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I have to admit I love the fall season that brings warm days and cool nights. It is the season of color. It is also the time of year when Gamma Sigma Delta (GSD) inducts new members into this prestigious organization. This fall we have our new members’ Initiation Banquet on October 28, 2007. I look forward to this event every year because it is a chance to recognize faculty and staff that have done outstanding work in teaching, research, and extension and who have made contributions to the field of agriculture and human sciences. As new members of GSD, the Initiation Banquet gives them a chance to interact with leaders and scholars of our honorary society. It also provides an opportunity to lay a foundation for them to aspire to take an active role in our society as engaged citizens in the field of agriculture and human sciences. Last year GSD President, Keith Glewen, wrote a President’s column on citizenship. As members of GSD, let’s continue that message as we encourage and model good citizenship to our students.

I learned from my own experience that getting involved in an organization as a student helped me stay involved as a professional. I was fortunate to have had faculty and dietetic professionals who mentored me as to the importance of being involved in my profession.

So what is mentoring? According to an article I read “there are many perspectives on the definition of mentoring, especially since the relatively recent popularity of personal and professional coaching. Traditionally, mentoring might have been described as the activities conducted by a person (the mentor) for another person (the mentee) in order to help that other person..." to do a job more effectively and/or to progress in their career. The mentor was probably someone who had "been there, done that" before. A mentor might use a variety of approaches, i.e., coaching, training, discussion, counseling, etc.”

As alumni, faculty, and staff it is important to take the necessary time to help mentor students on making progress in their career by demonstrating to them the significance of being involved in professional honorary societies such as Gamma Sigma Delta. How can you help model good citizenship? How can you mentor students in their professions? Here are some ideas.

### Needed
**Membership Coordinator**
Contact: Dennis Brink dbrink1@unl.edu or 472.6446

to volunteer to serve your Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter in a very important way!
First, I want to strongly encourage you to attend the GSD Fall Seminar entitled "Ecological Literacy" and our speaker will be Dr. Jim Stubbendieck, who is Director of the Center of Great Plain Studies at UNL. The seminar will be on **Tuesday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Hardin Hall**. In addition, those of you who have classes on campus, please encourage your students to attend this event. Again, it is a wonderful opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to interact, discuss, and network. I want to urge you to include this opportunity as part of your fall course syllabus. This year I would like us to have a full room of Gamma Sigma Delta members and students. I would also like to invite students to attend the GSD business meeting.

Second, please take the time to nominate your fellow faculty, staff, graduate students and alumni for membership into GSD. Encourage your undergraduate students to respond to the invitation to join the association when they get their letters in September. Gamma Sigma Delta is a great organization and we need to maintain that tradition by inducting young, enthusiastic members. We are only as strong as our membership. We need your help to ensure that we stay strong.

Third, come to the Initiation Banquet on October 27th as we recognize and honor the award winners and celebrate the initiation of new members. The banquet committee is working diligently as they plan a wonderful meal and program. What we need is to have the best turn out of members and new initiates to conclude our chapter year of Gamma Sigma Delta on a positive and strong note. I hope to see you there.

Finally, sign up to be on a committee. Dennis Brink will be looking for new committee members later this fall. If you are interested please contact him at dbrink1@unl.edu or 472-6446.

Wanda Koszewski
The Gamma Sigma Delta Fall 2007 Seminar
3:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 18th
Hardin Hall Auditorium

Video streaming to be available! More details to follow via Gamma Sigma Delta e-mail Listserv soon

Environmental Literacy
By Dr. James Stubbendieck
Director, Center of Great Plains Studies

One of a series of symposia contributing to the campus wide 2007-08 Nebraska Colloquium theme of the Environment. The goal of the Nebraska Colloquium is to create an intellectual community that engages students, faculty, staff and the larger community in conversations around a common theme, resulting in an exchange of ideas and reflections from which all will profit.

Reception Co-sponsored by
Office of Undergraduate Studies
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Gamma Sigma Delta

Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 3rd at 12:00 PM in the East Campus Union. All Gamma Sigma Delta members are encouraged to attend, bring a brown bag lunch, and enjoy beverages and cookies to be provided!
## CONGRATULATIONS

Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the following students for their excellent scholarly work for 2006-07 academic year.

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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, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design 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, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design 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, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design 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, nutrition and Health sciences, textiles, clothing and design 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 following membership nomination form to provide the necessary information. Nominations must be received by September 25, 2007 to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Clayton Kelling
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
210 VBS
Lincoln, NE 68583-00905
Ckelling1@unl.edu
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   Graduate Student   Alumni

Title:  

If faculty or 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 of the requirements of the degree being sought, either at the Masters or level.

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Professional Activities:  (Attach resume if available)

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Nominators:  (Three signatures required)

Name       Name       Name

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(Use attachments for additional comments)
TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members
FROM: Award of Merit Committee
Chuck Hibberd, Chair
David Keith
ZB Mayo

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit. The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit. We urge you to consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty for this special recognition.

The selection criteria and format for the nomination are on described on the following page.
Nominations should be submitted by September 25, 2007 to:
Chuck Hibberd, Chair
Panhandle Research and Extension Center
4502 Ave I
Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939
Chibberd1@unl.edu

PAST RECIPIENTS

1968 Stanley Matzke 1979 Thomas W. Sullivan 1993 Irvin T. Omtvedt
OBJECTIVE

The Award of Merit is to further recognize those who have rendered outstanding service in research, extension, teaching, administration and leadership in the field of agriculture, natural resources and human sciences.

REQUIREMENTS

The recipient of the Award of Merit must meet the following requirements:

1. Qualify under the objectives as stated above.
2. Be a member of Gamma Sigma Delta.
3. Minimum age 30 years.

PROCEDURES

The President shall appoint an Award of Merit Committee annually. The committee shall be composed of three members of which at least one member is from the previous year’s committee.

The committee will canvass the membership of GSD for nominations for the Award of Merit. Nominations, as submitted to the committee, must be accompanied by supporting information. No nominations may be made from the floor at any meeting of GSD.

From the nominations received, the committee shall select not more than three candidates. The names of these candidates shall be presented to the membership in ballot form for mail vote. A brief statement of the qualifications of each candidate shall accompany the ballots.

A maximum of two Awards of Merit may be made each year. This does not preclude the making of one award or no award in any particular year.

The award(s) shall be presented at the annual banquet; and except under unusual circumstances, the recipient will be expected to be present to receive the award.
Extension Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Extension Award Committee
Linda Boeckner, Chair
Ivan Rush
Sharon Skipton

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2007 Nebraska Chapter’s Extension Award. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant extension activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are described on the following page. Please follow the format closely. Careful preparation of the nomination is important and aids the selection committee. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nominations should be submitted by September 25, 2007 to:

Linda Boeckner, Chair
Panhandle Research and Extension Center
4502 Ave I
Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939
Lboeckner1@unl.edu

PAST RECIPIENTS

1980 Don J. Kubik 1993 Carol Thayer
1982 Charles L. Fenster 1995 Frederick P. Baxendale
1983 Donald C. Spitze 1996 Doyle R. Wolverton
1984 Earl W. Gleaves 1997 Donald Steinegger
1985 J.C. Cranfill 1998 David L. Keith
1986 Gail A. Wicks 1999 Dale Grotelueschen
1987 Douglas D. Duey 2000 Jeffrey F. Keown
1988 Elbert C. Dickey 2001 Michael Brumm
1989 Don Sander 2002 Shirley Niemeyer
1990 Dean H. Eisenhauer 2003 Dennis Burson
1991 Lloyd L. Young 2004 Linda Boeckner
1992 James E. Novotny 2005 Ivan Rush
2006 Sharon Skipton
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
EXTENSION AWARD

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Demonstrated leadership in development and implementation of effective extension programs as an individual, team member or coordinator.

2. Evidence of productivity and visibility of extension programs.

3. Evidence of impact of extension activity.

4. Evidence of clientele and peer recognition of excellence of extension programs.

5. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta; membership in the Nebraska Chapter is desirable, but not mandatory.

6. Emphasis may be placed on one thrust or program area as well as the overall program.

7. Persons who have previously received national or international Gamma Sigma Delta extension awards are not eligible.

8. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION

- Name of nominee
- Educational background
- Current position
- Major extension thrusts, program accomplishments or impact including programs planned and conducted, extension publications, audiovisual productions and other materials developed for extension program.
- Three letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee’s extension accomplishments, including at least one from the nominee’s clientele.
TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Research Award Committee
        Judy Driskell, Chair
        Blair Siegfried
        Gary Cunningham

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter’s Research Award for 2007. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant research activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are on the following page. Please follow the format closely. Careful preparation of the nomination is important and aids the selection committee. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nominations should be submitted by September 25, 2007 to:

Judy Driskell
Dept of Nutrition and Health Sciences
214 Ruth Leverton Hall/UNL
Lincoln, NE  68583-0806
Jdriskell1@unl.edu

PAST RECIPIENTS

1980  Orvin C. Burnside  1993  Joan Laughlin
1981  Dermot P. Coyne  1994  P. Stephen Baenziger
1982  Terry J. Klopfenstein  1995  James E. Kinder
1983  James H. Williams  1996  L. Dale Van Vleck
1984  Roger W. Mandigo  1997  Larry V. Cundiff
1985  James E. Specht  1998  David D. Baltensperger
1986  Rodger K. Johnson  1999  Terrance Riordan
1987  Austin J. Lewis  2000  Chris R. Calkins
1988  Glenn W. Froning  2001  Drew Lyon
1989  Kenneth Vogel  2002  Terry Mader
1991  Milford Hanna  2004  Michael Brumm
1992  Merlyn K. Nielsen  2005  Judy Driskell
1993  Blair Siegfried
SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Evidence of outstanding research activity and productivity, either in fundamental or applied research as evidenced by:
   - Impact of nominee’s research.
   - Peer recognition as a research scientist,
   - Research contributions as individual, as research leader or as collaborator.

2. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta; membership in the Nebraska Chapter is desirable, but not mandatory.

3. Persons who have previously received national or international Gamma Sigma Delta research awards are not eligible.

4. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION

1. Name of nominee

2. Education background

3. Current position

4. Description of research responsibilities

5. Major research accomplishments; research publications, patents, variety releases and other indices of research productivity.

6. National and/or international significance of the nominee’s research.

7. Three letters of recommendation (including nominator’s letter) from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee’s research accomplishments.
Teaching Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Teaching Award Committee
Ellen Paparozzi, Chair
Timothy Carr
Linda O. Young

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award. We urge you to consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty for this recognition of excellence in teaching.

The selection criteria and format for the nomination are on the following page. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nomination should be submitted by September 25, 2007 to:

Ellen Paparozzi
Department of Agronomy and Horticulture
392 Plant Science Building/UNL
Lincoln, NE 68583-0724
Etp1@unl.edu

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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
TEACHING AWARD

SELECTION CRITERIA

Outstanding teaching and advising record as evidenced by:

1. Student and peer evaluations of courses and instructor.

2. Commitment to teaching improvement activities.

3. Formal and informal interaction with students as academic and/or student organization advisor.

4. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta

5. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION

➢ Name of nominee
➢ Educational background
➢ Current position
➢ Description of teaching responsibilities (courses taught and enrollment for past five semesters, Fall Semester 2003 through Spring Semester 2007).
➢ Academic advising responsibilities for past five semesters
➢ Documentation of scholarly activity such as invited/peer reviewed presentations, publications in teaching such as articles, textbooks, etc.
➢ Participation in teaching improvement program.
➢ Student involvement (out-of-classroom interaction, advising of student organization etc.)
➢ Impact of nominee as teacher and advisor
➢ Student course evaluations which shall consist of a copy of the Results of the Objective Items. On the current CASNR evaluation form (CIEQ), this is the front summary page.
➢ Four letters of recommendation in addition to the nominator’s letter are required. One letter of recommendation from a colleague, present student, former student and an administrator should be submitted with the nomination.
In Memoriam
by
Delynn Hay, Historian

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the lifetime achievement of the following individuals who have been members of the Nebraska Chapter.

**Everett E. Peterson** died March 9, 2007 in Grand Junction, Colorado. Dr. Peterson was a native of South Dakota and received his B.S. (1939) and M.S (1940) from Montana State College and a M.A. in 1950 and Ph.D. in 1952 from the University of Chicago. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta at the University of Nebraska as a faculty member on May 10, 1957. He was a farm management extension specialist from 1947 to 1953 at Michigan State University until he became project leader in agricultural economics extension at the University of Nebraska. He retired from the University of Nebraska in 1979.

**Myron Kendall Brakke** died June 15, 2007 in Bellingham, Washington. Dr. Brakke was a native of Rochester, Minnesota and received B.S. in 1943 and a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1947 from the University of Minnesota. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta as a student at the University of Minnesota on May 17, 1943. He had a long and distinguished career in plant virology starting at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens in 1947, continuing at the University of Illinois from 1952-1995, and then with the USDA Agricultural Research Service at the University of Nebraska from 1955 until his retirement in 1986. Dr. Brakke was elected to the National Academy of Sciences and was a Regents Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Nebraska.

**Harry Robert “Bob” Mulliner** died June 16, 2007 in Custer, South Dakota. Bob received a B.S. in agriculture from the University of Nebraska in 1942. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta at the University of Nebraska as a faculty member April 20, 1959. After his discharge from the Navy he farmed from 1946 to 1952 and then worked a short time for T-L Irrigation in Hastings. He finished his career as an Extension Irrigation Engineer at the University of Nebraska South Central Research and Extension Center and retired July, 1975.

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