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**Nicole Kokx, KBS Event Coordinator, named 2014-2015 Outstanding Staff Member
by MSU's College of Agriculture & Natural Resources**

Hickory Corners, Mich. –KBS Event Coordinator, Nicole Kokx, has been named MSU's College of Agriculture & Natural Resources (CANR) Outstanding Staff Member for the 2014-2015 year.

“Nicole is the definition of excellence beyond the call of duty”, wrote W.K. Kellogg Biological Station Conference Center Manager, Jim Allen, in his nomination letter. “Nicole’s selfless efforts within operating the zone of excellence bring great credit upon herself, the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station and Michigan State University.

Kokx’s vision and leadership was key in bringing about structural additions to the Conference Center staff, allowing her more time for client development. “Nicole was instrumental to a domino effect going from increased revenue to viable student support”, shared Allen. With this, the Conference Center was able to provide \$20,000 worth of free housing for students studying at KBS during the 2014 summer session.

The CANR Outstanding Staff Member Award is given annually to recognize and reward excellence to CANR staff and team members for outstanding service in the past year. Award recipients receive a cash award and an inscribed award plaque, along with his/her name engraved on a plaque displayed in Agricultural Hall at MSU’s main campus.

Kokx will be recognized on April 15, 2015 at the CANR Annual Faculty & Staff Awards Picnic, taking place at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing.

The W.K. Kellogg Biological Station is Michigan State University’s largest off-campus education complex and one of North America’s premier inland field stations. KBS’s mission is focused on ecological and environmental research, education and community outreach.

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