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Gamma Sigma Delta

The Honor Society of Agriculture

Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Gamma Sigma Delta members,

What a year! Our Nebraska Chapter hosted the International GSD Conclave on East Campus in June. We welcomed more than 30 delegates from 13 states and Honduras during the three days of events and tours. I extend a hearty, "THANK YOU!" to all who participated and worked to make the event a success! I especially want to recognize Dr. Steve Waller and the rest of our Administrative team and staff for their commitment to our Chapter's growth and success! On a personal note, I had the opportunity to join the group on tours of campus landmarks, like the Larsen Tractor Test & Power Museum, Memorial Stadium, and especially the fledgling Nebraska Innovation Campus. Seeing our campus and facilities through the eyes of our visiting colleagues made me even more proud to be part of this campus community and our NE Chapter GSD! During the week, we learned about the activities that other GSD Chapters are using to enrich the experiences of their students and highlight the successes of their members. Our Chapter has an incredible amount of potential and momentum right now, and I encourage all of you to become involved and help us grow a better organization.

I also invite you to attend the Fall Seminar Monday, October 13 to be presented by Dr. Roberto Lenton, Founding Executive Director of the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute, where he will present, "Water, Food, and International Development," topics important to us all! His seminar will be followed immediately by our annual business meeting where we will be voting on some important issues for our Chapter. These are great opportunities to become more involved in our organization, and I hope to see many of you at these upcoming events. Best wishes,

Tamra Jackson-Tiems
GSD Nebraska Chapter President

Find important details in this Newsletter regarding the following activities of Gamma Sigma Delta

- **Fall Seminar – Monday, October 13**
Dr. Roberto Lenton – Presenter
107 Hardin Hall Auditorium
3:00 PM
- **Annual Business Meeting**
4:00 PM
- **Nominations for New Gamma Sigma Delta Members –**
Due November 21
- **Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Awards**
Due November 21, 2014
 - Award of Merit
 - Excellence in Extension
 - Excellence in Research
 - Excellence in Teaching
 - Outstanding Graduate Student
- **Awards Banquet**
Sunday, January 25, 2015
Beacon Hills
5353 North 27 Street, Lincoln
6:00 PM
- **Membership Renewal Form**



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Presents

Water, Food and International Development

By

Dr. Roberto Lenton

Founding Executive Director

Water for Food

Robert B. Daugherty Institute



Water for Food
ROBERT B. DAUGHERTY INSTITUTE
at the University of Nebraska

**Monday, October 13, 2014
107 Hardin Hall Auditorium
3:00 PM**

The Gamma Sigma Delta annual meeting will immediately follow seminar.

Refreshments will be provided at 2:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend, the seminar will be available for viewing live at:

http://real.unl.edu/live_2/

Seminar will also be archived for later viewing at:

<http://real.unl.edu/programs/misc/GSD-2014.html>

Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Business Meeting

October 13, 2014
107 Hardin Hall Auditorium
4:00 PM

Agenda

I. Officer Reports

- Secretary – Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer –Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Historian
- Membership Coordinator
- Past President
- President

II. Committee Reports

- Seminar Committee
- Officer Nominating Committee
- Undergraduate Student Recognition
- Initiation and Awards Banquet

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

V. Adjourn

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund

Your Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has established a 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.

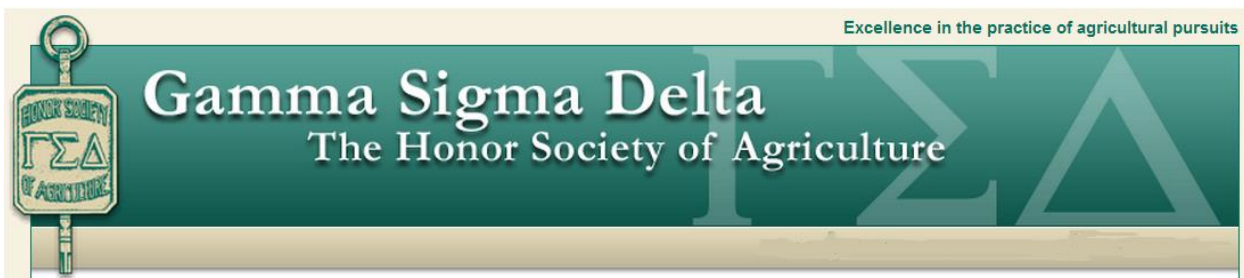
Please send your donations to the University of Nebraska Foundation at 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508 with the pledge form on page 18.

Gamma Sigma Delta Membership Renewal

We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Memberships are calendar based (starting in January). If you have not previously submitted 2014 dues, please use the renewal form on page 19. Retired members and previous Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit recipients are exempt from dues. People who have prepaid 2014 dues were listed in the Spring 2014 Newsletter (available at <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/gammasigmadelatnews/20/>). Note: New members who were inducted in 2014 are prepaid through December 31, 2014.

Bob Wright

Bob Wright
Membership Coordinator



The 2014 Gamma Sigma Delta Biannual Conclave was held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus June 2-4, 2014. The conclave proceedings were a call to action and the challenge was presented to transform Gamma Sigma Delta with the Synergy of Tradition, New Ideas and New Partnerships. Thirty-five participants representing 14 Gamma Sigma Delta Chapters in 13 states and Honduras participated in the conclave. The complete conclave proceedings and chapter activity reports can be found at: <http://www.gammasigmadelta.org/files/2014-Conclave-Proceedings.pdf>

Three major actions evolved:

- **Make Gamma Sigma Delta a Big Deal:** Gamma Sigma Delta membership recognition/designation is identified and understood as a Big Deal by undergraduate and graduate students of agriculture and related sciences.
- **Enact Generative Leadership:**
 - Plant seeds early in undergraduates and help them grow through faculty and alums
 - Make overt the act of mentoring
 - Gamma Sigma Delta promotes generative leadership and mentoring in preparing future leaders for both academia and professional careers.
- **Effectively Network and Communicate:** Gamma Sigma Delta International Officers effectively communicate with a growing network of active chapters and members.



**NOMINATIONS FOR
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
September 2014**

The Membership Nominating Committee solicits your nomination of graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta.

We rely on your help to ensure that Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes worthy co-workers and graduate students for their contributions in agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or 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, managerial/professional staff, 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, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences or in other sciences where the individual student's 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 and managerial/professional staff who meet all the following requirements:
 - 1. University of Nebraska employee for at least three years, and
 - 2. Engaged in work in the professional areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences for a period of at least three years.
- C. Alumni who meet all of the following requirements:
 - 1. Shown outstanding work in or service to agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design 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 following membership nomination form to provide the necessary information. Nominations must be received by **November 21, 2014** to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Dr. Tamra Jackson-Ziems
406 Plant Sciences Hall (PLSH, UNL)
Lincoln, NE 68583-0722
tjackson3@unl.edu

NEBRASKA CHAPTER GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
Nomination for Faculty, Managerial/Professional,
Graduate Students, and Alumni

Date of Nomination: _____

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

University or other address: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Type of Nomination: Faculty / Managerial Professional Graduate Student Alumni

If faculty or staff nomination, list date of appointment to University: _____
Month Year

Degree	Date	Major	Institution
BS	_____	_____	_____
MS	_____	_____	_____
PhD	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

Graduate student nominees only. List all graduate courses and grades at University of Nebraska. A copy of a transcript or grade report may be attached.

Course	Grade	Course	Grade	Course	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Professional Activities: (Attach résumé if available)

Nominators: (Three signatures required)

Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Department _____	Department _____	Department _____

(Include attachments for additional comments)



Gamma Sigma Delta
THE HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE
NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Award of Merit Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee
Susan Fritz, Chair
Beth Birnstihl
Don Wilhite

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2014 Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit. We urge you to consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty for this special recognition.

The selection criteria and format for the nomination are described on the following page. Nominations should be submitted electronically by **November 21, 2014** to:

Dr. Susan Fritz
Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
University of Nebraska
smfritz@nebraska.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1956	O.H. Leibers	1969	Albert J. Ebers	1982	Donald Hanway	1997	Martin Massengale
1956	T.A. Kiesselbach	1970	Lionel C. Harris	1983	John Furrer	1998	Keith Gregory
1957	W.W. Burr	1970	T.M. McCalla	1983	James Williams, Jr.	1998	James Kinder
1958	F.L. Duley	1971	E.F. Frolik	1984	William Splinter	1999	Karen Craig
1958	R.W. Gross	1971	A.W. Epp	1984	R.D. Schnieder	2000	Robert Shearman
1959	H.C. Filley	1972	Clare Porter	1985	Lowell E. Moser	2000	Dale Van Vleck
1959	W.J. Loeffel	1972	Harold Stevens	1985	Glen J. Vollmar	2001	Rita Kean
1960	T.H. Goodding	1973	John L. Adams	1986	David P. McGill	2001	Roger Wehrbein
1961	Howard Deems	1973	Gordon E. Dickerson	1987	Francis Haskins	2002	Rodger Johnson
1962	Ralph Cole	1974	Philip A. Henderson	1988	Richard D. Earl	2002	Roger Mandigo
1962	G.A. Spidel	1974	M.G. McCreight	1988	Herman J. Gorz	2003	Merlyn K. Nielsen
1963	Chauncy Smith	1975	Marvin J. Twiehaus	1989	Glenn Froning	2004	Charles Hibberd
1963	Marvel Baker	1975	Myron Rumery	1989	Dermot Coyne	2005	David Keith
1964	JC Russel	1976	Robert E. Roselle	1990	Sid Salzman	2006	Z B Mayo
1964	J.C. Swinbank	1976	Doyle H. Free	1990	LaVerne Stetson	2006	Ron Hanson
1965	Marcus A. Weldon	1977	Ernest R. Peo, Jr.	1991	Robert Fritschen	2007	Don Adams
1965	M.A. Alexander	1977	John L. Weihing	1992	Charles Stonecipher	2008	Alan Baquet
1966	Lawrence K. Crowe	1978	O. Burr Ross	1992	Wes W. Furrer	2009	Elbert Dickey
1966	Frank E. Mussehl	1978	Ralston Graham	1993	Irvin T. Omtvedt	2010	Keith Glewen
1967	H.O. Werner	1979	Robert A. Olson	1994	Kermit Hansen	2011	Susan Fritz
1968	John Muehlbeier	1979	Thomas W. Sullivan	1994	Anne Vidaver	2012	Elizabeth Birnstihl
1968	R.M. Sandstedt	1980	Rosalind Morris	1995	Glenn A. Helmers	2013	Don Wilhite
1968	Stanley Matzke	1981	Charles H. Adams	1995	John Witkowski		
1968	Willard Waldo	1981	Paul Fischbach	1996	Joan M. Laughlin		
1969	Edward W. Janike	1982	Wayne Collins	1996	Robert L. Raun		

Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

OBJECTIVE

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

PROCEDURES

The President shall appoint an Award of Merit Committee annually. 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 GSD 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 GSD.

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. A brief statement of the qualifications of each candidate shall accompany the ballots.

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.



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Extension Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Extension Award Committee
David Varner
Jennifer Rees
Shripat Kamble

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2014 Nebraska Chapter's Extension Award. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant extension activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are described on the following page. 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 electronically by **November 21, 2014** to:

David Varner
Southeast Rsch & Extension Office
Dave.varner@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980	Don J. Kubik	1997	Donald Steinegger
1981	Alexander R. Martin	1998	David L. Keith
1982	Charles L. Fenster	1999	Dale Grotelueschen
1983	Donald C. Spitze	2000	Jeffrey F. Keown
1984	Earl W. Gleaves	2001	Michael Brumm
1985	J.C. Cranfill	2002	Shirley Niemeyer
1986	Gail A. Wicks	2003	Dennis Burson
1987	Douglas D. Duey	2004	Linda Boeckner
1988	Elbert C. Dickey	2005	Ivan Rush
1989	Don Sander	2006	Sharon Skipton
1990	Dean H. Eisenhower	2007	James W. Goeke
1991	Lloyd L. Young	2008	Rick Rasby
1992	James E. Novotny	2009	Dennis Bauer
1993	Carol Thayer	2010	Harshavardhan Thippareddi
1994	Robert D. Grisso	2011	David Varner
1995	Frederick P. Baxendale	2012	Jennifer Rees
1996	Doyle R. Wolverton	2013	Shripat Kamble

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 is required; 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

1. Name of nominee (including an email address)
2. Educational background
3. Current position
4. Major extension thrusts, program accomplishments or impact including programs planned and conducted extension publications, audiovisual productions and other materials developed for extension program.
5. 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.



Gamma Sigma Delta
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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Research Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Research Award Committee
Yiqi Yang, Chair
Galen Erickson
Tim Carr

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter's Research Award for 2014. This is an excellent means of recognizing significant research activity.

The selection criteria and nomination format are on the following page. 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 electronically by **November 21, 2014** to:

Dr. Yiqi Yang
Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design
Yyang2@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980	Orvin C. Burnside	1997	Larry V. Cundiff
1981	Dermot P. Coyne	1998	David D. Baltensperger
1982	Terry Klopfenstein	1999	Terrance Riordan
1983	James H. Williams	2000	Chris R. Calkins
1984	Roger W. Mandigo	2001	Drew Lyon
1985	James E. Specht	2002	Terry Mader
1986	Rodger K. Johnson	2003	Glenn Helmers
1987	Austin J. Lewis	2004	Michael Brumm
1988	Glenn W. Froning	2005	Judy Driskell
1989	Kenneth Vogel	2006	Blair Siegfried
1990	Roger W. Wilson	2007	Janos Zempleni
1991	Milford Hanna	2008	Andrew Benson
1992	Merlyn K. Nielsen	2009	Clinton Jones
1993	Joan Laughlin	2010	Curt Weller
1994	P. Stephen Baenziger	2011	Yiqi Yang
1995	James E. Kinder	2012	Galen Erickson
1996	L. Dale Van Vleck	2013	Tim Carr

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 is required; 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

1. Name of nominee (including an email address)
2. Educational background
3. Current position
4. Description of research responsibilities
5. Major research accomplishments; research publications, patents, variety releases and other indices of research productivity.
6. National and/or international significance of the nominee's research.
7. Three letters of recommendation (including nominator's letter) from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee's research accomplishments.



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Teaching Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Teaching Award Committee
Lisa Karr-Lilienthal, Chair
Madhavan Soundararajan
Dann Husmann

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2014 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 following page. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nomination should be submitted electronically by **November 21, 2014** to:

Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal
Animal Science
Lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1963	John Sulek	1981	David T. Lewis	1999	Leon Higley
1964	Loyal C. Payne	1982	Allen G. Blezek	2000	Donald C. Lee
1965	William L. Colville	1983	Ted H. Doane	2001	Walter Schacht
1966	Pauline N. Doryland	1984	Robert A. Olson	2002	Phil Miller
1967	David P. McGill	1985	M. Rosalind Morris	2003	Stephen Mason
1968	James G. Kendrick	1986	Virginia A. Book	2004	Ellen Paparozzi
1969	Charles H. Adams	1987	Richard Waldren	2005	Timothy Carr
1970	U.E. Wendorff	1988	Dennis R. Brink	2006	Linda O. Young
1971	Terry J. Klopfenstein	1989	Steve Waller	2007	Darrell R. Mark
1972	Ernest J. Peo, Jr.	1990	Robert Sorenson	2008	Bryan Reiling
1973	Lowell E. Moser	1991	Jim Kinder	2009	Tiffany Heng-Moss
1974	P.J. Cunningham	1992	Ken Von Bargaen	2010	Martha Mamo
1975	Roy G. Arnold	1993	Ackland Jones	2011	Lisa Karr-Lilienthal
1976	A. Dale Flowerday	1994	Ronald M. Case	2012	Madhavan Soundararajan
1977	Bobby D. Moser	1995	Dennis M. Conley	2013	Dann Husmann
1978	Dwane Zimmerman	1996	George H. Pfeiffer		
1979	Ronald J. Hanson	1997	Dennis McCallister		
1980	Keith E. Gilster	1998	Steve Jones		

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 adviser.
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 (including an email address)
- Educational background
- Current position
- Responsibilities (courses taught and enrollment for past five semesters, spring semester 2012 through spring semester 2014)
- 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 program
- Student involvement (out-of-classroom interaction, advising of student organization etc.)
- Impact of nominee as teacher and adviser
- 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

Outstanding Graduate Student Award Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter

Purpose: To recognize outstanding graduate students in the areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design and family and consumer sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Procedures:

Students meeting the following criteria shall be eligible for this award:

- a. Candidates shall be graduate students at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), AAFCS accredited departments of the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS), and the College of Engineering and Technology when majoring in Biological Systems Engineering or Agricultural Engineering.
- b. Candidates shall have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their teaching, research, or extension endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise.
- c. Candidates are not required to hold a graduate assistantship to be eligible.

The winner will be awarded \$500 at the GSD Initiation and Awards Banquet on January 25, 2015.

Nominees should submit a current résumé/cv, a listing of UNL graduate course work and grades received, and no more than 3 letters of recommendation to Robert Wright (rwright2@unl.edu), GSD Membership Coordinator, by **November 21, 2014**. Applications must be submitted electronically.

Previous Award Winners:

2009 – Tim Husen, Entomology
2010 – Jessie Fernandez, Plant Pathology
2011 – Chandirasegaran Massilamany, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
2012 – Aruna Gangaplara, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
2013 – Daran Rudnick, Biological Systems Engineering

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship (as evidenced by performance in course work, and research, teaching, extension accomplishments).

These accomplishments can be demonstrated by journal publications and written articles (published or submitted), presentations at professional society meetings, student course evaluations for teaching, instructional materials developed (classroom teaching/laboratory/extension), extension programming activities, grants written and/or submitted for funding, special honors and recognitions achieved.

... 60 points

Letters of recommendation ... 30 points

Service (within UNL, professional societies, community outreach) ... 10 points

Gamma Sigma Delta Committees 2014

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Tamra Jackson-Ziems
President Elect: TBA
Secretary: Jennifer Rees
Treasurer: TBA
Membership Coordinator: Bob Wright
Historian: Z B Mayo
Past President: Rick Rasby

AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE

Susan Fritz (2014) *
Beth Birnstihl (2015)
Don Wilhite (2016)

EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE

David Varner (2014) *
Jennifer Rees (2015)
Shripat Kamble (2016)

RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE

Yiqi Yang (2014) *
Galen Erickson (2015)
Tim Carr (2016)

TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE

Lisa Karr-Lilienthal (2014) *
Madhavan Soundararajan (2015)
Dann Husmann (2016)

INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET

Tamra Jackson-Ziems
Jennifer Rees
Bob Wright
Z B Mayo

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

TBA

SEMINAR COMMITTEE

Tamra Jackson-Ziems
Jennifer Rees

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bob Wright (Coordinator)

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tamra Jackson-Ziems (2014) *
Jennifer Rees

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Z B Mayo (2014) *

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Merlyn Nielsen (2014) *

* Chairperson

In Memoriam

Daniel B. Lutz, 84, of Lincoln passed away July 21, 2014. Dan was known professionally as an Ag Communications Editor at the University of Nebraska and passionate railroad fan. He was also a devoted husband, proud father and loving grandfather.

Dan was proud of his upbringing in rural Valley County, which helped form his professional career. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1950 and was News Editor of the Custer County Chief until 1958, with a two-year interruption to serve in the U.S. Army in Tokyo where he worked for the Stars and Stripes newspaper. In Custer County he met and married Vera Mae Bellinger in 1954.

He was part of the UNL faculty from 1958 until retiring in 1990. During that tenure, he earned his Masters Degree in Science from Kansas State University in 1964. During his university tenure he influenced many others with his corny humor, stoic demeanor but kind and supportive nature. As a mentor, he was adored by many students. Dan's rigorous editing served many students throughout their lives. He demonstrated his service nature both professionally and in his personal life.

Dan was a Director and long-time member of the American Association of American College Editors (AAACE); Director of the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service 1970-71; State President of SPJ/SDX, a journalism professional group; as well as numerous civic and professional organizations. He received the Agricultural Achievement Award from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Post-retirement, Dan channeled his interests in new directions. He was founding president of ProRail Nebraska; active in the Preservation Association of Lincoln; the United Nations UNAUSA; and a charter member of Northeast Kiwanis. He received many post-retirement honors, such as membership in the Nebraska AgRelations Council; the Nebraska Hall of Achievement; the FFA and 4-H; he was also a member of Gamma Sigma Delta (ag honors society); VFW and American Legion.

Dan was most passionate about rail travel, taking numerous foreign excursions and advocating for rail passenger funding. He continued to write and edit newsletters and organizational publications. He is remembered for his generous nature and supported a variety of causes.

Dan was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy and father Lyle. He is survived by his wife Vera Mae; a son, Larry of Arlington TX; daughters, sons-in-law Barbara and Randy Gordon, Falls Church VA; Bonnie and Leif Neve, Bethesda MD; six grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, July 25 at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd., Lincoln with interment at Wyuka Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to ProRail Nebraska, 1934 A St., Lincoln 68502; the University of Nebraska Foundation, 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln NE 68508 for the Sandy and Larry Lutz Reporting Scholarship Fund; or St. Marks.

James G. Kendrick of Lincoln died on Friday, August 8, 2014. Born January 13, 1933 to James Frank and Mary Adealine (Griffith) Kendrick in Washington D.C. He is a graduate of Ohio State University, Professor Emeritus at UNL and a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He was an influential professor of agricultural economics and agricultural policy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for over 35 years, an agricultural policy advisor to Governors and Senators Jim Exon and Bob Kerrey, and a co-founder of AGNET, a computer network information system which provided marketing information to ranchers, farmers and ag producers.

Jim earned his doctorate at Ohio State in 1962, after serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Germany. Upon retiring from the University, he continued to teach in the community as a docent at the Nebraska Historical Society, as an OLLI instructor and was actively working with the UNL Emeriti Association. An avid photographer, sailor, small plane pilot, amateur astronomer, he shared his life-long love of learning with his family and friends. He leaves a legend of family in whom he delighted and thousands of students and advisees who span the globe and continue his influence.

Survivors include wife, Carol Kendrick of Lincoln; daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Jim Cavanaugh and their children, Aileen and Seamus Cavanaugh of Omaha; son and daughter-in-law, James McC and Yu-Pin Kendrick and their children, Serina and Clara Kendrick; daughter, Jean Helms, spouse Gail Raddatz of Lincoln and their son, Louis Helms; son, John and Lynette Helms of Atlanta GA and their children, Jaylee, Casey and Jackson Helms, Nicole and husband Zac Reimer, great granddaughter, Nola and Evie Reimer, Roderick and Bridget Helms; sister, Janice Kendrick Archbold of Westtown PA. Preceded in death by son, Timothy Allen Helms and parents.

Memorials are suggested to the James G. Kendrick Memorial Scholarship for Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska.

Jim Kendrick was laid to rest on August 12 at Lincoln Memorial Park. Memorial services commemorating his life and accomplishments were held Sunday, September 21, at the East Campus Union of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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