



## Shane Williams

**Shane Williams** is the 2021 Gale A. Holloway Professional Development award recipient for his steadfast service to enhance member value and encourage young professional involvement through leadership and nurturing of essential growth opportunities.

Williams is a design engineer for Kuhn North America in Brodhead, Wisconsin. He works as a project lead within the hay and forage value stream and is responsible for facilitating and coordinating prototype development and production release activities. In this role, Williams communicates and collaborates with domestic and international project teams to utilize common technologies and develop solutions on new hay and forage projects. He provides design, documentation, and manufacturing support for prototype and production-level hay and forage tools.

Williams assisted in the development and successful new product release of the MM700 twin head continuous windrow merger. He was a member of the development team for the AE50 award-winning MM1100 and MM1300 triple head continuous windrow mergers. He is a contributor to 3 US patents.

A 15-year member of ASABE, Williams has been extensively involved in a number of committees. He is currently the chair of the AETC Planning committee, and a member of the MS-23/7/2 Forage and Biomass Engineering committee. He is currently serving as a trustee on the ASABE Board of Trustees. Williams was also an active leader within the Young Professionals Community Executive Committee,

serving as chair for a term and remains involved as a liaison from the Board of Trustees. He also was extensively involved in the ASABE Wisconsin Section and volunteered as a judge for the Future Cities Competition. After graduation, Williams served as a liaison for ASABE and traveled to multiple Midwest Regional Rallies to promote student membership. He spearheaded the initiative funding project to create a video promoting participation in standards development.

Williams is also a leader within his community and served as secretary, vice president, and president on the Babcock House Cooperative Board of Directors at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also an annual guest-lecturer at the University of Wisconsin – Madison Biological Systems Engineering Career Development class, focused on helping students transition into professional work.

Williams has received a number of awards for his work within ASABE including being named the 2021 AETC MVP, the 2020 Friend of the YPC, a 2012 New Face of Engineering, and the 2010 ASABE Wisconsin Section Graduate Student of the Year.