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President’s Message

I just returned from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Senior Sendoff. This is always a great time to visit with our graduates and their parents and a great reminder of what a privilege it is to be a member of a team helping them achieve their past, present and future goals.

So many things are team efforts. Gamma Sigma Delta is no exception and through our activities we impact many graduates and future leaders in the agricultural sciences, natural resources and family and consumer sciences. In this brief note I would like to convey two messages to the Gamma Sigma Delta team.

First, to the many active members of the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta thank you very much! Your dedication and commitment to Gamma Sigma Delta provide the Nebraska Chapter the opportunity: “to encourage high standards of scholarship and proficiency in all branches of the agricultural sciences, natural resources, and family and consumer sciences.” In this newsletter there are numerous examples of how through awards and recognitions the Nebraska Gamma Sigma Delta team has encouraged excellence.

Next, I believe every team must have a vision. It is exciting to imagine a Gamma Sigma Delta seminar with over 200 in attendance, 10 nominations for each of our Gamma Sigma Delta wards and an initiation and awards banquet with 100% of the Gamma Sigma Delta members present to recognize our initiates and award winners!

Vince Lombardi said, “individual commitment to a group, that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

My request to you is to commit now. Please take a few minutes to write down two to three goals related to your ongoing commitment to Gamma Sigma Delta in 2008-09 and beyond; how will you help the team accomplish the vision?

Many thanks for your past, present and future dedication and commitment to Gamma Sigma Delta.

Dennis Brink
President

2008 Major Activities Calendar

**June**
Nominating Committee submits slate for Treasurer

**August**
August Newsletter

**September 19**
Award and Membership Nominations Due

**October 1**
Annual Business Meeting and Seminar

**November 2**
Membership Initiation and Awards Banquet

The Gamma Sigma Delta Fall 2008 Seminar, 1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 1
Sustainable Agriculture and Using Local Foods by Dr. Catherine H. Strohbehn, HRIM Extension Specialist, Iowa State University.

Reception and Annual Meeting, following Seminar at 2:00 pm,
Hardin Hall Auditorium
## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA 2008 COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- President: Dennis Brink 472-6446
- President Elect: Clayton Kelling 472-3040
- Secretary: Alan Baquet 472-3401
- Treasurer: Julie Albrecht 472-8884
- Membership Coor: Robert Wright 472-2128
- Historian: Delynn Hay 472-2966
- Past President: Wanda Koszewski 472-7966

### AUDITING COMMITTEE
- Brad Luebben (2008)* 472-2235
- Georgia Jones (2009) 472-3225

### AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE
- David Keith (2008) 472-2123
- ZB Mayo (2009) 472-2045
- Don Adams (2010) 308-696-6700

### EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE
- Ivan Rush (2008)* 308-632-1245
- Sharon Skipton (2009) 472-3662
- Jim Goeke (2010) 308-696-6704

### INITIATION AND AWARD BANQUET
- Wanda Koszewski (2008)* 472-7966
- Garald Horst (2009) 472-1143
- Nancy Miller (2010) 472-9103
- Alan Baquet (Secretary) 472-3401

### INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
- Lowell Moser 472-2811
- Dale Van Vleck 472-6010
- Keith Glewen 624-8030

### SEMINAR COMMITTEE
- Kevin Meyer 458-1180
- Irv Omtvedt 472-0272
- Wanda Koszewski 472-7966

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- Dan Husmann, Ex Officio 472-1629
- Judith Hofeldt, Ex Officio 472-0711
- Secretary—Alan Baquet 472-3401
- Membership Coor—Bob Wright 472-2128

### OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- Kevin Meyer (2008)* 458-1180
- Fayrene Hamouz (2009) 472-1582
- Keith Glewen (2010) 472-3270

### RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE
- Judy Driskell (2008)* 472-8975
- Blair Siegfried (2009) 472-8714
- Janos Zempleni (2010) 472-3270

### SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION COMMITTEE
- Kevin Meyer (2008) 458-1180
- Rosalee Swartz (2009)* 472-5234
- Darrell Mark (2010) 624-8030
- DeLynn Day, Ex Officio 472-2966

### TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE
- Tim Carr (2008)* 472-7940
- Linda Young (2009) 472-2925
- Darrell Mark (2010) 472-1796

* Chairperson

Gamma Sigma Delta is an organization having as its objectives the advancement of agriculture in all its phases, the maintenance and improvement of the relations of agriculture and related sciences to other industries, and the recognition of the responsibilities of those engaged in all aspects of agriculture to humankind. Our Society seeks to encourage high standards of scholarship and worthy achievements in all branches of the agricultural and related sciences as well as a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits.
The 2007 Initiation and Awards Banquet was held Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nebraska East Campus Union. The banquet was an Initiation and Awards Banquet for 4 IANR Faculty for distinguished service to research, teaching and extension programs as follows:

**Award of Merit for Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture**
- Don C. Adams, Director
  West Central Research and Extension Center, North Platte

**Excellence in Teaching Award**
- Darrell R. Mark, Assistant Professor
  Agricultural Economics

**Excellence in Extension Award**
- James W. Goeke, Professor
  Survey Division School of Natural Resources
  North Platte

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta received the 2007 Silver Chapter Award from International Gamma Sigma Delta. International 2007 Chapter Awards were as follows: Outstanding: University of Philippines at Los Banos; Gold: North Carolina A&T State University, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, University of Tennessee, University of California-Davis; Silver: Iowa State University, Mississippi State University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, University of Nebraska, University of Arkansas; Bronze: Pennsylvania State University, North Carolina State University, West Virginia University, Kansas State University, University of Florida.
2007 Gamma Sigma Delta Initiation and Awards Banquet New Members Attendees. Front Row left to right: Mathew L. Brust, Grant S. Janousek, Heartwin A. Pushpadass; Back row left to right: Susan M. Williams, Lauren C. Taylor, Kelsey M. Rolfe, Suat Irmak, Daniel M. Larsen, Stephanie A. Melchert, Susie Reyes, Kelly P. Fisher, Zainab Rida, Casey E. Campbell, Kate A. Wolford, Gary J. Brewer.

### Undergraduate Seniors
- Kari L. Arnold  
  Ag Sci Nat Res  
- Jessica L. Betts  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Andrea R. Cantarero  
  Biochemistry  
- Danita J. Curtiss  
  Ag Sci Nat Res  
- Ashley S. Effken  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Kacey M. Francis  
  Engineering  
- Grant S. Janousek  
  Fish & Wildlife  
- Kelly L. Kappen  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Stephanie J. Kratzer  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Meghan E. Martinson  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Stephanie A. Melchert  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Elizabeth Schwarz  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Michelle L. Spink  
  Biochemistry  
- Tammy R. Stuhmer  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Lauren C. Taylor  
  Edu & Human Sci  
- Kate A. Wolford  
  Edu & Human Sci

### Graduate Students
- Mathew L. Brust  
  Entomology  
- Casey E. Campbell  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Cassandra L. Dytrych  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Kelly P. Fisher  
  Animal Science  
- Daniel M. Larson  
  Biol Syst Eng  
- Siew Yoong Lee  
  Agron & Hort  
- Michelle R. Parde  
  Biol Syst Eng  
- Heartwin A. Pushpadass  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Susie Reyes  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Kelsey M. Rolfe  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Audra J. Wessel  
  Nutr Health Sci

### Faculty
- Gary J. Brewer  
  Entomology  
- Suat Irmak  
  Biol Syst Eng  
- Susan M. Williams  
  SE Res & Ext

### Alumni
- Zaniab Rida  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Natalie Sehi  
  Nutr Health Sci  
- Adam J. Liska  
  Agron & Hort.
CONGRATULATIONS
NEBRASKA CHAPTER GAMMA SIGMA DELTA, HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE
Recognizes the following students for their outstanding scholarly achievements in 2007-08

Michelle Adamson
SO  Veterinary Biomedical Science

Sara Aksamit
SO  Family Science

Kathryn Alms
JR  Textile and Apparel Design

Aaron Andersen
SO  Agronomy

Lars Anderson
JR  Fisheries and Wildlife

Whitney Anderson
SO  Pre-Family & Consumer Sci Ed

Scott Baier
JR  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Stephanie Baird
JR  Biological Systems Engineering

Ben Beckman
SO  Grassland and Ecology Mgmt

Kimberly Behrends
SO  Animal Science

Paige Bek
SO  Agribusiness

Alyssa Bergman
SO  Athletic Training

Danielle Buehner
JR  Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Rachel Butler
SO  Textile and Apparel Design

Wes Cammack
JR  Agricultural Engineering

Joseph Canny
JR  Professional Golf Management

Trevor Carden
JR  Dietetics

Amanda Cayler
SO  Hospitality, Restnt, Tourism Mgmt

Jessica Chandler
JR  Family Science

Megan Cheloha
JR  Child Youth and Family Studies

Beverly Cheloha
SO  Merchandising

Cassandra Clayton
JR  Merchandising

Kyle Clymer
SO  Animal Science

Melanie Cofer
JR  Animal Science

Matthew Crotty
JR  Food Science and Technology

Courtney Cubrich
SO  Forensic Science

Craig Davidson
SO  Agribusiness

Bethany Davis
JR  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Suzanne Dawson
SO  Fisheries and Wildlife

Laura Demmel
JR  Agricultural Economics

Danielle Dobbins
JR  Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Heidi Dostal
JR  Family Science

Jessica Dowdy
SO  Agribusiness

Dexter Driskell
SO  Agribusiness

Thomas Dux
SO  Agricultural Leadership Edu Com

Ayako Ebata
JR  Agricultural Economics

Stephanie Ebke
SO  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Jamie Eggers
JR  Food Science and Technology

Travis Eichenberger
JR  Pre-Physical Therapy

Sarah Essay
SO  Hospitality, Restnt, Tourism Mgmt

Daniel Frank
SO  Undeclared Agricultural Studies

Christine Freyer
SO  Nutrition Extension Health Science
Tyler Gansebom
JR Agribusiness

Anna Geis
SO Animal Science

Jacob Geis
JR Animal Science

Heidi Gengenbach
JR Biochemistry

Sara German
SO Dietetics

AriAnna Goldstein
JR Biochemistry

Alexander Goldstein
SO Nutrition Extension Health Science

Jill Grabow
SO Culinary Science

Erica Graham
JR Dietetics

William Greene
JR Professional Golf Management

Abby Gross
JR Textile and Apparel Design

Lindsey Hadenfeldt
JR Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Thomas Hammett
SO Athletic Training

Susan Hammons
SO Food Science and Technology

John Heermann
SO Agricultural Economics

Jessica Heerten
SO Textiles, Clothing, Design/Jour

Megan Hiatt
SO Pre Veterinary Medicine

Kristin Hiebner
JR Nutrition Extension Health Science

Samantha Hiemer
JR Biochemistry

Rebecca Hiemstra
JR Professional Golf Management

JeziKalvy Hilgenfeld
JR Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Reesa Hoffschneider
SO Animal Science

Joseph Holoubek
JR Mechanized Systems Mgmt

Maggie Holub
JR Agribusiness

Bethany Hughes
JR Dietetics

Kelly Ingram
JR Biochemistry

Michael Ioerger
SO Athletic Training

Samantha Janousek
SO Fisheries and Wildlife

Ethan Jensen
SO Fisheries and Wildlife

Amy Johnson
JR Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Jennifer Jones
SO Environmental Studies

Laura Joy
JR Agricultural Leadership Ed Com

Andrew Keralis
SO Biochemistry

Whitney Kocarnik
JR Family Science

Katherine Koch
SO Animal Science

Cassandra Krueger
SO Animal Science

Sara Kvien
JR Dietetics

Amy Lathrop
JR Horticulture

Stephanie Laudenklos
JR Animal Science

Joshua Lee
JR Biological Systems Engineering

Allison Leimer
JR Animal Science

Ashley Leming
SO Nutrition Science

Maria Lewis
JR Animal Science

Andrew Lim
JR Agribusiness

Soo Low
JR Food Science and Technology

Tami Luebke
JR Nutrition Science

Paige Lundy
JR Dietetics and Journalism

Alexander Lush
JR Agronomy
Natalie Lyman  
SO  Family Science

Laura Maricle  
JR  Agricultural Journalism

Elyse Marvin  
SO  Family & Consumer Science Ed

Elizabeth May  
SO  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Abbey McGee  
SO  Nutrition Science

Karla McKilligan  
JR  Agricultural Leadership Ed Com

Alison Metzger  
JR  Dietetics

Abigail Meyer  
SO  Pre-Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Lisa Minnick  
JR  Nutrition Science

Patrick Moser  
SO  Mechanized Systems Mgmt

Thomas Murphy  
SO  Veterinary Biomedical Science

Lauren Myers  
SO  Textiles, Clothing & Design/Jour

Tyson Narjes  
SO  Diversified Agriculture

Truc Nguyen  
JR  Animal Science

Anh Nguyen  
JR  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Stephen Nogel  
SO  Biological Systems Engineering

Laura Norris  
JR  Family Science

Tom O'Brien  
JR  Agronomy

Mitchell Ostgren  
JR  Agronomy

John Ottun  
JR  Veterinary Biomedical Science

Megan Owens  
JR  Dietetics

Melissa Pearman  
JR  Family Science

Magdalen Peitzmeier  

Bryce Somer  
JR  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Sarah Steensson  
JR  Nutrition Science

David Pelster  
Jr  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Kyle Perry  
JR  Animal Science

Brittany Pfeil  
JR  Culinary Science

Emily Plautz  
JR  Nutrition Science

Brenna Poppe  
JR  Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Tessa Porter  
JR  Food Science and Technology

Sarah Quandahl  
SO  Hospitality, Restnt Tourism Mgmt

Dene Rappana  
JR  Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Nicholas Rech  
JR  Athletic Training

Chelsea Rivera  
JR  Family Science

Derrick Rocker  
SO  Animal Science

Elizabeth Rosinski  
JR  Family & Consumer Science Ed

Kayla Rubenthaler  
SO  Animal Science

Samantha Schmeeckle  
SO  Merchandising

Ty Schmidt  
JR  Nutrition Science

Sheena Schultz  
JR  Family Science

Courtney Self  
SO  Pre-Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Katherine Shires  
SO  Dietetics

Kevin Sicner  
JR  Hospitality, Restnt, Tourism Mgmt

Trey Simpson  
SO  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Catherine Skean  
JR  Dietetics

Bryce Smith  
JR  Agribusiness

Micah Steinbrink  
JR  Agribusiness
Melissa Steiner
SO  Biochemistry

Cherise Stortvedt
JR  Family Science

Rachelle Struebing
JR  Food Science and Technology

Michelle Sullivan
SO  Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Claire Swogger
JR  Nutrition Science

Danielle Theis
SO  Nutrition Science

Melissa Thoene
JR  Dietetics

Jami Tomasek
JR  Nutrition Extension Health Science

Stephanie Turner
SO  Animal Science

Kolby Van Newkirk
SO  Agribusiness

Kristen Vanhessche
SO  Textile and Apparel Design

Laura Votta
JR  Inclusive Early Childhood Ed

Jason Warner
JR  Animal Science

Cassandra Wehling
SO  Biological Systems Engineering

Kasey Wilnes
SO  Merchandising

Alexander Wolf
JR  Agribusiness

Jessica Woodill
JR  Family Science

Jenna Woods
SO  Nutrition Science

Andra Woods
SO  Nutrition Science

Taylor Yaw
SO  Animal Science

Colleen Zajac
JR  Fisheries and Wildlife

Levi Zehr
JR  Biochemistry

Yueying Zhang
JR  Biological Systems Engineering

Andrew Keralis
Biochemistry
Outstanding Gamma Sigma Delta
Senior

Ryan Hassebrook
Agricultural Journalism
Outstanding Gamma Sigma Delta
Senior
In Memoriam
DeLynn Hay, Nebraska Chapter Historian

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

Robert W. “Doc” White died September 30, 2007. Dr. White was born in York County, Nebraska and received his B.S. from the University of Nebraska in 1939. He taught agriculture for one year at Walthill High School and then attended Colorado State University where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1943. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta on May 1, ’39 as a student at the University of Nebraska. Dr. White practiced veterinary medicine in Lincoln from 1943 until he retired in 2003.

John D. Furrer died October 3, 2007. John was born in Walton, Nebraska and received his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Nebraska. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta on May 1, 1950 at the University of Nebraska. John served as an extension Agronomist at UNL fro 41 years as a weeds specialist. He was a panelist on the popular television program “Backyard Farmer” for 33 years. He was a member of the Hall of Agriculture Achievement and served on the board of directors for the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.

William D. “Bill” Lutes died November 19, 2007. Bill was born near Stapleton, Nebraska and was a graduate of Kearney State College and earned his Ed.D. at the University of Nebraska. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta on May 1, 1956 as a faculty member at the University of Nebraska. He taught school in Wilcox, Red Cloud, Lexington, and Holdrege from 1941 to 1953 and then in 1954 became an Extension Safety Specialist at UNL. He retired in 1974 as Assistant Dean for Continuing Education.

Albert H. Moseman died December 2, 2007 in Largo, Florida. Dr. Moseman was born in Oakland, Nebraska and received B.S. and M.S. degrees at UNL and a Ph.D. in agronomy at the University of Minnesota. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta as an agronomy student at UNL on May 12, 1938. Dr. Moseman spent most of his career working in international agriculture at USDA, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the U.S. Agency for International Development where his responsibilities often involved the supervision and funding of agricultural research programs in developing nations such as India and the Philippines.

Abram W. “Abe” Epp died December 16, 2007 at the age of 100. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta at the University of Nebraska on May 1, 1931. He was born near Plymouth, Nebraska and received B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Nebraska in 1933 and 1937, respectively. Abe received his Ph.D. in 1950 from the University of Minnesota. He taught vocational agriculture prior to joining the University of Nebraska Agricultural Economics department in 1943. He retired in 1976.

Robert B. O’Keefe died January 12, 2007 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Dr. O’Keefe was born in Alliance, Nebraska and was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta on April 1, 1952. Bob was employed by the Nebraska Certified Potato Growers Cooperative before returning to the University of Nebraska for 30 years as a Professor of Horticulture from 1969 to 1971 and was leader of the potato improvement program at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center until he retired in 1988. He was named an Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America in 1990.
14 May 2008

TO: Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Robert J. Wright, (402) 472-2123

SUBJECT: Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2008

It is time again for many of us to renew our memberships in Gamma Sigma Delta. We are running about on time this year in getting this membership mailing to you. In keeping with tradition, I am sending just this single notification for paying your 2008 dues. We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Please be sure to print off and complete the appropriate form and respond today.

Dues are $20 per year. Please make your check ($20 for 2008, or $20 per year for multiple years) payable to Gamma Sigma Delta (please don't mail cash) and send it, along with your completed membership form, to me at one of the addresses indicated. Please recall that GSD membership is based on the calendar year and runs from January 1 – December 31.

If you wish to be placed on the GSD Inactive list, do not send dues but check the appropriate box on the form and return it to me. If I do not hear from you by May 31, 2008, I will remove your name from our mailing list. You can always return to active membership just by sending me your annual dues. Also, if you know of GSD members who have moved to Nebraska, please send me their name(s) and address(es) or have them contact me so they can become active here. We wish to welcome all of you who have recently transferred into our Nebraska Chapter.

Those of you who have Retired (refer to list next page) or received the Distinguished Service of Agriculture Award of Merit (refer to list below) are not required to pay dues and should have previously received a Permanent membership card. Retired persons who do not check the fourth box and return the completed form to me by May 31, 2008 will be removed from the mailing list due to the cost of mailing our newsletters.

Those of you who have paid dues in advance are so noted on the Prepaid list. Please check to see if my extension date is correct for your prepaid dues. For those of you who have a campus mailing address, please use that address to help reduce our postage expenses.


**NOTE:** New members inducted in October 2007 are also Prepaid through December 31, 2008!!

The following members have Retired and are on our active mailing list and are Not required to pay dues. Your current card should indicate Permanent. C.L. Ahlman, M. Brumm, L.V. Cundiff, R.F. Diffendal Jr., D.W. Kellogg, R.W. Kleer, S.K. Lederer, R. Morris, D.W. Nelson, C. Thayer, K. Von Bargen, W. Waldo, D.R. Wolverton.

If you have retired and wish to stay on our mailing list, you must complete the attached form and mail it to the appropriate address below by May 31, 2008. If you wish, you may call the information in to me at (402) 472-2123. Please ask for our secretary, Ms. Marilyn Weidner.

Best regards,

Robert J Wright
Membership Coordinator
____ I am enclosing $20 as I wish to remain an active member for 2008.

____ Payment in ADVANCE. I am enclosing $_________ to extend my active membership __________ years at $20 per year.

____ I am NOT enclosing a dues payment as I wish to become inactive.

____ I have RETIRED and wish to remain ON the mailing list

____ I have RETIRED and wish to be taken OFF the active mailing list.

To save mailing costs, please use your UNL campus address, if you have one.

NAME

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

PHONE

E-MAIL

Please return the completed form to:

For On-Campus Mail

Robert J. Wright
GSD Membership Coordinator
Entomology Dept
ENTO 202 – 0816

For U.S. Mail

Robert J. Wright
GSD Membership Coordinator
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