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**FOUNDATION AWARD RECOGNIZES INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED TO  
FOOD AND IMPACT AREAS OF ACCESS, EDUCATION,  
CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Today the Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation announced five recipients of the 2024 Maxwell-Hanrahan Awards in Food, recognizing individuals whose work has made a significant impact on food and related issues of access, education, culture and environmental sustainability.

With its second-year cohort of awardees, the Awards in Food continue the Foundation’s focus on supporting individuals whose hands-on work has demonstrated impact, whose work is under-recognized and who are at a moment when this award would be catalytic to their trajectory. Recipients’ work relates to 1) nutrition, education and access, 2) environmental sustainability and/or 3) craft, cultural knowledge and tradition. Awardees demonstrate commitment to building community, safeguarding cultural tradition and celebrating food that’s accessible, sustainable, nourishing and delicious. These one-time, unrestricted awards provide both recognition and monetary support for their work.

- Ankita Raturi practices community-engaged research, participatory design, and open-source software engineering to improve resilience and sustainability in food and farming systems.
- Crystal Manuel’s work on her family’s multi-generational organic farm inspired her to champion ancient grains for physical, mental and emotional well-being.
- Femeika Elliott promotes food health and reproductive justice in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Kristyn Leach is a farmer and seed saver who built a nationwide network of growers preserving biodiversity in seeds, as well as the cultural heritage captured in those plants.
- Noel Dakar Dickinson’s work promotes understanding of the importance of breadfruit, called “‘ulu” in Hawaiian.

Maxwell/Hanrahan sought nominees committed to sustainably growing food, processing and distributing food, educating about nutrition, celebrating cultural traditions, and thriving through delight of food—and engaging in their work in a direct, hands-on approach.

The Foundation seeks ways to support individuals who explore and ask through fieldwork in natural sciences, create and captivate as they promote mastery in craft, teach and try as they support students in public education, and conserve and connect as they encourage care for our food systems and natural world.

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