Dr. Dennis J. Wolnick was recognized for contributions to Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture. Dr. Wolnick began his academic career at The Pennsylvania [State] University in 1970. He served as advisor for the Pi Alpha Xi Gamma chapter for more than 10 years. Beginning in 1974, Dr. Wolnick has coached the Flower Judging Team and in 1985 was the General Chair for the 43rd Intercollegiate Flower Judging and Design Contest; his teams placed 1st in the 45th and 46th Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contest. In 1992 he received the Pi Alpha Xi Outstanding Coaches Award for 10 or more years as a coach. Dr. Wolnick assembled and has maintained records in Floral Crop Evaluation Contests and in 1989 authored a HortScience article about flower judging. Dr. Wolnick teaches courses in flower arranging and horticulture business management as well as serves as extension specialist for floriculture and garden center marketing and conducts research in these areas. He was recognized by ASHS for service and by the Pennsylvania Florists for outstanding contributions to the floriculture industry.

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