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MACA Presents Dean Roy Achievement Award of the Year

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St. Louis, MO — The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) presented several awards at its recent annual meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.

MACA President Gunther Kreps presented the Association's most coveted award – the Dean Roy Achievement Award – named in honor of one of the organization's founders, for "Exceptional Service to MACA and the CropLife Industry" for contributing the most by their selfless service.

The 2018 recipient winner is **Jay Morris**, Morris Bixby. Kreps cited Morris' service to the association where he has served on the Industry Communications Committee and as Chair in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. He's undertaken the challenge of reviewing the dues structure for MACA in 2016 and the membership approved it in 2017. He's recruited new members and identified potential new members. Under Jay's leadership, the committee took on the Young Leader Scholarship Program and created a sub-committee to take the lead on the program. Jay has served as a host for the program, mentored students, provided training on job interviews, and mentored other MACA members.

Morris has served as a director for the MACA Board of Directors representing the allied industries since 2016. Morris has been a steady supporter and believer in MACA.

Currently, Morris is President of the Morris Bixby Group and lives in the Peoria, Illinois area.

"Jay is committed to the crop protection industry and works for its betterment through MACA," stated Kreps. "Having worked in the crop protection industry for several manufacturers, he understands the crop protection industry and recognizes

the need for the industry to be involved and help develop potential employees as well as have people from the industry involved.”

“Jay listens and discusses concerns to encourage active participation in MACA from members. He encourages members and listens to other members,” concluded Kreps. “Jay Morris has helped to make MACA better by leading and gathering input on issues.”

Jay Morris is the 37th person to receive the Dean Roy Achievement Award.

Photographs are available from the MACA office upon request.

The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) is a non-profit association of manufacturers, distributors/formulators and allied industry of crop protection products in 13 Midwestern states. MACA works to research issues relating to crop production and to work together to improve the crop life cycle, via health, safety and public education. Check our web site at www.maca.org.