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## A-Mark Pest Management/Eli Lilly Scholarship

1997 was the first year the A-Mark Pest Management/Eli Lilly Scholarship was awarded. Valerie and Robert "Pete" W. Markham are owners of A-Mark Pest and Bird Management Inc. in Rockville, IN. Mr. Markham has been an employee of Eli Lilly since 1972. He is responsible for the in-house pest control operations for Lilly. Valerie and Pete attend the Pest Control Conference and have been impressed with Entomology's scholarship program. They recently felt they are in a position to be able to "give back" to the industry and with Eli Lilly's matching fund program, the opportunity was there to provide two annual scholarships in their and Eli Lilly's name. Their intent for the scholarship is to provide support for students studying or intending to study entomology at Purdue University and have demonstrated a good work ethic and positive attitude. The individual must have demonstrated outstanding character and a hard work ethic. Preference is given to a student who has worked hard outside school to help fund their education.

### Acknowledgement Contact:

Pete and Valerie Markham  
A-Mark Pest Control

## The Austin M. Frishman Scholarship

Austin M. Frishman is owner of AMF Pest Management Consultants in Boca Raton, FL. He obtained the B.S. and M.S. degrees in entomology from Cornell University and the Ph. D. in entomology from Purdue in 1968.

He has extensive and broad experience in the urban pest management industry. Prior to establishing his consulting company in 1980, his work has ranged from a pest control technician to a distinguished teaching career at the State University of New York in Farmingdale. For 14 years he was professor of entomology/biology at SUNY during which time he counseled eight students to continue their studies in urban and industrial entomology at Purdue. Several of these students are now making significant contributions to the urban pest management industry.

Austin has published two books and more than 75 articles for scientific and trade journals. He has also authored chapters within several of the industry's most widely used reference books. Dr. Frishman is frequently quoted in the national and international media. He has been featured on National Geographic television programs.

Over the past 25 years, Austin has lectured to, and trained over 100,000 pest management professionals. He is a consultant to the food industry, developing pest management programs and manuals for several major food manufacturers and processors. He also played a major role in writing the state examination currently used in New York's pesticide certification program.

Dr. Frishman is a member of the honor societies, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi. He is a member of the National Pest Control Association, Entomological Society of America, and Pi Chi Omega. He is an honorary member of the Indiana, Long Island, and New York State Pest Control Associations.

Finally, Dr. Frishman's contributions to Purdue University and to the Department of Entomology continue. In 1994, the Austin M. Frishman endowment scholarship was established within the Center for Urban and Industrial Pest Management. The moneys to support this scholarship came entirely from pest management companies around the world whom wished to express their gratitude to Dr. Frishman for his valuable contributions to the field of urban pest management. The recipient of the first A.M. Frishman scholarship was Michael Scharf.

Dr. Frishman was the recipient of the 1995 John V. Osmun Professional Achievement in Entomology.

**Acknowledgement Contacts:**

Dr. Austin M. Frishman  
AMF Pest Management Services

Dr. Paul J. Bello  
\*Dr. Bello was instrumental in organizing and the support of the industry to fund this scholarship.

## BASF Professional Pest Control Scholarship

This scholarship came about because of a buyout of Bayer. BASF has forged a strong partnership with North American farmers, playing an instrumental role in developing a range of innovative crop protection products and systems that enable growers to be more cost-efficient and increase their crop yield potential. BASF products can be found wherever herbicides, pesticides, and plant growth regulators are manufactured. BASF Professional Pest Control provides the professional pest control industry with better solutions for more effective insect control, more comprehensive Partner support, and more profitable customer programs. BASF is the home of Termidor® termiticide-insecticide, America's leading termite control, as well as Phantom® termiticide/insecticide, the industry's newest nonrepellent.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Dr. Jason Meyers

## C. C. Alexander Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1959 as a memorial to C. C. Alexander to encourage young men and women in the science of entomology and to provide them financial help as may be needed.

C. C. Alexander, for whom the scholarship was named, received his BS degree in entomology at Purdue in 1938. After completing his MS degree at Ohio State, he worked for USDA in Washington and in 1945 joined CIBA-GEIGY as a research entomologist, where he later became chief entomologist and research manager. The memorial scholarship was established, after Mr. Alexander's fatal accident in a commercial airline in 1959, by CIBA-GEIGY as a memorial to C. C. in recognition of his years of service to the company and for his contributions to the field of agriculture as well as to mark their high esteem for him as an individual.

**Acknowledgement Contact:** There is no person identified to send letters of appreciation. Because your scholarship does not have a sponsor, your thank you should be addressed to The Department of Entomology.

## Duane Edwards / Arab Pest Control Scholarship

(Not through Purdue)

The Duane Edwards Scholarship was established in memory of Mr. Duane Edwards by the Indiana Pest Control Association, led by members Syed Shah, Bob Dold, Gary Bennett, and Duane's wife, Mrs. Elaine Edwards. Duane served the pest control industry for 50 years and was a leader, visionary, peer, mentor, and above all, a friend.

The scholarship is available to encourage young women and men to attain university training in the science of urban and industrial entomology. It is available to promising high school seniors who have applied and been accepted to Purdue University and to those entomology students already studying at Purdue.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Elaine Edwards Metzler

## George E. Gould Scholarship Fund

This fund was established August 1996 with a bequest from the George E. Gould estate. The fund is to be used for financial assistance and supports undergraduate scholarships in the Department of Entomology.

Dr. Gould, a member of the Department's faculty from 1931-1971, was the first candidate to be granted the PhD. degree in the Department of Entomology in 1942. If you would be interested in learning more about Dr. Gould, read- "A History of Entomology at Purdue University 1884-1991," written by M. Curtis Wilson.

**Acknowledgement Contact:** There is no person identified to send letters of appreciation. Because your scholarship does not have a sponsor, your thank you should be addressed to The Department of Entomology.

## Gerald Leeb Memorial Scholarship

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Kevin Connelly  
Mash Services of Illinois

## Indiana Pest Control Association Inc.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Dave Edwards

Mr. Jeff Zeigler

## Indiana Pest Management Association Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1986 by the Indiana Pest Control Association. The scholarship is awarded to students enrolled at Purdue University who have demonstrated academic proficiency and shown a high degree of interest in pursuing a career in the field of entomology or structural pest control.

This scholarship was established as a memorial to IPCA members. (The Indiana Pest Control Association is composed of operators who are actively engaged in pest control.) Contributions to the scholarship have been received from pest control industries as well as from friends and families of deceased members of the membership of IPCA. Fund raisers of the Association have also supported the scholarship.

Many members of the Indiana Pest Control Association attend the Purdue Pest Control Conference.

Alumni who are members of IPCA are: Doug Foster, Burt's Termite & Pest Control-Columbus; Greg Campbell, Hatfield Pest Control-LaPorte; Robert Corrigan, RMC Pest Management Consulting-Richmond, John Gedeon, Forshaw, Tim Kaforke, Southern Mill Creek, Carl Wallin, Van Waters and Rogers.

*According to the IPCA agreement, "Decisions as to who shall receive this award shall be made by the Purdue Department of Entomology. A panel consisting of the Conference Chairman and two other faculty members will review the candidates and recommend an appropriate person to the Department Head. The latter shall have the right to make the final decision as to the recipient. ..."* Gary's input needs to be included in the Scholarships & Awards Committee's deliberations when a recommendation is being made on this award.

### Acknowledgement Contact:

Dr. Gary Bennett  
Secretary of the Association

President of the Association  
\*see website for most current information  
<https://ipma.online/officers.php>

## Indiana Pest Management Association Family Scholarship

(Not through Purdue)

<https://ipma.online/familyScholarship.php>

This scholarship is recognized at the Purdue Pest Control Conference and is awarded through the Indiana Pest Management Association. Application is completed through the IPMA.

The IPMA Family Scholarship was established in 1999. Below are listed eligibility requirements and items applicants must submit to be considered for the scholarship.

### Eligibility:

- A) Must be an IPMA member or an employee of an IPMA member in good standing, or the spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, niece, or nephew of an IPMA member in good standing.
- B) Graduating high school seniors and other high school graduates, or G.E.D. equivalent will be considered.

- C) Must attend an accredited college, university, trade school, or institute of higher learning.
- D) Should be scholastically capable of college or of trade.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Scholarship Committee  
Indiana Pest Management Association

## J. Edwin Sameth Memorial Scholarship

*(Formerly Western Termite and Pest Control Scholarship)*

This scholarship was awarded for the first time in 1991. Pending formal scholarship development, Western Termite and Pest Control Company requested the scholarship be awarded to an **undergraduate** entomology student with an interest in urban entomology. Several undergraduate students have served internships and later accepted positions with Western.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Richard E. Sameth

Mr. Robert A. Sameth

Ms. Jeanne Morris-Burke

## J. J. Davis Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to enable qualified young men and women majoring in entomology to attend Purdue University.

John J. Davis was Head of the Department of Entomology at Purdue from 1920-1956. He developed the first baccalaureate degree program in entomology at Purdue in 1928. He was an inspirational teacher. He taught the introductory entomology course at Purdue each semester for 36 years. JJ Davis was born 127 years ago in Centralia, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1907 with a BS in Entomology, worked briefly for the Illinois Natural History Survey, then joined USDA in 1911 to take an appointment with the Bureau of Entomology in their Cereals and Forage Insects Laboratory in Lafayette, Indiana. He was briefly transferred to New Jersey in early 1919 to work on the recently discovered Japanese beetles, but returned to Indiana later that year to take a position at Purdue as the second head of the Department of Entomology. He retired as head in 1956 (at the age of 70), and died from cancer nine years later in 1965. JJ worked on many pest species and had wide interests in biology, ecology, taxonomy and pest management. He was a dedicated teacher, and equally committed to engagement in the broadest sense. He personally answered all general queries to the department about insects his entire career, and was a leader in reaching out to address the public's fascination with insects, particularly 4-H audiences. One of his most enduring accomplishments was the special partnership he developed with the pest control industry – a partnership that continues today.



He organized the first Purdue Pest Control Conference in 1936, attended by 68 exterminators from 14 states. The 1997, 61st Conference, was attended by 911 registrants from 43 states.

Dr. Davis was actively involved in the Entomological Society of America having served as President.

The scholarship was established by contributions of friends, family, and colleagues in his memory by the pest control industry. A portrait of Dr. Davis hangs in the foyer of Entomology Hall as well as insect cartoons collected by him while he was the Department Head.

**Acknowledgement Contact:** There is no person identified to send letters of appreciation. Because your scholarship does not have a sponsor, your thank you should be addressed to The Department of Entomology.

## J. T. Eaton and Company Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student attending or planning to attend Purdue who has demonstrated academic proficiency and has shown a high degree of interest in pursuing a career in the field of entomology or structural pest control.

In 1983 J. T. Eaton and Co., Inc. contributed \$10,000 to establish an endowment to support this scholarship. This company is located at 1391 E. Highland Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087. J. T. Eaton and Co., Inc. has been a manufacturer of pest control products since 1932.

Several employees of the J. T. Eaton and Co. usually attend the Purdue Pest Control Conference.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Dale Baker

## National Pest Management Association Scholarship

The National Pest Management Association (formerly the National Pest Control Association) established this scholarship in 1947. This scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in entomology at Purdue who has completed at least two semesters but not more than three semesters. The award is based on scholastics.

The Association instigated this scholarship because Purdue developed and put into operation the first four-year curriculum designed especially for those wishing a complete course leading to a degree for commercial pest control.

The National Pest Control Association is a co-sponsor of the Purdue Pest Control Conference and also sponsors an annual conference for the Association. This Association also publishes the Pest Management magazine. Normally, someone from the staff of the National Pest Control Association will be on the program for the Purdue Pest Control Conference.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Jim Fredricks, PHD  
National Pest Management Association

## Oser Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1980 by Maurice "Maury" R. Oser to recognize an academically proficient student in Entomology who has established definite objectives and a high degree of interest in either structural pest control or entomology. He established this scholarship by establishing an endowment from which the funds for the scholarship come.

Mr. Oser was owner of Oser Exterminating Co. He attended the Purdue Pest Control Conference for many years before he retired. He was referred to as the "Grand Old Man of Pest Control" before his death in 1992.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Julian H. Oser

## Pest Management Professional Magazine Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1959 to encourage students to attain university training in the science of urban and industrial entomology. This scholarship is available to students interested in the pest control aspects of entomology.

Pest Control Magazine, founded in 1933 and published monthly, is published by Advanstar Communications, Inc.

A copy of the Pest Control Magazine is available for preview in the main office.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Marty Whitford  
Publisher, North Coast Media

## Rhodes Family Scholarship

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

The Roland Rhodes Family Scholarship  
Rhodes Chemical Co.



## Robert Oakes Memorial Scholarship / Weisburger Family Scholarship

In 1988 Mark and Michael Weisburger established this scholarship as a memorial to Robert Oakes, who sold insurance for the Weisburgers for 30 years. Mr. Oakes passed away with cancer that same year. Although Purdue was not his alma mater, Mr. Oakes adopted Purdue and attended the Purdue Pest Control Conference for years.

While this scholarship was established in 1988, the first award was not until 1991.

### Acknowledgement Contact:

Mr. Michael A. Weisburger

## Robert O. and Norma Y. Williams Pest Control Conference Award

This award was established in 1985. It is available to an undergraduate or graduate student attending Purdue University who contributes the most significantly to the success of the Purdue Pest Control Conference. It is not awarded through the scholarship committee, instead it is awarded through the Pest Control Conference.

This award was established by Norma Y. Williams at the death of her husband, Robert O. in 1985. Contributions were received from Mrs. Williams and members of the pest control industry to establish this memorial award. At Mrs. Williams' death, their children contributed additional funds to support this award and the award name was changed to above.

*And according to the WPCC agreement, "It is intended that the Award shall be in the amount of \$400 or more. This award shall be administered through the Purdue Department of Entomology. A panel consisting of the Conference Chairman and two other faculty members will review the candidates and recommend an appropriate person to the Department Head. The latter shall have the right to make the final decision as to the recipient. ..."* The input of two additional faculty needs to be included along with Gary when a recommendation is being made on this award. The co-chairs of our Scholarships (Linda Mason) & Awards (Rick Foster) Committee would be appropriate faculty representation on this matter.

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## Veseris Scholarship

*(formerly the Norm Ehmann /Univar USA Scholarship)*

To honor Norm's name and recognize his dedication to the industry, Van Waters and Rogers who has sponsored a scholarship in the Entomology Department since 1984 changed the scholarship name in 1995 to be the Norm Ehmann/Van Waters and Rogers Scholarship. They awarded a \$2,000 scholarship in his name to a Purdue University Entomology student for the first time at the 1995 Purdue Pest Control Conference. Mr. Ehmann was employed by Van Waters and Rogers for several years.

1995's Purdue Pest Control Conference was dedicated to Norm.

As stated above, Van Waters and Rogers, Inc. have sponsored a scholarship in the Department of Entomology since 1984.

This scholarship is available to a promising undergraduate or graduate student in the field of Entomology at Purdue.

Van Waters and Rogers, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Pakhoed, N.V., the largest chemical distributor in the world, headquartered in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. There are over 60 locations in the US.

Van Waters and Rogers have been in business for over 40 years as North America's leading distributor of chemicals and allied products to the industry. They also provide extensive educational opportunities on new products, updates on important regulatory issues or continuing education units.

**Acknowledgement Contact:**

Mr. Jim Delaney  
Veseris

## William L. Brehm Memorial Scholarship

Bill Brehm was first a topnotch student, then a student leader, and then a life-long friend. His life ended peacefully August 20, 1995, after a bout with cancer; his wonderful wife, Joanne, was at his side. William L. Brehm was founder and chief executive office of B & G Equipment Company, Plumsteadville, Pennsylvania. His career has been an exemplary American success story.

Bill entered Purdue University following World War II. He had fought in the combat infantry during the European campaign, had attended Biarritz University in France in 1946, and then had come to Purdue on the GI Bill. He graduated in 1950 as a member of the first class of students anywhere to have completed a four-year curriculum in urban and industrial entomology. He was one of a small group of students who founded Pi Chi Omega, now a renowned international, professional fraternity composed of college graduates dedicated to furthering educational and professional excellence in urban and industrial pest management. It was chartered at Purdue in 1950 and Brehm was its first president. Bill was continually furthering the objectives of the fraternity, and even two weeks before his death he urged me to make sure the history of Pi Chi Omega would be completed and published. His notion of awarding student scholarships has evolved as an annual event in support of students at universities throughout the country.

The unique story of Bill Brehm and the B & G Company commenced with an out-of-class project of his and George Gilmore's, a fellow student. They were taking my course in control techniques for household and industrial pests. It was the consensus of the class that no satisfactory equipment was available to apply liquid insecticides in such environments. Bill and George decided to do something about it. They tinkered around with some parts, down in the lab, and fashioned the prototype B & G sprayer. It still exists and is on display at Purdue.

One cannot overemphasize the importance of this event. In the summer of 1949, these men constructed six sprayers in a garage in Philadelphia and tested them through members of the pest control industry. Following graduation, Brehm and Gilmore (B & G) formed a partnership, and production skyrocketed. Clayton (Bud)

Wright, another classmate, joined the company, in sales, and the sprayer soon became a symbol of excellence, and the standard of the industry. From this humble beginning, the company has grown to a substantial corporation whose many quality products serve both the pest control industry and the general public. Brehm's four sons, George, David, Robert, and Philip, are active in the management of company operations.

Bill was respected by friends and competitors alike. He was innovative, resourceful, and faithful to high standards. He supported educational and research programs and was a continual attendee at the Purdue pest control conferences for 45 years. In 1991, Pest Control Technology published a special insert entitled "The B & G Story, a 40th Anniversary Tribute to Bill Brehm." It contained an array of testimony to innovations and dedication together with glowing accolades from numerous individuals reflecting the respect so universally shared. In 1993, he received from Purdue University, the Osmun Alumni Professional Achievement Award in Entomology.

As evidence of his professional stature, Brehm was a charter member of the American Registry of Professional Entomologists and was Board Certified by the Entomological Society of America. He was a founder of the United Pesticide Formulators and Distributors Association and was active in both the National Pest Control and International Sanitary Supply Associations.

Blended with Bill's serious attention to his business activities were the good natured, fun-loving, and very generous sides to his personality. In his later years, he became well known in his Atlanta community, especially through his sincere commitment to his church. He was a member of the Triple E study class composed of distinguished members of the city's business community. Bill was a friend who left his mark on a broad spectrum of people. We all miss him.

In perpetual recognition of Bill, his family and friends have established the William L. Brehm Memorial Scholarship.

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