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# Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Newsletter

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## President's Message:

It is a very important time in the history of the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. There are numerous opportunities before the Nebraska Chapter. As you may or may not know, I am serving as interim President to "fill in" so we can keep the traditional Gamma Sigma Delta rotation of the officers through the Executive Committee. In this message I would like to thank those who have dedicated large amounts of time to the accomplishments of Gamma Sigma Delta, update the membership on some very important slots we need to fill and close with a very important question.

First, the membership should be very thankful for the dedicated service of the members of all the committees that served Gamma Sigma Delta through the past few months. Through their service the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has accomplished all the achievements described throughout this newsletter. And in doing so the Nebraska Chapter was recognized by Gamma Sigma Delta International as one of five local chapters to receive recognition as a Gold Chapter.

Next, we are at an important point of our history. There are numerous opportunities before the Nebraska Chapter and some very important slots to fill. This year we will be electing a new Treasurer and President-elect. Also, DeLynn Hay, who has very faithfully and effectively served as chapter Historian, requested that we begin the search for his replacement to be in place by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are at a point in your career that you can serve Gamma Sigma Delta in one of these offices, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

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

Annual Meeting  
September 23, 2010

Fall Seminar  
September 23, 2010

Awards Banquet  
January 2011

Finally, following is a summary of the objectives of Gamma Sigma Delta and my question.

### Objectives:

- Encourage high standards of scholarship and leadership in all branches of agricultural science and education;
- Encourage high quality achievement, professional ethics, and devotion to service of those entering into and working in all branches of agriculture;
- Render service that will benefit all branches of agriculture; and
- Promote a better understanding of the agricultural sector by the general public.

**Question:** How will you contribute to the accomplishments of these objectives?

**Dennis Brink**

## Recipients of 2009 Gamma Sigma Delta Awards

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

**Award of Merit for Service**  
Recipient: **Elbert C. Dickey**

Elbert Dickey has been dean and director of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension since 2001, after serving as interim director for two years. Previously, Dean Dickey was associate dean of UNL Extension from 1998-99 and assistant dean from 1991-98. His career at UNL began in 1978 in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering; he was promoted to professor in 1987. Prior to arriving at UNL, he was a research assistant at the University of Illinois and worked in agricultural production in Wayne County, IL.

Dr. Dickey received bachelors' degrees in agricultural science and agricultural



**Elbert Dickey, Peggy Dickey, Z B Mayo**

engineering from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in Agricultural Engineering from Illinois, and a doctorate in Agricultural Engineering.

On the national level, Dean Dickey served a two year, half-time leadership role in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service. Prior to moving into administration, Dr. Dickey's extension and research program in conservation tillage was innovative, addressed critical issues facing agriculture, and was recognized for excellence nationally. He is past chair of the eXtension Executive Administrative Committee and Extension Committee on Policy. His leadership as Chief Extension and Education Adviser to USDA/CSREES ensured the greater integration of Extension and Education in the AFRI grants program. Dr. Dickey was inducted into the USDA/NIFA Hall of Fame in 2008. The nomination described him as being the epitome of extension professionals throughout his entire career. Elbert was an outstanding extension specialist, grounded in both excellent academic preparation and research competence. These traits have carried through into his current position at the University of Nebraska and as Chair of ECOP, Extension's leadership and advocacy body for the entire Extension system. Elbert's leadership at many levels in the areas of teamwork, streamlined reporting, program impact accountability, and multi-state programming are hallmarks of his career. He has also served with distinction on the eXtension Governing Board of Directors and as the Education and Extension Advisor for NIFA. A NIFA colleague described Elbert as the ideal candidate for this honor, as he has made numerous contributions to improving the integration of research, education, and extension within NIFA, especially with regard to agency competitive programs.

**Extension Award**  
Recipient: **Dennis E. Bauer**



**Elbert Dickey, Dennis Bauer**

Dennis Bauer has been a University of Nebraska Extension Educator since 1978. He is stationed in north central Nebraska where he works with producers in Brown, Keya Paha, and Rock counties. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dennis focuses his efforts on beef cow nutrition and forage production. He has conducted numerous field demonstrations including inter seeding forages, grazing studies, research plots on three small center pivots for six years. Dennis started a DHIA program for area dairymen and an IPM group which ran for 20+ years. He was instrumental in getting the University of Nebraska Barta Bros. ranch operational as a research facility in 1998. Dennis was a co-leader in the Beef Home Study course development which has been taken worldwide with over 6,000 courses being taken.

**Teaching Award**  
Recipient: **Tiffany M. Heng-Moss**

Tiffany Heng-Moss received her Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln 2000; M.S.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1997; and B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1995. In 2001, she accepted a position in the Entomology Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her area of focus is student learning in entomology, insects as educational tools, science literacy, and insect-plant interactions.

Dr. Heng-Moss has authored or coauthored 36 refereed journal articles, 1 book chapter, and secured over \$2.5 million in funding, identified the first *Blissus occiduus*-resistant buffalograss and *Aphis glycines*-resistant soybean and documented short- and long-term changes in plant photosynthetic compensation and oxidative enzyme responses to these insects. She provided leadership for the development and implementation of the Insect Science and Applied Science majors and doubled enrollment for the two introductory entomology courses. Dr. Heng-Moss serves as co-director of the NU-Teach initiative.



**Steve Waller, Tiffany Heng-Moss**

**Research Award**  
Recipient: **Clinton J. Jones**

Clinton Jones joined the School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1989 as a molecular virologist. He also serves as the Associate Director of the Nebraska Center for Virology. He received his Bachelor's degree in

Biology from Bethany College and his Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Kansas.



**Dave Hardin, Clint Jones**

His research program primarily focuses on herpesvirus latency gene expression and the regulation of cell cycle by herpesvirus and mycotoxins. His accomplishments as an outstanding research scientist have been recognized by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by awarding Dr. Jones the Charles Bessey Distinguished Professorship. The research that Dr. Jones performs has significant impact on livestock and human health. His work has greatly enhanced our understanding of the mechanisms of herpesvirus latency. This is critical for the development of vaccine and/or strategies that would reduce the impact of Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) which continues to play a major role in Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD).

of Grand Island, NE, received his B.S. in Biological Sciences from UNL in 2002 and an M.S. in Entomology in 2006 also from UNL. He is currently a Ph.D. student in the UNL Entomology Department working under the supervision of Dr. Shripat Kamble. His dissertation research is on the mode of action of novel insecticides used against termites which inhibit synthesis of chitin, the major component of an insect's external skeleton. Tim has conducted additional applied research as part of the Urban Entomology program directed by Dr. Kamble and has published articles in refereed journals and trade magazines. He has been active in extension outreach activities and has held several leadership roles in the Entomology Department as well as the Entomological Society of America.



**Tim Husen, Bob Wright**

**Outstanding Graduate Award**  
Recipient: **Tim Husen**

Tim Husen received the first 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta at their annual banquet. This was the first year for the award. Candidates are selected based on outstanding accomplishment in their research, teaching, or extension activities. Tim, a native

## **Gamma Sigma Delta Committees 2010**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President: Dennis Brink  
President Elect: Julie Albrecht  
Secretary: TBA  
Treasurer: Rick Rasby  
Membership Coordinator: Bob Wright  
Historian: DeLynn Hay  
Past President: Clayton Kelling

### **AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE**

Don Adams (2010)\*  
Alan Baquet (2011)  
Elbert Dickey (2012)

### **EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE**

Jim Goeke (2010)\*  
Rick Rasby (2011)  
Dennis Bauer (2012)

### **RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE**

Janos Zempleni (2010)\*  
Andrew Benson (2011)  
Clinton Jones (2012)

### **TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE**

Darrell Mark (2010)\*  
Bryan Reiling (2011)  
Tiffany Heng-Moss (2012)

### **INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET**

Clayton Kelling (2010)\*  
Fayrene Hamouz  
TBA (Secretary)

### **INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

TBA

### **SEMINAR COMMITTEE**

Clayton Kelling\*  
Shirley Niemeyer

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Dann Husmann, Ex Officio\*  
Judith Hofeldt, Ex Officio  
TBA (GSD Secretary)  
Bob Wright (Coordinator)

### **OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Keith Glewen (2010)\*  
Wanda Koszewski (2011)  
Dennis Brink (2012)

### **SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Darrell Mark (2010)\*  
Keith Glewen (2011)  
Wanda Koszewski (2012)  
DeLynn Hay, Ex Officio

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Gail Brand (2010)\*

\* Chairperson

## In Memoriam

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

**David P. McGill** died October 5, 2009. Dr. McGill was born in 1919 on a farm north of Waverly, NE. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta on May 6, 1941. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe. He was a long time faculty member in the UNL Department of Agronomy and was well known for teaching in plant genetics. Dr. McGill received the Nebraska Chapter Teaching Award of Merit in 1967 and the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1986. He served the Nebraska Chapter as secretary in 1966-1967.

**Eric D. Kerr** died October 16, 2009. Eric was born in 1930 near Gipsy, MO. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1955. Following his military service he attended the University of Missouri and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta at the University of Missouri on January 2, 1959. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska in plant pathology with a focus on nematodes. He worked a short time for the National Center of Pollution Control and then joined the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center as an Extension Plant Pathologist. He directed the establishment in 1968 of a diagnostic laboratory at the Center to identify plant diseases.

**Ernest “Ernie” R. Peo, Jr.** died November 10, 2009. He was born in 1925 in Watertown, NY. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta on April 2, 1956 at Iowa State University. Ernie joined the University of Nebraska Department of Animal Science faculty in 1956 and retired in 1988. He received the Nebraska Chapter Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1977 and the Teaching Award of Merit in 1972. He was a Fellow in the American Society of Animal Science and in 1986 was selected as the Graduate of Distinction in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University.

**Robert W. Kleis** died December 17, 2009. He was born in 1925 in Martin, MI. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II following his high school graduation. Bob earned his B.S. and M.S. in Electrical and Agricultural Engineering at Michigan State College and a Ph.D. in Mathematics and Agricultural Engineering at Michigan State University. He was Chair of the Agricultural Engineering Department at the University of Massachusetts from 1957 until 1966 when he became the Chair of the UNL Department of Agricultural Engineering until 1968. He became Associate Director of the UNL Agricultural Experiment Station (1967-1983) and Executive Director for BIFAD, USAID in Washington, D.C. (1985-1987). At the time of his retirement from UNL in 1990 he was the Executive Dean for International Programs at UNL. Bob continued to be active in international agriculture consulting following his retirement and also was instrumental in founding the Les Larson Tractor Test Museum at UNL. He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta at UNL on May 1, 1966.

**Gayle L. Hattan** died February 16, 2010. He was born in 1929 in Lincoln, NE. Gayle served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He received his M.S. in Dairy Science from the University of Nebraska. He was on the University of Nebraska Extension faculty as an Extension Educator (Agent) in Saunders County for over 30 years until his retirement in 1986. He was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta on May 16, 1967.

**Philip A. Henderson** died March 15, 2010. He was born in 1914 in Superior, NE. He served as a Professor in the University of Nebraska Department of Agricultural Economics from 1950 to 1978. Phil was initiated in the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta as a Senior in Agricultural Economics on April 16, 1935. He received the Chapter's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1974.

**Richard N. Mills** died March 18, 2010. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired as a Professor of Agronomy at UNL in 1989. Richard was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta as a faculty member on May 21, 1963.

**Willard Waldo** died May 2, 2010. He was born in 1912 at DeWitt, NE. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1934 with a B.S. in animal science and vocational agriculture. He worked in the meat packing industry, taught and coached for a year at Stapleton, NE, was a county extension agent in Cass and Franklin Counties, and was labor director for a German POW camp at Weeping Water. In 1946 he moved back to DeWitt to raise Duroc hogs, Hampshire sheep, Milking Shorthorn cattle, and certified seed. Waldo Farms is an internationally known producer of swine breeding stock. Willard served three terms in the Nebraska Legislature and one term on the State Board of Education. He received numerous awards recognizing his swine and agricultural achievements. Willard was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta on May 1, 1951. He was awarded the Nebraska Chapter Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award of Merit in 1968.

**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](mailto:kmeyer@nufoundation.org).



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