

March 6, 2018

Re: Fresno State Soil Judging Team

Dear Friend:

The Mission of the Fresno State Soil Judging Team is to continue gaining soil knowledge inside as well as outside of the classroom by learning to correctly identify, evaluate, classify, and describe soil profiles. We are also committed to promoting the impact of soil science and its role in the environment.

On March 3, 2018, nine members of our team participated at the Regional Soil Competition at California State University, Chico and placed 1st in the Group category and was judged the 2nd Overall Team in the contest. Last April, six members of our team comprised of Hawaii, Alaska, California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico placed 2nd in Group Judging, and 2nd and 3rd overall individuals.

With our success at the 2018 Regionals, our team has qualified to compete at the 58th Annual National Soil Judging Competition in Martin, Tennessee, March 17-24. Therefore, we are graciously asking for your support to be able to compete at the 2018 Nationals. Your donation will help us promote our mission to:

- Expand the knowledge of soils to students so they can be advocates for soil science in whatever field of interest they pursue.
- Send members to compete in regional and national soils collegiate competitions.
- Expose students to the different graduate programs and connect them with academia and industry personnel.

We are influenced by soil every single day. The importance of understanding its properties is not only crucial for agriculturalists and environmental scientists, but is also important for building infrastructures, homes, roads, and recreational facilities. Hence, it is no wonder that the motto of the Soil Science Society of American (SSSA) is "*Soils Sustain Life!*"

We value your support of our team's activities. Your commitment to our team helps to keep us active, growing and thriving.

Please join us in supporting this worthy cause by completing the enclosed form and returning it with your gift.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,



Dr. Dave Goorahoo, Faculty Advisor
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Georgina E. Reyes Solorio, Soils Judging
Team Captain

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In support of the **Fresno State Soil Judging Team** in the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Department of Plant Science, I/we wish to make a gift in the amount of:

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Thank you for your commitment to Fresno State!

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