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President’s Message:

We thank the seminar panelists and the seminar committee for an outstanding seminar.

We are most appreciative of the efforts of the Gamma Sigma Delta seminar panelists: Shirley Niemeyer, Ron Yoder, and Don Weeks for presenting such an interesting and informative seminar entitled: “How Far Can Energy Conservation and Novel Biofuels Go Towards Reducing Reliance on Fossil Fuels.” We thank Ken Cassman, Shirley Niemeyer, and Dennis Brink for planning the highly successful event and Dennis for serving as seminar moderator.

New Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Gifts from members will be appreciated to support the new Outstanding Graduate Students Award. Establishment of the award was approved at our annual business meeting this year. The new graduate student award fund was initiated with an International Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter Enrichment Grant and with a gift from a member of our Chapter. Additional funding is needed to sustain this award. Please consider supporting this effort by completing and submitting the enclosed pledge sheet on page 6.

Initiation and Awards Banquet, January 24, 2010
The Banquet Committee has planned what promises to be an outstanding banquet. The banquet will be held 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Beacon Hills. A banquet reservation form is included for your convenience.

Rick Rasby elected to Chapter office
We welcome Rick Rasby to the Executive Committee. Rick begins service in January as Chapter Treasurer.

Thanks for supporting Gamma Sigma Delta
Thank you for supporting Chapter activities this year. We look forward to your continued support of Gamma Sigma Delta in the future.

Best wishes to everyone for a great holiday season and for the best of everything in the new year.

Clayton Kelling
President
Gamma Sigma Delta Initiation and Awards Banquet – January 24, 2010
Please mark your calendars and make your reservations NOW!

The 2009-10 *Initiation and Awards Banquet* will be held Sunday evening, January 24th, at 6:00 p.m. at Beacon Hills.

During the banquet we will initiate new members, announce the Extension, Research, and Teaching Awards, as well as the Award of Merit for Service.

Please come and help us recognize our new members and award recipients. The dinner charge is $25 per person and is payable with the reservation form at the bottom of this page. Checks will not be cashed until after the banquet.

Reservations and payment must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2010.

Send response to: Kim Todd
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Lincoln, NE 68583-0724

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Please reserve ________ place(s) at $25 each for the Gamma Sigma Delta Initiation and Awards Banquet to be held 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 24, 2010 at the Beacon Hills, 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln.

Name(s) of attendees: __________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

Attached is my check, made payable to **Gamma Sigma Delta** for $ __________

Name (please print) ____________________________________________

The reservation is binding unless cancelled by noon on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.
2009 Gamma Sigma Delta Award
Recipients

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Award Committees announce the 2009 recipients of Gamma Sigma Delta awards. These awards are given by the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in recognition of outstanding service in research, extension, teaching, administration and leadership in the fields of agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences.

Award of Merit for Service

*Elbert C. Dickey*

Committee Members: Z B Mayo, Don Adams, and Alan Baquet

Extension Award

*Dennis E. Bauer*

Committee Members: Sharon Skipton, Jim Goeke, and Rick Rasby

Teaching Award

*Tiffany M. Heng-Moss*

Committee Members: Linda Young, Darrel Mark, and Bryan Reiling

Research Award

*Clinton J. Jones*

Committee Members: Blair Siegfried, Janos Zemplini, and Andrew Benson

The awards will be presented during our annual Initiation and Awards Banquet, which will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, at Beacon Hills, 5353 N 27th Street, Lincoln.
Gamma Sigma Delta Initiates

**Faculty**
Lisa K. Karr-Lilienthal  
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Paul J. Kononoff  
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David P. Lambe  
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391 Plant Sciences Hall 68583-0724

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ENG  
Plattsmouth, NE

Courtney A. Cubrich  
ANR  
LaVista, NE

Quentin M. Dudley  
ENG  
Worthington, MN

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121 North Dewey  
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North Platte, NE 69103

Dale Linsenmeyer  
606 Clearwater Circle  
Beatrice, NE 68310

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(Animal Science)

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Christine L. Freyer  
EHS  
Omaha, NE

Katherine M. Koch  
ANR  
Crofton, NE

Eric J. Lund  
ANR  
Pleasant Dale, NE

Paige A. Lundy  
EHS  
Parkville, MO

Chelsea M. Munoz  
EHS  
Newton, IA

Michael D. Riese  
ANR  
Holstein, NE

Katherine H. Shires  
EHS  
Hunt Valley, MD

Laura K. Snell  
ANR  
Norwalk, IA
Gamma Sigma Delta Seminar Held September 22, 2009


A panel of IANR faculty led a discussion of renewable energy and energy conservation opportunities in Nebraska as follows:

- Shirley Niemeyer - Opportunities in Residential and Built Environment Energy Efficiency
- Ron Yoder - Opportunities in Crop Agriculture Production Systems
- Don Weeks - The Promise of Algal Biofuel Systems

IF YOU MISSED THE SEMINAR THE STREAM CAN BE FOUND AT:
http://liferaydemo.unl.edu/web/kurtis/gsd

Many thanks to Ken Cassman and Shirley Niemeyer for their dedication to developing an outstanding seminar.

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Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund

Your Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has established a new fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation to allow us to expand our recognition of high standards of scholarship to the graduate student ranks. The Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund was initiated with a $750 grant from the international Gamma Sigma Delta organization. The fund is an expendable fund at this time, however, our goal is to raise $25,000 to endow it permanently. Your contributions will assist us in reaching this goal.

A Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Selection Committee will organize the application and selection process. Graduate students in Human Sciences, Agriculture, and related sciences who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their teaching, research, or extension endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise are eligible.

Please send your donations to the University of Nebraska Foundation at 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508 with the attached pledge sheet. Questions? Contact Kevin Meyer at kmeyer@nufoundation.org.

**See page 6 for Pledge information.
Enclosed is my check for $__________ payable to the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Please charge $__________ to my: □ VISA □ MasterCard □ Discover □ American Express

_______/_______
Card Number Exp. Date

I/we pledge $__________ payable over ________ years, beginning ______________ (month/year).

Signature (for credit card payment or to establish a pledge) Date

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□ My matching gift form is enclosed. If your employer or your spouse’s employer has a matching gift program, your gift could be increased! Contact your employer’s personnel office for information.

□ I have already included the Foundation in my estate plans through my will, trust or life insurance.

□ Please send information about making a planned gift. You may call 1-800-432-3216 to speak with a planned giving professional.

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For more information, call 800-432-3216 or visit our website at www.nufoundation.org.
Rick Rasby Elected Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter Treasurer

RICK RASBY joined the staff at the University of Nebraska in 1986 as Extension Beef Specialist with primary responsibilities on cow/calf management, reproduction, and nutrition. He received a B.S. from UNL and M.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

Since arriving in Nebraska, his extension programs have focused on economical feeding programs for beef cows and evaluation of reproductive performance of the cow herd. He has been instrumental in development of the beef website: http://beef.unl.edu. His research has been to characterize performance and economics of cow/calf production systems. More recently, his research has focused on the use of grain by-products as supplements for cows and their use in heifer development diets.

Awards received include:

1989  Excellence in Team Programming Award, “Quality Feeds For Quality Feeding Programs,” Nebraska Cooperative Extension Association
1989  Team Programming Award, “Quality Feeds for Quality Feeding Programs,” Epsilon Sigma Phi
2001  Certificate of Recognition for Contribution to Students – Presented by UNL Parents Association
2008  University of Nebraska Distinguished Educational Service Award
2008  Award for Excellence in Extension, National Association of State University and Land-Grant Colleges
2008  Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award of Merit
2009  Wendell Burgher Beef Industry Award

It is neat to be part of a University organization with objective to advance of all phases of the agriculture industry. The people in this organization are outstanding. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the Nebraska Chapter.