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Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter

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. Issue #39 December 2009

Find Important Details in this Newsletter Regarding Activities of Gamma Sigma Delta

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Rick Rasby elected 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

<u>Gamma Sigma Delta Initiation and Awards Banquet – January 24, 2010</u> <u>Please mark your calendars and make your reservations NOW!</u>

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 389 PLSH University of Nebraska Lincoln, NE 68583-0724

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 C204 Animal Science Lincoln, NE 68583-0908

Paul J. Kononoff C220J Animal Science Lincoln, NE 68583-0908

David P. Lambe Agronomy and Horticulture 391 Plant Sciences Hall 68583-0724

Alumni

Michael B. Jacobson 121 North Dewey P.O. Box 829 North Platte, NE 69103

Julie J. Jacobson 121 North Dewey P.O. Box 829 North Platte, NE 69103

Dale Linsenmeyer 606 Clearwater Circle Beatrice, NE 68310

Graduate Students

Nicholas A. Crowley 7239 Pioneers Blvd., Apt 523 Lincoln, NE 68506 (Agronomy and Horticulture)

Marco G. Dib C222 Animal Science Lincoln, NE 68583-0908 (Animal Science)

Issam M. Qrunfleh 4221 Holdrege St., Apt #9 Lincoln, NE 68503 (Agronomy and Horticulture)

Undergraduate Students

Brenden J. Boyle ENG Plattsmouth, NE

Courtney A. Cubrich ANR LaVista, NE

Quentin M. Dudley ENG Worthington, MN

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

The Gamma Sigma Delta Seminar: *How Far Can Energy Conservation and Novel Biofuels Go Towards Reducing Reliance on Fossil Fuel* was 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.

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 <u>kmeyer@nufoundation.org</u>.

**See page 6 for Pledge information.

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund #10996

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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	Excellence in Team Programming Award, "Integrated Reproductive
	Management," 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.