Dr. James E. Klett was recognized for contributions to Ornamental and Landscape Horticulture. Dr. Klett began his academic career at South Dakota State University in 1975. There he helped establish the Phi chapter of Pi Alpha Xi and was the chapter’s advisor for 4 years. During this period Dr. Klett coached the Floral Crop Evaluation Team. From 1980 to present Dr. Klett has been a Colorado State University Faculty member. Since 1980 he has served as Chi Chapter’s advisor. From 1978-90 he was an officer of Pi Alpha Xi National and was President from 1982-86. During his tenure as President, 4 new chapters were installed. Dr. Klett continues to serve on Pi Alpha Xi National Committees. Dr. Klett has taught many courses in ornamental horticulture and advises both undergraduate and graduate students. His research has benefitted the Colorado ornamental industry. He is the Director of the W.D. Holley Plant Environmental Research Center and Coordinator of the Resident Instruction Program. He has been recognized in many ways for his contributions to teaching and service to the horticulture industry.

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