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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
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Dan Husmann, Ex Officio 472-1629
Judith Hofeldt, Ex Officio 472-0711
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* Chairperson

Gamma Sigma Delta is an organization having as its objectives the advancement of agriculture, its 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

**Excellence in Research Award**
- Janos Zempleni, Associate Professor
  Nutrition and Health Sciences

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 Phillippines 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.

2007 Gamma Sigma Delta New Members

Undergraduate Seniors

Kari L. Arnold  Ag Sci Nat Res
Jessica L. Betts  Edu & Human Sci
Andrea R. Cantarero  Edu & Human Sci
Danita J. Curtiss  Biochemistry
Ashley S. Effken  Ag Sci Nat Res
Kacey M. Francis  Edu & Human Sci
Grant S. Janousek  Engineering
Kelly L. Kappen  Fish & Wildlife
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  Edu & Human Sci
Tammy R. Stuhmer  Biochemistry
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
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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
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Colleen Zajac  
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Levi Zehr  
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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, 1939 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

Robert J. Wright
Membership Coordinator
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

_____ 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.

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ADDRESS

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Please return the completed form to:

For On-Campus Mail

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