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## Ag sci scholars awarded at Ag Fest

The annual Ag Fest event provided the perfect setting for the presentation of two agricultural science scholarships today.

The Bert Campbell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture was awarded to Ag Science student Samantha Cables and the Bruce Wall Estate Honours Scholarship was presented to Ag Sci student Gemma Sherwin.

The event also thanked numerous scholarship sponsors and celebrated scholarship recipients.

Professor Holger Meinke, Head of the UTAS School of Agricultural Science and Director of UTAS' Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, welcomed the scholarships.

"Both of these very worthy scholarships serve a dual purpose.

"They not only support our talented agricultural science students in their studies, they also remember the legacies of two men who had a great passion for agriculture," he said.

"I extend my congratulations to Gemma and Samantha and my thanks to all of the generous scholarship donors who help our students further their studies in this important field."

The 2012 recipient of the Bert Campbell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture is Samantha Cables.

Samantha is in the fourth year of her Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree at UTAS. During her final year of the course, Samantha is undertaking Honours, working on a project looking at the uniformity of maturity and quality of cauliflower varieties at harvest.

"I have grown up in a farming lifestyle, as my father is a dairy, beef and crop farmer in Sheffield. Growing up on a farm I have learnt to appreciate every aspect of the agricultural industry," she said.

Samantha said the Bert Campbell Memorial Scholarship will allow her to concentrate on completing her Honours and course work without financial burden in the final year of her degree.

The 2012 recipient of the Bruce Wall Estate Honours Scholarship was presented to Ag Science student Gemma Sherwin.

Gemma has been fascinated by insects since she was a small child. She said once she found out that Agricultural Science was a pathway into entomology (the study of insects) she leapt into the degree.

“My passion in both fields continues to grow as I discover new opportunities. I hope to complete my degree including Honours in entomology this year and follow with a PhD also in entomology,” she said.

### **About the scholarships:**

**Bert Campbell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture:** This scholarship has been provided by the Agricultural Contractors of Tasmania to honour the memory of Bert Campbell, who was a pioneer in harvesting, cereal production and the poppy industry. It is offered to support the development of young people in the Tasmanian agricultural sector, particularly in the area of harvesting and cereal production. Amount is \$2000 for one year.

### **Bruce Wall Estate Honours Scholarship (Agriculture/Aquaculture):**

Two scholarships are provided from the estate of the late Bruce Wall which supports a number of Tasmanian youth projects. It is available to students eligible to enter Honours in agriculture or aquaculture. Amount is \$5,500 for one year.

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