

**California Weed Science Society  
2019 Student Scholarship Award Recipients**

This year, the society awarded a total of \$10,000 to seven deserving graduate and undergraduate students.



**Alex Ceseski – University of California, Davis**

I am a Ph.D. candidate working with Dr. Kassim Al-Khatib at UC Davis. My foci are weed management in California rice systems, and the physiology of drill-seeded rice.



**Matthew Fatino – University of California, Davis**

A Master's student at UC Davis, Matthew is in the Horticulture and Agronomy graduate group with an emphasis on Weed Science. Matthew is researching the potential use of the Israeli-developed PICKET decision support system for control of the "A-listed" quarantine pest branched broomrape in processing tomato.



**Beth Funke- California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo**

Beth is an undergraduate student at California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, she is studying Agricultural and Environmental Plant Sciences with a concentration in Environmental Horticulture. She is currently working towards getting her PCA license and hopes to pursue a career in ecosystem rehabilitation and weed control in native environments.



**Nelly Guerra – University of California, Davis**

My name is Nelly Guerra and I am a Masters student at UC Davis in the Horticulture and Agronomy Group with an emphasis in Weed Science. My interests include biotic interactions in weed seed physiology and seed bank ecology in strawberry nursery's. My project will include non-fumigant alternatives by using steam to control weed seed emergence and soil pests.



**Steven Haring – University of California, Davis**

Steven Haring is currently a PhD student at UC Davis working with Dr. Brad Hanson. He is studying weed ecology with the goal of developing integrated weed management programs for almond orchards. After graduation, Steven hopes to work in an extension or outreach career that will allow him to collaborate with growers and improve their farm operations.



**Justin Lack – California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**

My name is Justin Lack and I am a second year student at California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. I am studying environmental earth and soil science. I am most passionate about sustainable agricultural practices and how it is related to global hum - anitarian issues like food insecurity and poverty. I enjoy being outside backpacking, running, and rock climbing.



**Travis Zuidergaart – California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**