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Nebraska Chapter Historian

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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

Nebraska Chapter History

May 25, 1918 - 1993
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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA is a faculty governed society that selects its members from junior and senior students, graduate students, faculty, and alumni for the promotion and recognition of high achievement. While Gamma Sigma Delta is an honor society of agriculture, it may elect members from related fields such as biology, botany, chemistry, economics, entomology, forestry, home economics, plant pathology, sociology, statistics, veterinary medicine, or zoology when the work of the individuals is related to agriculture. Officers, committee chairpersons, and others leading the chapter are faculty or alumni.

Election to membership is conducted by the faculty at the local chapter level in accordance with International and Nebraska chapter by-laws. Juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, and alumni in agriculture and related sciences meeting criteria listed below are eligible for membership.

Undergraduate Students: Junior and senior students who scholastically rank in the upper 15 percent of their class and show promise of leadership may be nominated (or membership each year. No more than 15 percent of the senior class can be members of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Graduate Students: Graduate students of outstanding ability who show great potential for future leadership in agriculture can be nominated by chapter members and elected.

Faculty: Faculty with at least three years of work in agriculture and related sciences who have outstanding performance and achievement in the areas of teaching, research, and/or extension are eligible for election.

Alumni: Alumni are eligible for election five or more years after graduation if they have provided outstanding service to agriculture and have demonstrated their worthiness of the honor.

As of November 22, 1992, with the addition of 31 Undergraduates, 9 Graduate Students, 12 Faculty and 2 Alumni, we have initiated 3,048 members into the Nebraska Chapter since May 25, 1918.

At the time of our annual meeting on September 18, 1992 the Nebraska Chapter had 460 active members on the mailing list. Of these 236 were on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Of the 224 not on campus, 71 were in Lincoln, 117 with other Nebraska addresses, 32 members in 22 other states and one each in Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and Turkey.
EARLY INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

The organization first came into existence at Ohio State University, December 1, 1905, under the name of Delta Theta Sigma. Chapters in the Agricultural Colleges of Iowa, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Utah, and Oregon were established. All except the parent chapter adhered strictly to the honorary plan and felt that the unity of the organization demanded that there be no chapter houses maintained. The honorary chapters, therefore, in 1913 withdrew from all use of the old name and adopted the name Gamma Sigma Delta. The Ohio Chapter retained the original name. Under the name of Gamma Sigma Delta, chapters were installed in Kansas and Alabama. On March 10, 1916, a new organization known as the Agricultural Honor Society of America was established at the University of Minnesota. Since the purposes of the two honorary movements were the same, a merger was accomplished May 11, 1917 and the organization then became known as the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta. The Nebraska Chapter was the first installed on May 25, 1918 under the new name. There are at the present time 47 active chapters in 39 states, one territory and three countries with three prospective chapters in Delaware, Florida and one in Australia.

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS FROM THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Since the beginning our chapter has been honored to have the following persons elected to International office:

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<td>H. Clyde Filley (5-25-1918)¹ Historian</td>
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<td>John O. Rankin (Iowa State) Secretary</td>
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<td>1952-54</td>
<td>W. Vincent Lambert (5-23-1921) Vice-president</td>
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<td>1954-56</td>
<td>W. Vincent Lambert, President</td>
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<td>1962-64</td>
<td>Dale W. Bohmont (5-10-1951) Vice-president</td>
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<td>1964-66</td>
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<td>1970-72</td>
<td>Arden A. Baltensperger (5-10-1948) Vice-president</td>
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<td>Duane C. Acker (5-20-1952 Iowa State) Vice-president</td>
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<td>1984-86</td>
<td>Lowell E. Moser (11-1-1961 Ohio State) President-elect</td>
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<td>Lowell E. Moser, President</td>
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<td>1988-90</td>
<td>Lowell E. Moser, Immediate Past-president</td>
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<td>1992-94</td>
<td>Earl F. Ellington (5-3-1955 Kentucky) Treasurer</td>
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¹Date and/or place of initiation if not Nebraska

THE INTERNATIONAL DistingUISHED SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS NOMINATED BY THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Each year since 1951 the Society has made an award to a Gamma Sigma Delta member who has made great contributions to agriculture during the preceding five years in the form of teaching, research, extension, or other distinguished service, such as administration. The recipients of this Award are selected by the International Officers and given an engraved plaque and a $500 stipend.

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<td>1965</td>
<td>Khem M. Shahani</td>
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<td>John W. Schmidt</td>
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CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA CHAPTER

The 28 charter members on May 25, 1918 were: Harry E. Bradford, Agricultural Education; Edgar A. Burnett, Animal Husbandry; William W. Burr, Agronomy; Leon W. Chase, Agricultural Engineering; H. Clyde Filley, Rural Economics, the first chapter secretary; Julius H. Frandsen, Dairy Husbandry, president; Porter L. Gaddis, Agronomy/Agricultural Chemistry; Howard J. Gramlich, Animal Husbandry; Charles E. Gunnels, Agricultural Extension; Robert E. Holland, Agricultural Extension; George W. Hood, Horticulture; Ernest H. Hoppert, Horticulture; Robert F. Howard, Horticulture; Franklin D. Keim, Agronomy; Theodore A. Kieselbach, Agronomy; William J. Loeffel, Animal Husbandry, Missouri transfer member; Frank E. Mussel, Poultry Husbandry; Charles W. Pugsley, Agronomy; Elmer L. Rhoades, Rural Economics; Lawrence F. Seaton, Agricultural Engineering; Oscar W. Sjogren, Agricultural Engineering; Lewellyn T. Skinner, Agricultural Extension (Junior Department); William P. Snyder, Animal Husbandry; Myron H. Swenk, Entomology, treasurer; Kenneth F. Warner, Animal Husbandry; Currie W. Watson, Agricultural Extension (Junior Department); E. Mead Wilcox, Plant Pathology and Physiology, vice president; and Horace J. Young, Agronomy.

These charter members were installed by John O. Rankin who was at that time a member of the Iowa State chapter and was later a rural sociologist in the Department of Rural Economics at the University of Nebraska from 1923 to 1930. The installation took place in the office of Dean Edgar A. Burnett in Agricultural Hall and at that time Professor Rankin gave the prospective members a brief history of Gamma Sigma Delta, described the plan of organization and outlined the aims of the founders. The departmental names listed after the charter members names are those in use at the time of installation of the chapter in 1918.
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<td>Ephriam (Pete) Hixon</td>
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<td>Lloyd W. Huffert</td>
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1 Hold-over — election changed from October to April
2 Cleo C. Minter
3 Charles H. Adams appointed Chapter Historian with indefinite term
4 Start of calendar year term of office of elected Chapter Officers

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OFFICERS OF GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

Cleo C. Minter
CHAPTER ANNUAL EVENTS

The first special event of the year is the Scholarship Recognition Dinner usually held in March. At this event Sophomore and Junior students are invited to this dinner along with their parents, relatives and friends. The students invited are selected from the top 10% of their class as listed in the office of the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. This selection is done by our chapter scholarship committee.

An outstanding sophomore is selected from the list of sophomores who have completed their sophomore year. A monetary award is given to the highest ranking student, or students, on this list. By March 1992, 43 students had received this award since it was started in 1961. A list of these recipients is included with this history on page 14.

Also at the Scholarship Recognition Dinner, the highest ranking senior student, or students, is recognized for their scholarship achievements. This individual, or individuals, is presented an award such as a desk set, a book, or appropriate item. A plaque with these senior names is on display in C.Y. Thompson Library. By March 1992, 42 students have received this award since it was started in 1962. A list of these recipients is included with this history on page 15.

Another event conducted at the Scholarship Recognition Dinner is to recognize outstanding students for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association. These individuals receive a second year of membership in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association without having to pay dues. This award has been given since 1980 with 21 students having received this award. The list of these senior recipients is on page 16 of this history.

Usually at this Scholarship Recognition Dinner the immediate past president of our chapter is given a plaque provided by the International Gamma Sigma Delta Association. It was also at one of these dinners that our Nebraska Chapter was presented the 1983 Outstanding Chapter Award by the International Association. This award was a plaque given to us for having the best program of activities of any chapter for that year. This plaque hangs in C.Y. Thompson Library along with the plaque listing our Outstanding Seniors.

The second special event of the year is the Initiation and Awards Banquet usually held in November. The important part is the initiation of the chapter's new members using an initiation service conducted by the chapter officers.

After the initiation, the chapter awards certificates to selected members for excellence in teaching, extension and research. A citation is read for each recipient at the presentation of the award by the respective dean of that division. The Teaching Award of Merit was started in 1963 and the list of recipients is on page 12 of this history. The Extension and Research Awards of Merit were not started until 1980 and those lists of recipients are on page 13 of this history. Plaques for each division are on display in C.Y. Thompson Library with name plates for each of the 30 teachers, 13 extension specialists and 13 researchers honored to date.

The Nebraska Chapter also presents to a member or members it's Award of Merit for distinguished Service to Agriculture at this banquet. This award was started in 1956 and to date there have been 68 recipients and they are listed on page 10 and 11 of this history.

At five previous banquets we have had the honor of having the International Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award presented to one of our Nebraska Chapter members. These six members are listed on page 5 of this history. The most recent presentation was made by International President Richard I. Carter to Dr. Gordon E. Dickerson on November 18, 1990.

The banquet is usually closed by relating a few items of historical information about the Nebraska Chapter by the historian.

Another special event of our chapter is the Annual Business meeting usually held in September. At that time we vote on the nominated persons for membership in our chapter. There is also a call made for nominations for the various member awards to be made at the annual awards banquet. At this meeting a new treasurer for the following calendar year is elected. This person will then progress through the officer's positions from treasurer, to secretary, to vice president, and finally to president. The historian is appointed to an indefinite term of office.

Every two years, Gamma Sigma Delta holds an International Conclave at one of the chapters. We have been fortunate to send at least one delegate to each of these biennial conclaves for a number of years. From June 6 to 8, 1982 we were the host chapter for the conclave and our theme program was "The Agricultural Brain Drain." At that meeting, 35 delegates from 23 chapters were in attendance plus a number of our own chapter members. A speaker at that meeting was Dr. Martin A. Massengale, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, who is currently the President of the University of Nebraska and an active dues paying member of our chapter.
NEBRASKA CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE
AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

The objective of this award is to further recognize those who have rendered outstanding service in Research, Extension, Teaching, Administration, or Leadership in the field of Agriculture.

1956
Otto H. Liebers (2-1-1919)
Theodore A. Kiesselbach (5-25-1918)

1958
Frank L. Duley (3-8-1928 Kansas St)
Robert W. Goss (5-21-1923)

1960
T. Homer Goodding (5-19-1919)

1962
Ralph H. Cole (5-11-1928)
George A. Spidel (5-20-1924)

1964
Jouette C. Russel (5-23-1921)
John C. Swinbank (5-10-1948)

1966
Lawrence K. Crowe (5-21-1926)
Frank E. Mussehl (5-25-1918)

1968
S. John Muchhiber (5-16-1956)
S. Rudolph M. Sandstedt (4-30-1920)
F. Stanley A. Matzke, Sr. (5-16-1967)
F. Willard H. Waldo (5-10-1951)

1970
Lionel C. Harris (5-17-1949)
Thomas M. McCalla (5-17-1937)
Missouri

1972
Clare R. Porter (1937 Kansas State)
Harold M. Stevens (5-18-1965)

1974
Philip A. Henderson (4-16-1935)
M. Garfield McCreight (5-10-1948)

1976
Robert E. Roselle (5-7-1941 Missouri)
Doyle H. Free (5-19-1964)

1978
O. Burr Ross (5-13-1936)
Ralston J. Graham (5-19-1950)

1980
M. Rosalind Morris (5-14-1953)

1982
Wayne R. Collings (5-17-1954)
Donald G. Hanway (4-29-1943)

1984
William E. Splinter (No Carolina)
Rollin D. Schnieder (5-3-1960)

1986
David P. McGill (5-6-1941)

1987
Francis A. Haskins (4-29-1943)

1988
Richard D. Earl (11-22-1970)
Herman J. Gorz (5-16-1956)

1990
Sidney E. Salzman (11-12-1989)
LaVern E. Stetson (5-18-1965)

1992
Weston W. Furrer (5-10-1948)
Charles L. Stonecipher (5-16-1967)

1 Date and/or place of initiation.
NEBRASKA CHAPTER TEACHING AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

The following persons have been selected by our chapter to receive this teaching award. They have established an outstanding teaching and advising record here in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources as well as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1963 John J. Sulek
Agricultural Engineering

1964 Loyal C. Payne
Veterinary Science

1965 William L. Colville
Agronomy

1966 Pauline N. Doryland
Biochemistry

1967 David P. McGill
Agronomy

1968 James G. Kendrick
Agricultural Economics

1969 Charles H. Adams
Animal Science

1970 Urban E. Wendorff
Agricultural Education & Mechanized Agriculture

1971 Terry J. Klopfenstein
Animal Science

1972 Ernest R. Peo, Jr.
Animal Science

1973 Lowell E. Moser
Agronomy

1974 P.J. Cunningham
Animal Science

1975 Roy G. Arnold
Food Science & Technology

1976 A. Dale Flowerday
Agronomy

1977 Bobby D. Moser
Animal Science

1978 Dwane R. Zimmerman
Animal Science

1979 Ronald J. Hanson
Agricultural Economics

1980 Keith E. Gilster
Animal Science

1981 David T. Lewis
Agronomy

1982 Allen G. Blezek
Agricultural Education

1983 Ted H. Doane
Animal Science

1984 Robert A. Olson
Agronomy

1985 M. Rosalind Morris
Agronomy

1986 Virginia A. Book
Agri. Communications

1987 Richard P. Waldren
Agronomy

1988 Dennis R. Brink
Animal Science

1989 Steven S. Waller
Agronomy

1990 Robert C. Sorenson
Agronomy

1991 James E. Kinder
Animal Science

1992 Kenneth Von Bargen

NEBRASKA CHAPTER RESEARCH AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

These Gamma Sigma Delta members in our chapter have demonstrated outstanding research activity and productivity, either in fundamental or applied research in agriculture, natural resources or related fields.

1980 Orvin C. Burnside
Agronomy

1981 Dermot P. Coyne
Horticulture

1982 Terry J. Klopfenstein
Animal Science

1983 James H. Williams, Jr.
Agronomy

1984 Roger W. Mandigo
Animal Science

1985 James E. Specht
Agronomy

1986 Rodger K. Johnson
Animal Science

1987 Austin J. Lewis
Animal Science

1988 Glenn W. Froning
Food Science & Technology

1989 Kenneth P. Vogel
Agronomy

1990 Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
Agronomy

1991 Milford A. Hanna

1992 Merlyn K. Nielsen
Animal Science

NEBRASKA CHAPTER EXTENSION AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

These recipients are Gamma Sigma Delta members who have provided leadership in development and implementation of effective extension programs as an individual, team member or coordinator.

1980 Don J. Kubik
Animal Science

1981 Alexander R. Martin
Agronomy

1982 Charles R. Fenster
Agronomy

1983 Donald C. Spitze
Extension Agriculturalist

1984 Earl W. Gleaves
Animal Science

1985 J. C. Cranfill
Extension Agriculturalist

1986 Gail A. Wicks
Agronomy

1987 Douglas D. Duey
Agricultural Economics

1988 Elbert C. Dickey
Agricultural Engineering

1989 Donald H. Sander
Agronomy

1990 Dean E. Eisenhauer

1991 Loyd L. Young
Agricultural Education

1992 James E. Novotny
Extension Agriculturalist
NEBRASKA CHAPTER SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

These recipients are the highest ranking students in their class who have completed the sophomore year. Each one received a monetary scholarship from our Nebraska Chapter and a special award certificate.

1961  Roy G. Arnold, Food Science & Technology, Lyons, NE
1962  Larry M. Hammer, Wildlife Management, Greenwood, NE
1963  Donald A. West, Agricultural Economics, Lincoln, NE
1964  Gary W. Fick, Agronomy, Inman, NE
1965  Bruce P. Snyder, Animal Science, Paxton, NE
1966  Fredrick L. Leistritz, Agricultural Economics, Lakeside, NE
1967  Lloyd R. Reeder, Agricultural Education/Agronomy, Shelton, NE
1968  Judith Seaver Boyle, Agronomy, Superior, NE
1969  John T. Wirth, Ag Honors/Agricultural Economics, Nebraska City, NE
1970  Darrell E. Potska, Ag Honors, North Loup, NE
1971  Thomas G. Downer, Ag Honors, Bartley, NE
1972  Roger G. Belohlavy, Animal Science, Crete, NE
1973  Charles L. Kreshel, General Agriculture, Wilber, NE
1974  Calvin F. Paschold, Ag Honors, Firth, NE
1975  Richard C. James, Ag Honors, Verdon, NE
1976  Donald A. Witte, Ag Honors, Scribner, NE
1977  Karen R. Schultz, Animal Science, Ponca, NE
1978  Christopher E. Wilson, Pre-Veterinary, Omaha, NE
1979  Charles M. Oellerman, Ag Honors, Grant, NE
1980  Jerome C. Reimer, Ag Honors, Minden, NE
1981  Mark T. Kander, Agricultural Economics, Wisner, NE
1982  Andrew Tomsen, Ag Honors, Minden, NE
1983  Renee K. Hurlbut George, Ag Honors, Atwood, NE
1984  Theresa R. Johnsen Flessner, Horticulture, Virginia, NE
1985  David L. Phillips, Animal Science, Humboldt, NE
1986  Darrell L. Choat, Agricultural Economics, St. Edward, NE
1987  Richard M. Alden II, Mechanized Agriculture, Auburn, NE
1988  Jana J. Beckman Smith, Ag Honors, Elgin, NE
1989  Matthew F. Spilker, Agricultural Economics, Beatrice, NE
1990  Keith D. Berns, Agricultural Education, Bladen, NE
1991  Rodney D. May, General Agriculture, Bennett, NE
1992  Kevin c. Meyer, Agricultural Economics, Phillips, NE
1993  Nathan A. Geisert, Ag Honors, Ogallala, NE
1994  Maureen E. Freeman, Ag Honors, North Bend, NE
1995  Scott b. Aden, Animal Science, Cozad, NE
1996  Ryan D. Downs, Ag Honors/Agriculture, North Platte, NE
1997  Eric T. Thurber, Ag Honors, Roca, NE
1998  Denise K. Drudik, Animal Science, Grand Island, NE
1999  Keith R. Harmoney, Natural Resources, Kearney, NE
2000  Chad M. Johannes, Ag Honors/Veterinary Science, Columbus, NE
2001  Scott A. Meyer, Agribusiness, Campbell, NE
2002  Theresa M. Smydra, General Agriculture, Boelus, NE
2003  Susan R. Stam, Animal Science, Mullen, NE
2004  Andrew Tomsen, Ag Honors, Minden, NE
2005  Richard M. Alden II, Mechanized Agriculture, Auburn, NE
2006  Elaine R. Knape, Ag Honors, Alma, NE
2007  Matthew F. Spilker, Agricultural Economics, Beatrice, NE
2008  Keith D. Berns, Agricultural Education, Bladen, NE
2009  Rodney Dean May, General Agriculture, Bennett, NE
2010  Kevin C. Meyer, Agricultural Economics, Phillips, NE
2011  Nathan Andrew Geisert, Ag Honors, Ogallala, NE
2012  Janelle R. Howe, Food Science & Technology, Lincoln, NE
2013  Maureen E. Freeman, Ag Honors, Agricultural Economics, North Bend, NE
2014  Theresa M. Smydra, General Agriculture, Boelus, NE
2015  Scott B. Aden, Animal Science, Cozad, NE
2016  Ryan D. Downs, Ag Honors, Agribusiness, North Platte, NE
2017  Brian J. Mlady, Pre-Veterinary/Animal Science, Verdigre, NE

NEBRASKA CHAPTER SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

These seniors were the highest ranking in their graduating class and received a special award certificate. It has also been a practice of the Nebraska Chapter to give an appropriate gift such as a desk set or a book to these recipients.

1962  Roy G. Arnold, Food Science and Technology, Lyons, NE
1963  Larry M. Hammer, Wildlife Management, Greenwood, NE
1964  James R. Chromy, Agricultural Economics, Linwood, NE
1965  Gary W. Fick, Agronomy, Inman, NE
1966  Jerome G. Criswell, Agronomy, Chappell, NE
1967  Fredrick L. Leistritz, Agricultural Economics, Lakeside, NE
1968  Lloyd R. Reeder, Agricultural Education/Agronomy, Shelton, NE
1969  Judith Seaver Boyle, Agronomy, Superior, NE
1970  Melvin L. Lerwick, General Agriculture, Lyman, NE
1971  Roger G. Belohlavy, Animal Science, Crete, NE
1972  Verlon L. Corman, Jr., Agronomy, Edgar, NE
1973  Charles L. Kreshel, General Agriculture, Wilber, NE
1974  Robert L. Meduna, Ag Honors, Wahoo, NE
1975  Calvin F. Paschold, Ag Honors, Firth, NE
1976  Keith D. Johnson, Agronomy, York, NE
1977  Edward L. Runty, Ag Honors, DeWitt, NE
1978  Joseph A. Atwood, Animal Science, Albion, NE
1979  Leonard A. Kamwana, Animal Science, Lilongwe, Malawi
1980  Douglas E. Schmidt, Animal Science, Lincoln, NE
1981  Charles M. Oellerman, Ag Honors, Grant, NE
1982  C. Andrew Tomsen, Ag Honors, Minden, NE
1983  Mark A. Langmeier, Agronomy, Scribner, NE
1984  Calvin B. Dickson, Ag Honors, Sterling, NE
1985  Michelle R. Golden, Ag Honors, Bridgeport, NE
1986  Joel W. Starr, Agronomy, Hastings, NE
1987  Darrell L. Choat, Agricultural Economics, St. Edward, NE
1988  Steven J. Stelk, Ag Honors, Grand Island, NE
1989  Richard M. Alden II, Mechanized Agriculture, Auburn, NE
1990  Jana J. Beckman Smith, Ag Honors, Elgin, NE
1991  Elaine R. Knape, Ag Honors, Alma, NE
1992  Matthew F. Spilker, Agricultural Economics, Beatrice, NE
1993  Keith D. Berns, Agricultural Education, Bladen, NE
1994  Rodney Dean May, General Agriculture, Bennett, NE
1995  Kevin C. Meyer, Agricultural Economics, Phillips, NE
1996  Nathan Andrew Geisert, Ag Honors, Ogallala, NE
1997  Janelle R. Howe, Food Science & Technology, Lincoln, NE
1998  Maureen E. Freeman, Ag Honors, Agricultural Economics, North Bend, NE
1999  Theresa M. Smydra, General Agriculture, Boelus, NE
2000  Scott B. Aden, Animal Science, Cozad, NE
2001  Ryan D. Downs, Ag Honors, Agribusiness, North Platte, NE
2002  Brian J. Mlady, Pre-Veterinary/Animal Science, Verdigre, NE
AG ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The second year of membership in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association awarded to College of Agriculture Seniors and given by the Alumni Association. The award is in recognition of scholarship as well as participation in University student activities. These recipients were selected by the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta.

1980 James N. Reimer, Ag Honors, Beatrice, NE
Jerome C. Reimer, Ag Honors, Beatrice, NE
1981 Rick L. Stanton, General Agriculture, Fairbury, NE
1982 Jill M. Beckman, Ag Honors, Elgin, NE
Karen R. Cromer, Food Science & Technology, Gering, NE
1983 Kelly L. Downing, Mechanized Agriculture, Shenandoah, IA
Lisa Ann Greve, Animal Science, Wakefield, NE
Bobbi Ann Mehl, Natural Resources, Humboldt, NE
Neal J. Schlautman, Mechanized Agriculture, Clarkson, NE
1984 David L. Phillips, Animal Science, Humboldt, NE
1985 Kathleen A. Dobesh, Agricultural Economics, Wahoo, NE
Kevin P. Spellman, Animal Science, Omaha, NE
1986 Daryl L. Bauer, Natural Resources, Lincoln, NE
Michael A. Hanson, Horticulture, Lincoln, NE
1987 James E. Friesen, Ag Honors, Loup City, NE
1988 Ann Marie Fleischmann, Food Sci & Technology, Bloomington, IL
1989 Bradley Duane Wilkins, Ag Honors, Ainsworth, NE
1990 Laura Ann Uhman, Food Science & Technology, Claytonia, NE
1991 Curtis M. Baldwin, Agricultural Economics, Cairo, NE
1992 Grant L. Greder, Ag Honors/Ag Journalism, North Platte, NE
Gary R. Todd, Ag Honors/Agribusiness, Union, NE

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS NAMES FOR GAMMA SIGMA DELTA MEMBERS

The following is a list of Gamma Sigma Delta members who have been honored by having buildings at the University of Nebraska named for them:
Marvel Baker Hall (1969) on East Campus for Marvel L. Baker (Animal Husbandry Faculty transfer from Kansas State Chapter)
George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterial Research (1992) on City Campus for George W. Beadle (Agronomy Senior 5-2-26)
Burnett Hall (Classroom and Office building) on City Campus for Edgar A. Burnett (5-25-1918)
Burr Hall (1957) on East Campus for William W. Burr (5-25-18)
L. W. Chase Hall (1982) on East Campus for Leon W. Chase (5-25-1918)
H. C. Filley Hall (1972) on East Campus for H. Clyde Filley (5-25-1918)
Keim Hall (1957) on East Campus for Franklin D. Keim (5-15-1918)
Kiesselbach Crops Research Lab (1969) on East Campus for Theodore A. Kiesselbach (5-25-1918)
Loeffel Meat Lab (1967) on East Campus for William J. Loeffel (Animal Husbandry Faculty transfer from Missouri Chapter 5-25-1918)
Mussel Hall (1979) on East Campus for Frank E. Mussel (5-25-1918)
William P. Snyder Office and Laboratory (1969) at the West Central Research and Extension Center at North Platte for William P. Snyder (5-25-1918)
Stewart Seed Lab (1969) on East Campus for Paul H. Stewart (Agronomy Faculty 4-30-1920)
C. Y. Thompson Library (1966) on East Campus for Charles Y. Thompson (General Agriculture Alumni 4-29-1943)

1 Year building received it's name which is not necessarily the year the building was constructed.
2 Note that all of these listed as initiated 5-25-1918 are charter members of the Nebraska Chapter.
NOTABLE NEBRASKA CHAPTER GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

INITIATES

These are some of this chapter's initiates who have received significant recognition either by election, appointment or by an award.

George W. Beadle (Agronomy, Senior 5-21-1926) A 1958 Nobel Prize recipient in Physiology and Medicine and was also President of the University of Chicago

Horace C. Crandall (Dairy Husbandry, Graduate Student 5-13-1936) State Senator

Robert L. Cushing (Agronomy, Senior 5-13-1936) Board of Regents Univ. of Hawaii

H. Clyde Filley (Rural Economics, Faculty 5-25-1918) State Senator

Frank O. Foote (Animal Husbandry, Senior 5-10-1948) Regent

Clifford M. Hardin (Agriculture Economics, Faculty 5-21-1963) United States Secretary of Agriculture for President Nixon

Otto H. Liebers (Dairy Husbandry, Alumni 2-1-1919) State Senator

Stanley A. Matzke, Sr. (Business Administration and Law, Alumni 5-16-1967) State Senator

Ross H. Rasmussen (Agronomy, Alumni 5-23-1961) State Senator

Robert L. Raun (Animal Husbandry, Senior 5-10-1951) Regent and Nebraska State Director of Agriculture

Myron G. Rumery (Dairy Husbandry, Faculty 5-17-1949) State Senator

Lee O. Rupp (General Agriculture, Senior 11-23-1969) State Senator

Charles Y. Thompson (General Agriculture, Alumni 4-29-1943) Regent

Norbert T. Tiemann (Animal Science, Alumni 5-16-1967) Nebraska Governor

Willard H. Waldo (Animal Husbandry, Alumni 5-10-1951) State Senator

Jerome Warner (Animal Husbandry, Senior 5-10-1951) State Senator

John L. Weihing (Plant Pathology, Graduate Student 5-17-1949) State Senator

Clayton K. Yeutter (General Agriculture, Senior 4-16-1952) United States Secretary of Agriculture for President Bush

1 Nebraska State Senator

2 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.