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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## NEWSLETTER

Nebraska Chapter

Issue #30, August 2005

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As summer fades into fall and we get busy with teaching classes, grant writing, program development or a research project, take time to plan and participate in the fall events sponsored by Gamma Sigma Delta.

Your attendance at the Spring Scholarship Recognition Reception on April 11, 2005, was greatly appreciated by the student family members. Thirty two sophomores and 60 juniors in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences, Nutrition and Health Sciences and Textiles, Clothing and Design were recognized as top scholars. The students represented the following states/countries: Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, Missouri, Oregon, Minnesota and Japan. Ann Gotschall, an Agricultural Education major from Atkinson, received the Outstanding Senior recognition. Casey Cain, a Fisheries and Wildlife Management major from Elkhorn, received the Outstanding Upperclassman Award.

Two Gamma Sigma Delta events are scheduled for Fall 2005. The Annual Meeting and Seminar will be held at the East Campus Union on Thursday, September 8 with the seminar beginning at 3 PM. Dr. Ken Cassman, will moderate a panel discussion exploring the role of IANR and UNL in furthering international agricultural and rural development in a time of world conflict at change. The seminar is an excellent time to introduce students to the Nebraska Chapter. We encourage classes to attend the seminar. Plan now to include the seminar as a student experience in your syllabus.

New Gamma Sigma Delta members will be initiated on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at the Annual Initiation and Awards Banquet. Please put the date on your calendar now so that you will be sure to attend. Nomi-

nating new members is each of our responsibilities. Please take time to nominate graduate students, faculty and staff. The ONE PAGE membership nomination is enclosed and is due on September 9. Nomination forms can be mailed to Jack Schinstock or returned at the Annual Meeting. Gamma Sigma Delta provides a great opportunity to interact with those outside our disciplines. Let's give that opportunity to as many as we can.

The banquet also provides the venue to honor outstanding members. Past Gamma Sigma Delta Awards of Merit and Outstanding Teaching, Research and Extension award winners have often commented that receiving this recognition from their peers was one of the most memorable recognitions that they have received. Award committees are currently reviewing nominations and selecting the 2005 award recipients.

In 2006, the national Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, will celebrate its *100th Anniversary at the Biennial Conclave* held June 24-27 at The Ohio State University. Past International Officers and Distinguished Award winners will be recognized at the Conclave. Now is the time to begin thinking about your future and Gamma Sigma Delta.

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta owes much to all of the volunteer committee members. Their contributions make the organization run smoothly. I would like to thank those who take time to contribute to chapter success.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and Seminar and at the Initiation and Awards Banquet.

*Fayrene Hamouz, President  
Gamma Sigma Delta*

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## IN MEMORIAM

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the lifetime achievements of the following individuals who have been associated with the Nebraska Chapter.

**Albert J. Ebers** died December 26, 2004. Albert was initiated as a student in agronomy on April 10, 1993. He graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture in 1933 and was a long time farmer near Seward, Nebraska. Albert was active in many organizations, served as Nebraska State Grange Master, and was a member of the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement receiving their honoree designation in 1981. He received the Nebraska Builder award in 1996 and the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1969. Albert was a regular participant in Gamma Sigma Delta activities and attended most Initiation and Awards banquets.

**Charles L. "Chuck" Stonecipher** died January 28, 2005. Chuck was initiated as a faculty member on May 16, 1969. He received his B. S. degree from Oklahoma State University and M. S. and Ph.D degrees from the University of Wisconsin. Chuck began his career with Nebraska Extension in February, 1958 and served as an Extension Agent in Cheyenne and Frontier Counties. He became a District Director in 1970 and was the first District Director of the South Central Research and Extension Center at Clay Center. He retired from that position in 1997. He and his wife owned and operated a Christmas tree farm called The Pine Patch for many years. Chuck received the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1992.

**Gail A. Wicks** died February 21, 2005. Gail was initiated as a faculty member on May 17, 1966. He received his B. S. degree from South Dakota State University and an M. S. degree from Iowa State University. He began his career at the University of Nebraska in 1958 as a weed scientist located at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte. He is recognized for his long term efforts to develop the eco-fallow cropping system that is used extensively in West Central Nebraska. Gail received the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award of Merit in 1986.

## Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition

The Student Scholarship Recognition Reception was held on Monday, April 11, 2005 at the East Campus Union. Approximately 60 honorees, Gamma Sigma Delta members, parents and guests attended the event despite severe weather in the area. Thirty-two sophomores and 60 juniors were recognized for outstanding academic performance within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Education and Human Sciences departments of Family and Consumer Sciences, Nutrition and Health Sciences and Textiles, Clothing and Design. In addition, students from the Department of Biological Systems Engineering were recognized at the event. Ann Gottschall from Agricultural Education was recognized as the Outstanding Senior and Casey Cain was received the Outstanding Underclassmen award. This year's speaker was Dean Steve Waller from the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

### Student Highlight

**Ann Gottschall** from Atkinson, Nebraska was named Outstanding Senior by Gamma Sigma Delta. Ann is an Agricultural Education who has a 4.0 Grade Point Average. Ann is a dedicated student who is involved in a number of student activities in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Casey Cain** is a sophomore from Elkhorn, Nebraska majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Management was named the Outstanding Underclassman from Gamma Sigma Delta. Casey maintains a 4.0 Grade Point Average.

**INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30,  
6:00 PM EAST CAMPUS UNION**

## **Gamma Sigma Delta Seminar**

The Gamma Sigma Delta seminar is scheduled for Thursday, September 8 from 3:00 - 4:30 at the East Campus Union. The seminar is a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Ken Cassman, exploring the University of Nebraska's role (specifically IANR's role) in furthering international agricultural and rural development in a time of world conflict and change. The seminar will be of interest to faculty and students as each contemplate international assignments and opportunities.

Seminar Title: The Role of UNL and IANR in International Agricultural Development in a Time of Global Change and Conflict

Dr. Ken Cassman will moderate a panel discussion, exploring the University of Nebraska's role (specifically IANR's role) in furthering international agricultural and rural development in a time of world conflict and change.

The four proposed discussion topics and presenters are:

- **Is Nebraska's Commodity Agriculture Doomed by Increasing Competition from Brazil and Argentina?**  
Presenter: Dr. Ken Cassman
- **What Can be Done to Achieve Food Security and the Alleviation of Poverty in Africa, and How Can Land-Grant Universities Help?**  
Presenter: Dr. John Yohe
- **How can University of Nebraska International Research and Development Efforts Continue in Areas of Conflict and Upheaval?**  
Presenter: Dr. Julie Albrecht
- **How Have Opportunities for Students and Faculty Exchanges Changed in Today's World of Conflict and Fear of Terrorism?**  
Presenter: Dr. Arlen Etling

Please join us for this timely and informative discussion.

## **2005 GAMMA SIGMA DELTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 8  
Annual Meeting & Seminar**

**September 21  
Executive Board Meeting**

**October 30  
Membership Initiation Banquet**

**November 30  
Executive Board Meeting**

## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA COMMITTEES, 2004-2005

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>		<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	
President: Fayrene Hamouz	2-1582	Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio*	2-1629
President-elect: Keith Glewen	4-8030	Judith Hofeldt, Ex Officio	2-0711
Secretary: Wanda Koszewski	2-7966		
Treasurer: Dennis Brink	2-6446		
Membership Coord: David Keith	2-8918		
Historian: DeLynn Hay	2-2966	<b>OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>	
Past President: Kevin Meyer	2-0428	Merlyn Nielson (2005)*	2-6406
		Marilynn Schnepf (2006)	2-3735
		Terrance Riordan (2007)	2-1142
<b>AUDITING COMMITTEE</b>			
Dan Duncan (2005)*	4-8011	<b>RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE</b>	
Julie Albrecht (2006)	2-8884	Terry Mader (2005)	3-2812
		Glenn Helmers (2006)	2-1788
<b>AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE</b>		Michael Brumm (2007)	3-2816
Rita Kean (2005)*	2-1185		
Merlyn Nielsen (2006)	2-6406	<b>SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE</b>	
Chuck Hibberd (2007)	(308) 632-1254	Jack Schinstock, Ex Officio*	2-1629
		DeLynn Hay, Ex-Officio	2-2966
<b>EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE</b>		Fayrene Hamouz, Ex Officio	2-1582
Shirley Niemeyer (2005)*	2-6319	Dennis Brink	2-6446
Dennis Burson (2006)	2-6457		
Linda Boeckner (2007)	(308) 632-1256	<b>SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION EVENT</b>	
		Wanda Koszewski (2005)*	2-7966
<b>INITIATION AND AWARD BANQUET</b>		Judy Nelson (2006)	2-3031
Kathleen Lodl (2005)*	2-9012	Cindy Stuefer-Powell	2-7980
Tim Carr (2006)	2-7940		
Linda Young (2007)	2-2925	<b>TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE</b>	
		Phil Miller (2005)	2-6421
<b>INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE</b>		Stephen Mason (2006)	2-1523
Roger Mandigo (2005)*	2-6456	Ellen Paparozzi (2007)	2-1129
Lowell Moser (2006)	2-1555		
Keith Glewen, Ex Officio	2-8030		
<b>SEMINAR COMMITTEE</b>			
Kevin Meyer*	2-0428		
Marilynn Schnepf	2-3735		
Irv Omtvedt	2-0272		
Terry Riorden	2-1142		

\*Chairperson



# Gamma Sigma Delta

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE  
NEBRASKA CHAPTER  
University of Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska 68583

**August 9, 2005**

**TO:** Members of Gamma Sigma Delta

**FROM:** Wanda Koszewski, Secretary

**SUBJECT:** A. Call for Membership Nominations

**Due: September 9, 2005**

B. Annual Meeting  
Seminar

**Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 3 p.m.**

C. Ballot for Election of Treasurer

**Separate Mailing**

**Call for Nominations for Membership.** Please see enclosed materials for nominating graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. The Nebraska Chapter remains strong because you have consistently nominated individuals worthy of membership to the Membership Committee. Remember that managerial/professional staff, in addition to faculty, alumni, and graduate students, are eligible for membership and need to be nominated. Undergraduate students are reviewed directly by the Membership Committee. **Due September 9, 2005.** Send to Dr. Jack Schinstock, 201 L. W. Chase, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583-0726.

**Annual Meeting.** The Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the East Campus Union. As in the past two years, a seminar presentation and reception will occur surrounding the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. with the seminar presentation commencing at 3 p.m.

**Election for Treasurer.** A ballot for Election of Treasurer will be sent via e-mail to our GSD list-serve in the near future. A hard copy will also be sent to members not having e-mail capabilities.

# NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

August 2005

The Membership Nominating Committee solicits your nomination of graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta.

We rely on your help to assure that Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes worthy co-workers and graduate students for their contributions in agricultural sciences, natural resources or family and consumer sciences. A little reflection and a few minutes of your time to complete a form is all we ask. Nominations are requested for graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff and alumni. Membership guidelines follow:

**A.** Graduate Students who meet all the following requirements:

1. Show superior ability to carry on research and/or advanced study in agricultural sciences, natural resources or family and consumer sciences or in other sciences where the individual student's area of study or research is directly related to those areas.
2. Show promise of making worthwhile contributions in these fields.
3. Completed 2/5 of the required hours for the advanced degree being sought, either at the Masters or PhD level, and
4. Attained a grade average of B or equivalent or better for graduate work toward an advanced degree.

**B.** Faculty and managerial/professional staff who meet all the following requirements:

1. University of Nebraska staff member for at least three years, and
2. Engaged in work in the professional areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources or family and consumer sciences for a period of at least three years.

**C.** Alumni who meet all of the following requirements:

1. Shown outstanding work in or service to agricultural science, natural resources or family and consumer sciences.
2. Graduated from the University of Nebraska or an institution with a Gamma Sigma Delta chapter.
3. Graduated at least five years prior to election to membership.

Please use the enclosed membership nomination form to provide the necessary information. Nominations must be received by **September 9, 2005** to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Jack Schinstock  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
201 L.W. Chase  
P.O. Box 830726  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0726

**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN**  
**NOMINATION FOR FACULTY, MANAGERIAL/PROFESSIONAL, GRADUATE STUDENTS AND**  
**ALUMNI**

Date of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  

Last
Maiden
First
M.I.

University or Other Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Nomination:     Faculty         Managerial/Professional         Graduate Student         Alumni

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If faculty or managerial/professional nomination, list date of appointment to University:  
Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Degree	Date	Major	Institution
BS	_____	_____	_____
MS	_____	_____	_____
PhD	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

**Graduate student nominees only.** List all graduate courses and grades at University of Nebraska. Graduate students **must have met 2/5 of the requirements of the degree being sought**, either at the Masters or PhD level.

Course	Grade	Course	Grade	Course	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Professional Activities: (Attach resumè if available)

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Nominators: (Three signatures required)

Name	Name	Name
Department	Department	Department

(Use attachments for additional comments)



