecasting and pesticide scheduling in collaboration with many colleagues and stakeholders throughout Colorado, region and nation.

IPM Fund Creation: The purpose of this new and exciting Fund is to provide graduate student awards annually at Colorado State University for deserving individuals with research and extension work emphasizing the biology and management of plant pathogens, insects and/or weeds relevant to Colorado and the surrounding region. The Donors have requested that at least one award of \$500 be given if a deserving student is selected by the departmental committee.

Help Endow the Award: Howard and Kathryn established the award so that funds and pledges from Howard, Kathy, Jerry Haynes, Jacks Bean, and many others could go to this new award in the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management at Colorado State University to recognize pest management and the industries and growers that have meant so much to them and agriculture in Colorado and the surrounding region. The goal is to exceed the required endowed level of \$25,000 so that the College of Agriculture and Department can grant this award in perpetuity. Your investment in this award and the encouragement of future students trained in integrated pest management is vital – THANK YOU!

For more information on this Award and ways to contribute to the fund and pledges, please contact the College of Agricultural Sciences Development Office at 970-491-7686.

