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Susan VanderPlas  
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Dear Susan,

On behalf of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, we are pleased to extend our sincere congratulations on your selection as a 2026 recipient of the *James A. Lake Academic Freedom Award*.

We also appreciate your service on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

*Tiffany Heng-Moss*

Tiffany Heng-Moss, Ph.D.  
NU Vice President and IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor  
On behalf of the IANR Senior Leadership Team

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