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Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is certainly upon us and is rapidly progressing through the days. Soon, fall and it’s cooler temperatures (I hope) will be here bringing Husker Football as well as our Annual Meeting. Plan to attend this important event in our Chapter’s year on September 17. Not only will we learn about the unusual weather patterns being caused by El Niño and La Niña, we will have the chance to vote on potential new members — the life blood of any organization. But with this opportunity comes an obligation! Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership nomination form. Take some time to select graduate students as well as faculty and alumni that are worthy of the recognition membership in Gamma Sigma Delta brings. A nomination for membership is required for all individuals, except undergraduate students, but does not require a lengthy write-up. Please take some time to review the membership criteria and submit some quality nominations. Charles Kingsley said it best. “There’s no use doing a kindness if you do it a day too late.”

Also included with this mailing are materials for nominating current Chapter members for our four annual awards. The Award of Merit, along with the Teaching, Extension, and Research Awards recognize outstanding contributions by our members and are presented at our Initiation and Awards Banquet scheduled for November 22. Take a look at the criteria, and nominate your fellow members. Once again, a lengthy write-up is not needed. Something new this year is that nominations will remain active for a period of three years. The various Awards Committees receive many wonderful applications and only one can be selected. Now with just a bit of dusting off, it will be even easier to keep these excellent applications in front of the Awards Committees.

Most of you know that we experienced some weather problems last spring when the Scholarship Recognition Dinner was scheduled. One of our famous late spring Nebraska snow storms kept us out of the Union. As fate would have it, we rescheduled it for the Sunday after the UNL Honors Convocation and had a wonderful turn out. Many of the student’s parents were able to make a “recognition” weekend out of it and we are seriously considering leaving that event in April. Please see the listing of those receiving special recognition later in this newsletter. Many of those honored at the Recognition Dinner will be invited to join our Chapter in November. Please encourage those students you know to join our organization.

Finally, my thanks to all the Committee members that get their job done without much direction or input from the Executive Committee. You are the reason we have a successful Chapter. My hat is off to you!

Keith Niemann
President, Nebraska Chapter

CURRENT GAMMA SIGMA DELTA OFFICERS:

President: Keith Niemann
President-elect: Roy Frederick
Secretary: Beth Birnstihl
Treasurer: Merlyn Nielsen
Historian: Charles Adams
Past President: Ken Von Bargen

GAMMA SIGMA DELTA'S PURPOSE:

Gamma Sigma Delta is an international honorary organization. Currently, there are 48 chapters. Its primary objective is to recognize scholastic and professional excellence.

Each year, the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes the outstanding sophomore and senior in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Department of Biological Systems Engineering, and in 1998—for the first time—the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences.

We also recognize outstanding professionals in these fields. Award recipients are listed on plaques in the C.Y. Thompson Library.

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognized the following students for outstanding scholarship at the April Scholarship Recognition Dinner:
Outstanding Seniors
Becky Erickson, Family and Consumer Science, Alba, Nebraska
Mary Beth Nabity, Biochemistry, Chapman, Nebraska
Robyn Thompson, Textiles, Clothing and Design, Sutherland, Nebraska

Outstanding Sophomores
Darci Fidelke, Nutrition Science and Dietetics, Kearney, Nebraska
John C. Hanson, Agribusiness, Mead, Nebraska
Ryan Koch, Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Utica, Nebraska
Brian Smidt, Agricultural Engineering, Filley, Nebraska.

NEWS FROM THE HISTORIAN
Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta

On April 5, 1998 we held our Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Recognition Dinner with 129 persons attending. It had been scheduled for March 8 but Lincoln experienced a very heavy snow fall and all events at the University were canceled. I have been the historian for our chapter since 1965 and I believe this is the first annual dinner or banquet we have had to postpone because of the weather. This year we invited 106 scholar students to our dinner. Those invited included 66 Juniors consisting of 37 from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 23 from Human Resources and Family Sciences, and 6 from Biological Systems Engineering. The 40 Sophomores invited consisted of 28 CASNR, 9 HRFS, and 3 BSE students.

Since our last NEWSLETTER in February Kevin C. Meyer, Associate Director for Development, University of Nebraska Foundation, became active again in our chapter on March 21, 1998. He had been initiated as a Senior as an Agricultural Honors major on November 22, 1987. He had received our Sophomore Scholarship award on March 15, 1987 as an Agricultural Economics major and on March 13, 1988 he had received our Gamma Sigma Delta Senior Award. On April 14, 1998 Donald W. Kellogg also renewed his active membership in our Nebraska Chapter. He had been initiated as a Senior in Animal Husbandry on May 17, 1949. Since then he has been with Swift & Company, National Alalfa Dehy Company, Western Alalfa Company and the sales manager for Bert and Welta Sales. We welcome both of them back to active membership. Please send me the names and addresses of anyone you know who is a Gamma Sigma Delta member and who wishes to become active in our Nebraska Chapter.

Also, since our February NEWSLETTER, four of our Gamma Sigma Delta members have died. Arthur B. Ward died on March 6, 1998. He had been initiated here as a faculty member in the Vocational Education Department on May 16, 1956 and retired in 1972. He then was given a two year assignment to Brazil by Partners of America. Daniel E. Stilwell died March 11, 1998. He had been initiated as a senior student from the Department of Animal Science on May 10, 1957. He had been an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. as well as an Agricultural Extension Agent in Buffalo and Nemaha Counties. Verdon H. “Pete” Petersen died March 16, 1998. He was initiated into our chapter on May 8, 1942 as a faculty member who had majored in Animal Science in 1931. He had been the County Agricultural Extension Agent in Franklin, Boone and Lancaster Counties. He retired in 1971. Paul E. Miller died July 15, 1998. He was initiated into our chapter on December 3, 1972 as a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He had been an active member since that date. He had also been with the Cooperative Extension Service serving in Furnas, Garden and Kimball Counties. Later he became an extension specialist in farm management at the South Central Station and later transferred to the East Campus. He retired from UNL in September, 1984. If you know of other GSD members who have died and have not been listed in one of our NEWSLETTERS please notify me or any of our chapter officers.

The following is current information about our active members. There are 427 on our mailing list to receive this NEWSLETTER which is less than the 437 at this time last year. This includes a total of 391 in Nebraska with 221 on campus, 68 in Brazil, one in Ecuador, one in Ethiopia and one in Mexico. We have active members in Phoenix and Tucson, AZ; Russellville, AR; Commerce City, Denver and Parker, CO; Hilo, HI; Ames, Des Moines and Pima, IA; Manhattan, Overland Park and Shawnee, KS; Sault Ste. Marie and Zeeland, MI; Ega, Jasper and Willmar (2), MN; Belton, MO; Somerset, New Brunswick and West New York, NJ; Santa Fe, NM; Ithaca, NY; Raleigh, NC; Fargo, ND; Hilliard, OH; Stillwater, OK; Walla Walla, WA; and Racine, WI.

This year there are 70 who have paid dues for 1999 or beyond. We now have 50 on our retired list and 43 on our Award of Merit list for a total of 93 who are not required to pay dues. Last year there were 94 who were not required to pay dues on our mailing list. I wish to send a special “Thank you” to all of you who have sent in your annual dues to me.

Charles H. Adams
Nebraska Chapter Historian
TO: Members of Gamma Sigma Delta

FROM: Beth Birnstihl, Secretary

RE: A. Call for Membership NominationsDue: September 10, 1998
B. Call for Nominations for AwardsDue: September 10, 1998
Award of Merit
Teaching Award
Research Award
Extension Award
C. Annual Meeting — Thursday, September 17, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.
D. Ballot for Election of TreasurerDue: September 3, 1998

Call for nominations for membership. See enclosed materials for nominating graduate students, faculty and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. The Nebraska Chapter has remained strong because the Membership Committee has consistently identified individuals worthy of membership. This is your opportunity to identify eligible faculty who are not members, qualified graduate students and outstanding alumni worthy of membership. Due September 10, 1998. Send nominations to Jack Schinstock, 201 L.W. Chase, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68583-0726.

Call for nominations for awards. See enclosed materials calling for nominations for the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit, Teaching Award, Research Award and Extension Award. Due September 10, 1998. Send nomination to the appropriate chairperson. Procedures for determining the recipient(s) of the Award of Merit will be by ballot as in the past. The recipients of the awards for excellent in research, extension and teaching will be chosen by separate committees. Nominations are invited to all awards and will be helpful to the committees in identifying worthy candidates.

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in the Nebraska East Union.

The ballot for the election of Treasurer is enclosed. The nominating committee has found two excellent candidates. Members are invited to vote for one and return your ballot to me at 211 Ag Hall, UNL, East Campus, Lincoln, NE 68583-0703 by September 3, 1998.
NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
August 1998

The Membership Nominating Committee solicits your nominations of graduate students, faculty 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 and 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 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 and family and consumer sciences or in other sciences where the individual students’ 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 who are outstanding or exceptional as educators, investigators or administrators 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 and family and consumer sciences for a period of at least three years.

C. Alumni who meet all the following requirements:
   1. Shown outstanding work in or service to agricultural science, natural resources 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 enclosed membership nomination form to provide the necessary information. Nominations must be received by September 10, 1998 to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Jack Schinstock
Biological Systems Engineering
201 L.W. Chase
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68583-0726
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
NOMINATION FOR FACULTY MEMBERS, GRADUATE STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

Date of Nomination: ______________________

NAME: ______________________________________

University or Other Address: ________________________________________________

Type of Nomination: □ Faculty □ Graduate Student □ Alumni

Title: ______________________________________

If faculty nomination, list date of appointment to University: Month ____ / Year ____

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Graduate student nominees only. List all graduate courses and grades at University of Nebraska. Graduate students must have met 2/5 of the requirements of the degree being sought, either at the Master's or PhD level.

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Professional Activities: (Attach resumé if available.)

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Nominators: (Three signatures required.)

Name __________________________________________ Name __________________________________________ Name __________________________________________

Department __________________________________________ Department __________________________________________ Department __________________________________________

(Use back for additional comments.)
Merit Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee
Anne Vidaver, Chair
Joan Laughlin
Martin Massengale

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 1998 Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit. We urge you to consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty for this recognition.

The selection criteria and format for the nomination are on the reverse side of this memo. Nominations should be submitted by September 10, 1998 to:
Anne Vidaver
Plant Pathology
406 PS
Lincoln, NE 68583-0722

PAST AWARD WINNERS

1956 O.H. Leibers
T.A. Kiesselbach
1957 W.W. Burr
1958 F.L. Duley
R.W. Gross
1959 H.C. Filley
W.J. Loeffel
1960 T.H. Goodding
1961 Howard Deems
1962 Ralph Cole
G.A. Spidel
1963 Chauncy Smith
Marvel Baker
1964 J.C. Russel
J.C. Swinbank
1965 Marcus A. Weldon
M. A. Alexander
1966 Lawrence K. Crowe
Frank E. Mussehl
1967 H.O. Werner
1968 John Muehlbeier
R.M. Sandstedt
Stanley Matzke
Willard Waldo
1969 Edward W. Janike
Albert J. Ebers
1970 Lionel C. Harris
T.M. McCalla
1971 E.F. Frolik
A.W. Epp
1972 Clare Porter
1973 Harold Stevens
John L. Adams
Gorden E. Dickerson
1974 Philip A. Henderson
1975 M.G. McCreight
Marvin J. Twiehaus
1976 Myron Rumery
Robert E. Roselle
Doyle H. Free
1977 Ernest R. Peo, Jr.
1978 O. Burr Ross
1979 Ralston Graham
Robert A. Olson
1980 Thomas W. Sullivan
1981 Charles H. Adams
Paul Fischbach
1982 Wayne Collings
1983 Donald Hanway
1984 James Williams, Jr
1985 William Splinter
1986 R.D. Schneider
1988 Lowell E. Moser
Glen J. Vollmar
1990 Robert Fritschen
1991 David P. McGill
1992 Francis Haskins
1993 Richard D. Earl
1994 Herman J. Gorz
1995 Glenn Froning
1996 Dermot Coyne
1998 Sid Salzman
LaVerne Stetson
Robert L. Raun
Willard Waldo
Edward W. Janike
Albert J. Ebers
1987 W.W. Burr
E.F. Frolik
R.D. Schneider
Glen J. Vollmar
1997 Robert Koch
1998 John F. Witkowski
1999 Joan M. Laughlin
2000 Robert L. Raun
2001 Martin Massengale
OBJECTIVE

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

PROCEDURE

An Award of Merit Committee shall be appointed annually by the president. 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 Gamma Sigma Delta 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 Gamma Sigma Delta.

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. The ballots shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the qualifications of each candidate.

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.
August 1, 1998

Teaching Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Teaching Award Committee
Dennis Conley, Chair
Mike Kocher
Dennis McCallister

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 1998 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 reverse side of this memo. An award application remains for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nominations should be submitted by September 10, 1998 to:

Dennis Conley
Agricultural Economics Department
307A Filley Hall
Lincoln, NE 68583-0922

PAST AWARD WINNERS

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, Spring Semester 1995 through Spring Semester 1998)
- 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 programs
- Student involvement (out-of-classroom interaction, advising of student organizations, 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.
Research Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Research Award Committee
    Jim Kinder, Chair
    Dale VanVleck
    Larry Cundiff

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter’s Research Award for 1998. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant research activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are on the reverse side of this memo. 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 10, 1998 to:

Jim Kinder
Animal Science Department
Animal Science A224
Lincoln, NE 68583-0908

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PAST WINNERS

1980 Orvin C. Burnside 1989 Kenneth Vogel
1981 Dermot P. Coyne 1990 Roger W. Wilson, Jr.
1982 Terry J. Klopfenstein 1991 Milford Hanna
1984 Roger W. Mandigo 1993 Joan Laughlin
1985 James E. Specht 1994 P. Stephen Baenziger
1986 Rodger K. Johnson 1995 James E. Kinder
1987 Austin J. Lewis 1996 L. Dale VanVleck
1988 Glenn W. Froning 1997 Larry V. Cundiff
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
RESEARCH AWARD

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

- Name of nominee
- Educational background
- Current position
- Description of research responsibilities
- Major research accomplishments; research publications, patents, variety releases and other indices of research productivity.
- National and/or international significance of the nominee’s research.
- Three letters of recommendation (including nominator’s letter) from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee’s research accomplishments.
August 1, 1998

Extension Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Extension Award Committee
Carol Thayer, Chair
Fred Baxendale
Don Steinegger

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 1998 Nebraska Chapter’s Extension Award. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant extension activity. The selection criteria and nomination format are on the reverse side of this memo. 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 10, 1998 to:

Carol Thayer
College Park
3180 W Hwy 34
Grand Island, NE 68801-7279

PAST WINNERS

1980 Don J. Kubik
1981 Alexander R. Martin
1982 Charles L. Fenster
1983 Donald C. Spitze
1984 Earl W. Gleaves
1985 J.C. Cranfill
1986 Gail A. Wicks
1987 Douglas D. Duey
1988 Elbert C. Dickey
1989 Don Sander
1990 Dean H. Eisenhauer
1991 Loyd L. Young
1992 James E. Novotny
1993 Carol Thayer
1994 Robert D. Grisso
1995 Frederick P. Baxendale
1996 Doyle R. Wolveleton
1997 Donald Steinegger
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 programs.
- 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.
August 1, 1998

TO: Members of Gamma Sigma Delta

FROM: Nominating Committee:
Dale Vanderholm
Rick Waldren
Loyd Young

SUBJECT: Nomination for Gamma Sigma Delta Treasurer

The Gamma Sigma Delta officer nominating committee met and selected Marilynn Schnepf and LaVerne Stetson as candidates for the position of Treasurer for Gamma Sigma Delta. We have received permission from these two candidates to submit their names to the membership for vote. They have also provided one-half page bio data.

Please cast your vote and return by September 3, 1998 to:

Beth Birnstihl
Gamma Sigma Delta
211 Ag Hall
UNL - East Campus
Lincoln, NE 68583-0703