

Dr. Bryan Harvey receives Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from University of Saskatchewan



During this year's virtual Spring Convocation celebration, the University of Saskatchewan (USask) will award Dr. Bryan Harvey with an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree. This is the most prestigious award that can be bestowed upon a member of the University of Saskatchewan community and is granted to those who have made a significant contribution to their community.

A world-renowned barley breeder, Dr. Bryan Harvey (PhD) spent four decades contributing to the field of plant science and to the Canadian agriculture economy through his work with the Crop Development Centre (CDC) at the University of Saskatchewan.

During his time at USask starting in 1966 until his retirement in 2005, Harvey bred or co-bred more than 60 varieties of barley, leading pioneering research that benefitted the brewing industry in North America, Latin America, Asia and South Africa. His work contributed significantly to Canada's leading role in world malting barley exports and resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in trade each year. Two of his barley varieties, Harrington and CDC Copeland, earned Seed of the Year honours in 2009 and 2019, highlighting their importance in the seed industry and to crop production in Canada.

The highly regarded professor emeritus also served as assistant dean of the College of Agriculture, director of the CDC and chair of the Department of Horticulture Science. Harvey later moved into the Office of the Vice-President Research at USask, serving as co-ordinator of agriculture research, acting vice-president research, and special advisor to the VP-research. Harvey was also the author of eight books and book chapters on cultivar development, and close to 50 refereed journal publications during his prolific career.

Harvey's efforts earned him multiple awards and accolades, including being appointed to the Order of Canada in 2007, recognizing his lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community, and service to the nation. He was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2020, and was one of only 57 Saskatchewan residents to receive the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, awarded in recognition of significant contributions to Canada.

Harvey was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2006, and received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2005. He earned honorary lifetime memberships from the Saskatchewan, Alberta and Canadian Seed Growers' Associations and the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, and has received fellowships in the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the Crop Science Society of America, and the American Society of Agronomy.

Harvey earned an Alumni Achievement Award from the USask Alumni Association and an Outstanding Contribution to Industry Award from the Canadian Seed Trade Association and the Master Brewers Association. The Canadian Seed Growers' Association presented Harvey with the Clark-Newman-Clayton Award for exceptional contribution to Canadian pedigreed seed production and he received the Presidential Award from the Crop Science Society of America.

The Saskatchewan Seed Growers' Association congratulates Dr. Bryan Harvey on receipt of this honour.