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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## The Honor Society of Agriculture

### Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

Issue #49

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### President's Message

The past several months have brought exciting changes to our Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta! At the last annual business meeting the membership voted to restructure our officer team by combining the offices of Secretary and Treasurer for a three year term. I'm pleased to share that we have a full officer team and I'm thankful for their hard work and commitment to our Chapter! At last year's GSD Conclave, a panel of our students let us know that they wanted more opportunities for leadership training and to be more *involved*. We were listening!! THANK YOU to Dennis Brink for leading the charge to help our Chapter receive a Chapter Enrichment Grant from GSD International. With this grant and the collaboration of CASNR, we will be hosting the upcoming leadership and engagement workshop Friday, Oct. 9 for students and their mentors.

Please mark your calendar for the 2016 Initiation and Awards Banquet for Sunday, January 31. In the coming weeks we will be seeking nominations for new members and award recipients, as well as candidates for the office of President Elect. The newly revised structure will mean only a three-year commitment and the elected individual will transition from the role of President Elect to President finally to Past President. Please help us honor deserving individuals with membership, awards, or a position on our officer team.

I challenge us *all* to be so eager as our students to become involved in our campus organizations and communities and remember the words of Rabindranath Tagore, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

Best wishes,

*Tamra Jackson-Ziems*

GSD Nebraska Chapter President

- **Save the Date**  
**Initiation and Awards Banquet**  
**Sunday**  
**January 31**  
**Nebraska East Union**  
**6:00 p.m.**
- Please note and watch for details:  
**Seminar and Annual Meeting moved to Spring Semester**

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members who were initiated at our Awards Banquet on January 25.



### College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Kendra R. Bretschneider ..... Horticulture  
Garth A. Brown ..... Agribusiness  
Adelle Smith-Eskridge ..... Environmental Studies  
Ericka L. Spangler ..... Animal Science / Psychology

### College of Education and Human Sciences

Emily Dostal ..... Speech-Language Pathology  
Grace E. Manley ..... Speech-Language Pathology  
Jenni Sis ..... Speech-Language Pathology

### Graduate Students

Stacey Fletcher ..... Applied Science  
Benjamin A. Loseke ..... Horticulture  
Joshua Miller ..... Doctor of Plant Health  
Allison E. Raymond ..... Agribusiness  
Kenneth Roche ..... Doctor of Plant Health  
Sarah Schlund ..... Plant Pathology

### Faculty

Anthony O. Adesemoye ..... Plant Pathology  
Jeffrey Bradshaw ..... Entomology / PHREC  
Daniel C. Ciobanu ..... Animal Science  
Sydney Everhart ..... Plant Pathology  
Samodha C. Fernando ..... Animal Science  
Bradley T. Jones ..... Great Plains Veterinary  
Education Center  
Jessica L. Petersen ..... Animal Science  
Jeyam Subbiah ..... Biological Sciences Engineering  
Dustin T. Yates ..... Animal Science  
Lirong Zeng ..... Plant Pathology

### Alumnus

David Lawrence Bierma ..... Wildomar, California

## Recipients of 2014 Gamma Sigma Delta Awards

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Award Committee announced the 2014 award recipients at the annual Initiation and Awards Banquet on January 25, 2015. These awards were presented to individuals exhibiting outstanding service in the areas of research, extension, teaching, administration, and leadership in the fields of agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences.

### Award of Merit for Service

Recipient: **Dennis Brink**



Dr. Dennis Brink (left) receives the Award of Merit for Service from Ronnie Green, Harlan Vice Chancellor, IANR.

**Dr. Dennis Brink** has been a leader in his profession, particularly through his service to the Nebraska Gamma Sigma Delta, the International Gamma Sigma Delta, the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture and to his discipline's national society. After receiving his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Kansas State University, Dennis moved north to join the University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty in 1978. Over the years, his commitment to undergraduate teaching and advising has become legendary and the innovative programs, such as the Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium that he helped establish, have become national models.

His professional commitment to students also is legendary. According to one of his nominators, "his personal interest and dedication to students and their success is why he currently advises 75 undergraduates and numerous walk-in students."

### Excellence in Research Award

Recipient: **George Graef**

**Professor George Graef** is a global leader in soybean breeding. He has released more than 60 soybean cultivars for use in both commodity grade and specialty food grade markets. These releases are consistently the top tier performers. Dr. Graef is one of the first soybean breeders to add molecular genetics tools to his repertoire of scientific and plant breeding skills. He is one of our most accomplished USA breeders and geneticists and is well-regarded and greatly respected for his skills and talents in developing high-yield cultivars in both the national and international soybean research communities. Because of the impact of his research on soybean breeding, Dr. Graef was honored as the Nebraska Soybean Board Presidential Chair in Soybean Breeding.

Dr. Graef is a top scientist recognized by his peers. He is a member of the National Soybean Genetics Executive Committee since 2009 and chaired that committee 2011-2012, a member of the United Soybean Board's National Soybean Quality Traits Tests, and a member of the National Plant Variety Review Board. He also served on the USDA National Crop Germplasm Advisory Committee, Soybean Section from 1999 to 2003, and chaired that committee in 2001 and 2003. He was an associate editor of *Crop Science Journal* and had leadership roles on many committees for Crop Science Society of America and American Society of Agronomy.



Dr. George Graef (left) receives the Excellence in Research Award from Archie Clutter, Dean of the Agricultural Research

### Excellence in Teaching Award

Recipient: **Roberto Cortinas**



CASNR Dean Steve Waller (right) presents the Excellence in Teaching Award to Dr. Roberto Cortinas.

**Dr. Roberto Cortinas** teaches as part of the professional program in veterinary medicine as well as teaches LIFE 121. Roberto has received excellent ratings on his teaching from past students, including comments such as that he is very approachable, down to earth, clearly explains material, and helps students understand what is important.

He has worked to improve his teaching efforts by participating in teaching improvement activities such as the Just in Time Teaching program and by providing leadership to the CASNR Teaching and Learning Improvement Committee and helping to plan the Winter Interim Workshop.

He serves as an advisor to student organizations at both the professional and undergraduate level including the Pre-Vet Club and No Kill Advocacy Club.

### Excellence in Extension Award

Recipient: **Gary Zoubek**

**Gary Zoubek** has contributed 40 years of exemplary program leadership with a rich history of accomplishments as a Nebraska Extension Educator. His success hinged upon identifying critical emerging issues, effectively working with teams, and engaging learners in meaningful outcomes.

One of Gary's legacy programs is the key role that he served in the development and implementation of the Nebraska Ag Water Management Network—an award-winning program that is widely recognized as a model Extension program. Beginning with only 15 growers in 2005 this program has rapidly grown to over 1200 growers today. Growers report reducing quantities of irrigation water used on both corn and soybeans by more than two acre-inches annually, not to mention the energy savings associated with reduced irrigation.

Gary's accomplishments demonstrate his abilities to work closely with specialists, garner external financial resources, develop new program partnerships, facilitate effective teamwork, lead translational research efforts, and be a great teacher. His body of work exemplifies Extension Excellence.

Perhaps even more impressive are his selfless contributions to coaching, mentoring and encouraging new Extension professionals to carry-forward the successful legacy of Nebraska Extension!



Gary Zoubek (center) receives the Excellence in Extension Award from Chuck Hibberd (right), Extension Dean and Director, along with Dave Varner, Interim Director, Southeast Research and Extension Center.

**Alissa Martindale** is presented the Outstanding Undergraduate Student award by CASNR Dean Steve Waller. Amanda's home town is Gretna, Nebraska and is pursuing a degree in Animal Science and Pre-Vet. Dr. Dennis Brink is her academic adviser. Amanda's career plans are to attend Iowa State University to pursue a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. She plans to eventually open her own veterinary clinic.



**Garth A. Brown** is presented the Arthur von Bergen Memorial Award by CASNR Dean Steve Waller.

**Vivek Sharma** is presented the Outstanding Graduate Student award by Archie Clutter, Dean of the Agricultural Research Division. Vivek is pursuing a PhD in Biological Systems Engineering with Dr. Suat Irmak (left) as his advisor. Vivek's research involves GIS and geographically-weighted regression to investigate the non-stationarity relationships between precipitation and irrigated and rainfed maize and soybean and quantify actual evaporative losses and net irrigation requirements in all Nebraska counties.



## *In Memoriam*

**Dale Swartzendruber** was born July 6, 1925 near Parnell, Iowa, the son of Urie and Norma (Kinsinger) Swartzendruber. He earned his high school diploma by taking correspondence courses through the American School. From 1945-1946 he served in Civilian Public Service (CPS) in Montana and Nebraska. He attended Goshen College and later transferred to Iowa State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Soils, and a master's and Ph.D. in Soil Physics. He married Kathleen Jeanette Yoder on June 26, 1949, at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. Kathleen passed away on November 8, 2012.

From 1953-1954 Dale taught at Goshen College and from 1955-1956 he was on the staff at the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1956 he joined Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, as professor of Soils. In 1977 he moved to the University of Nebraska, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture in Lincoln, and retired in 1998 as professor emeritus. Dale was visiting professor and scientist at Ames, Iowa; Riverside, California; Atlanta, Georgia; Tel Aviv, Israel; Cambridge, England; and Canberra, Australia. He was a member of the Soil Science Society of America, the American Geophysical Union, and authored over 85 publications throughout the course of his career.

Church was an integral part of Dale's life; he taught Sunday school, sang in numerous church choirs and actively served in leadership roles. He was a member of Beth-El Mennonite Church in Milford. When he and Kathleen moved to Kalona, Iowa in 2008, they attended Kalona Mennonite Church. Dale died on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at Pleasantview Home in Kalona at the age of 89 years.

He is survived by four children, Karl (Lynn) Swartzendruber of Plano, Texas; Myra (Patrick) Tierney of Lakewood, Colorado; John (Evonne) Swartzendruber of Indianapolis, Indiana; and David (Kay) Swartzendruber of Lakewood, Colorado; five granddaughters, two grandsons, one great grandson, and a sister, Fern Eash of Wellman, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Kathleen; two sisters, Audrey Hochstetler and Mary Lois Swartzendruber; and a granddaughter, Sara Kay Swartzendruber.

Celebration of life service was Saturday, October 25, 2014, at Kalona Mennonite Church with Rev. Scott Swartzendruber officiating. Burial: Lower Deer Creek Cemetery. A memorial fund was established for Compassion International. Messages may be sent to the family at [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com)

**Dr. Loyd L. Young**, 83, Lincoln, formerly of Seward, was born on July 31, 1931 in Cortland to Edwin J and F. Ethel (Burcham) Young and passed away on June 13, 2015. Former district director, University of Nebraska Southeast Research and Extension Center and longtime Seward County Extension Educator.

Survived by daughters, Margo Young (Richard A. DeFusco), Lincoln, Dr. Rene Young (Mark Olson), Omaha, Nancy Gwelo, Lincoln; grandchildren, Jennifer Gwelo, Patrick Olson (Katie Gorga), Sean Olson, Rachel DeFusco and Rebekah DeFusco; great grandchildren, Quincy Ewoldt, Cameron Tucker II, and Perseus Tucker. Preceded by wife, Darlene and son, Paul.

Signing of remembrance book Friday, June 19, noon - 8:30 p.m., with family receiving friends from 5:30 - 7 p.m., all at Zabka Funeral Home, Seward. Celebration of Life, 4 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at the United Methodist Church, 1400 North 5th St., Seward; Rev. Dr. Carl Eskridge, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Nebraska 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 830719, Lincoln, NE 68583 or The Foundation for Memorial Health Care Systems, P.O. Box 368, Seward, NE 68434.

## *In Memoriam*

**Weston W. Furrer**, age 92, of Lincoln, passed away March 9, 2015. Born March 30, 1922 in Walton, Nebraska to John and Pearl L. (Francke) Furrer. WWII Marine Corps Veteran. Graduate of UNL with a BS degree in Agronomy. Retired 1987 after 40 years with Farmers National Co., serving as Farm Manager, President and Vice Chairman of the Board. Weston was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Walton, Capital City Kiwanis, Ag Builders of Nebraska, Nebraska Ag-Relations Council, Nebraska Agri Business Club, Nebraska Hall of Ag Achievement, Gamma Sigma Delta, American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers, and American Legion Post #3.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie; sons, Don, Olathe, Kansas; Jon, Fresno, California; Ron, Kansas City, Missouri; Tom, Eagle, Idaho; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents; brothers, Franklin and John Furrer; sisters, Merna M. Furrer and Twila Lehrman.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Roper and Sons Chapel, 4300 'O' Street with Pastor Lori Kitzing officiating. A Life Celebration was held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Monday at Roper and Sons.

Memorials in lieu of flowers to Grace Lutheran Church Walton, Capital City Kiwanis Foundation, Tabitha Foundation, Nebraska Community Foundation for Farmers National Education Fund.

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**Herman Jacob Gorz**, 94, Lincoln passed away Sunday, May 17, 2015. He was born November 22, 1920 in Eagle River, Wisconsin to Louis and Katharine Gorz. Retired supervisory research geneticist, U.S. Department of Agriculture and professor of Agronomy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 35 years; associate professor of Agronomy, North Dakota State University, Fargo, 3½ years; assistant county extension agent, Port Washington, Wisconsin, ½ year; and high school teacher of vocational agriculture, Wausaukee, Wisconsin, 3 years. Served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Member of Redeemer Lutheran Church where he served as president of the congregation and elder. Member of honorary fraternities, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi; Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, and Crop Science Society, and Crop Science Society of America. He received a USDA Distinguished Service Award. Received his Ph.D., M.S., and B.S. degrees from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Family members include daughters and sons-in-law: Marily and Jack Priefert, Hebron; Jean and Tim Swanson, Geneva, Switzerland; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Katarina Swanson; brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Ann Gorz, Rhinelander, Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Rowena Gorz, Algoma, Wisconsin. Preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette after 60 years of marriage; his parents; brothers, Carl, Edmund, Walter, and Arthur; sisters, Mathilda, Katharine, Elsie, and Elenor.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 22 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent to the family or online at: [www.roperandsons.com](http://www.roperandsons.com).



## *In Memoriam*

**John Kenyon Ward** was born on the family farm in rural Custer County, Nebraska on July 1, 1927, to James A. and Ethel (Kenyon) Ward. The youngest of four children, along with Dean, Duane, and Idabelle, he graduated from Litchfield High School in 1944. After the death of his father due to a farm accident, he assumed management of the farm while his brothers were serving in the U.S. Navy. In 1946, he entered McPherson College, graduating in 1950. While attending McPherson College, he and his brother, Dean, owned custom wheat harvesting equipment and followed the wheat harvest for three summers. During the Korean War, John served as a cryptographic technician for the Korean Military Advisory Group.

John married Bonnie J. Martin in 1953. Three children were born to this union: Marty, Steve, and Anne.

John obtained a second B.S. degree from Kansas State University in 1954, followed by an M.S. degree from Oklahoma State University in 1956. From 1956 through 1968, he taught Agriculture at McPherson College and completed the PhD degree in ruminant nutrition at Kansas State University. In 1968, the family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where he taught and did beef cattle research in the Animal Sciences Department at the University of Nebraska. While at Nebraska, he traveled extensively as a beef cattle consultant in many foreign countries.

His many varied interests included photography, leather work, woodwork, writing, and a variety of volunteer activities including serving three terms in the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. He was active in sports, participating or coaching in whatever sport was in season. John loved the outdoors and considered service to others to be the highest calling.

John entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at The Cedars Courts, McPherson, Kansas. He was eighty-seven.

Survivors members of the family include: wife, Bonnie, of the home; a son, Marty Ward and wife, Carol, of Corpus Christi, Texas along with grandsons, Jared and his wife, Christy and great-grandchildren, Micah and Eli; and Ryan and his wife, Shelby; son, Steve and wife, Dalene, of Lincoln, Nebraska along with grandchildren, Josh and great-grandson, Noah; and Lindsey and her husband, Joey, and great-grandson, Peyton; and a daughter, Anne Tell of Golden, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Dean and Duane Ward, and sister, Idabelle Parsons.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at McPherson Church of the Brethren with Rev. Chris Whitacre officiating. Inurnment will take place in McPherson Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Heifer Project International or McPherson County Food Bank in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, Kansas 67460.

# Gamma Sigma Delta Committees 2015

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## **EXECUTIVE**

President: Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
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Historian: Z B Mayo  
Past-President: Rick Rasby

## **AWARD OF MERIT**

Beth Birnstihl (2015) \*  
Don Wilhite (2016)  
Dennis Brink (2017)

## **EXTENSION AWARD**

Jennifer Rees (2015) \*  
Shripat Kamble (2016)  
Gary Zoubek (2017)

## **RESEARCH AWARD**

Galen Erickson (2015) \*  
Tim Carr (2016)  
George Graef (2017)

## **TEACHING AWARD**

Madhavan Soundararajan (2015) \*  
Dann Husmann (2016)  
Roberto Cortinas (2017)

## **INITIATION AND AWARDS**

### **BANQUET**

Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
Jennifer Rees  
Bob Wright  
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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **AWARD FOR**

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### **SERVICE**

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Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
Jennifer Rees

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Bob Wright (Coordinator)

## **OFFICER NOMINATING**

Tamra Jackson-Ziems (2015) \*  
Jennifer Rees

## **SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION**

Dennis Brink (2015) \*

## **AUDIT**

Merlyn Nielsen (2015)\*

\* Chairperson

## 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 sheet below.

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## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

2015 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE FOR NEBRASKA CHAPTER  
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR, 103 ENTO  
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21 September 2015

**TO:** Gamma Sigma Delta Members

**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2015

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. Please recall that GSD membership is based on the calendar year and runs from January 1 – December 31. In keeping with tradition, I am sending just this single notification for paying your 2015 dues. We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Please be sure to print off and complete the appropriate form and respond today.

Dues are \$20 per year. Please make your check (\$20 for 2015, or \$20 per year for multiple years) payable to **Gamma Sigma Delta** (please don't mail cash) and send it, along with your completed membership form, to me at one of the addresses indicated.

If you wish to be placed on the GSD inactive list, do not send dues but check the appropriate box on the form and return it to me. If I do not hear from you by July 1, 2015, I will remove your name from our mailing list. You can always return to active membership just by sending me your annual dues. Also, if you know of GSD members who have moved to Nebraska, please send me their name(s) and address(es) or have them contact me so they can become active here. We wish to welcome all of you who have recently transferred into our Nebraska Chapter.

Those of you who have **Retired** (refer to list next page) or received the Distinguished Service of Agriculture **Award of Merit** (refer to list below) are not required to pay dues and should have previously received a **Permanent** membership card.

Those of you who have paid dues in advance are so noted on the **Prepaid** list. Please check to see if my extension date is correct for your prepaid dues.

The following members have received our Chapter Distinguished Service to Agriculture **Award of Merit** and are not required to pay dues. Your membership card should indicate **Permanent** and have the space checked for Award of Merit and year of the award. D.C. Adams, A. Baquet, B. Birnstihl, D.R. Brink, K.E. Craig, E.C. Dickey, R.D. Earl, R.D. Fritschen, S. Fritz, G.W. Froning, K. Glewen, R.J. Hanson, F.A. Haskins, G.A. Helmers, R.K. Johnson, R.C. Kean, D.L. Keith, R.M. Koch, J.M. Laughlin, R.W. Mandigo, M.A. Massengale, Z B Mayo, M.R. Morris, L.E. Moser, M. Nielsen, I.T. Omtvedt, R.L. Raun, S.E. Salzman, R.C. Shearman, L.E. Stetson, T.W. Sullivan, M.J. Twiehaus, L.D. Van Vleck, A.K. Vidaver, G.J. Vollmar, R. Wehrbein, D. Wilhite, J.H. Williams, Jr., J.F. Witkowski.

The following Gamma Sigma Delta members have **Prepaid** their dues through the calendar year listed after their names. If you were an active member in 2014 and your name is not on this list, your membership has expired. The following memberships are prepaid through December 31 of the year indicated: ♦A.O.

Adesemoye – 2015 ♦P.S. Baenziger – 2017 ♦M. Balschweid – 2015 ♦L.M. Bartos – 2015 ♦R.A. Bernthal – 2015 ♦S. Bhuyan – 2015 ♦D.L. Bierma – 2015 ♦A. Bigge – 2015 ♦D.W.R. Boden–2015 ♦L. Boeckner – 2015 ♦J.D. Bradshaw – 2015 ♦K.R. Bretschneider – 2015 ♦G.A. Brown – 2015 ♦C.A. Burkhart-Kriesel – 2015 ♦T.P. Carr – 2016 ♦D.C. Ciobanu – 2015 ♦A. Clutter – 2015 ♦A.S. Cupp – 2015 ♦K.L. DeBoer – 2015 ♦E. Dostal – 2015 ♦G. Erickson – 2015 ♦S.E. Everhart – 2015 ♦S.C. Fernando – 2015 ♦S. Fletcher – 2015 ♦J.S. Freed – 2015 ♦J.E. Gilley – 2019 ♦D.A. Golick – 2015 ♦P.C. Hay – 2016 ♦K.M. Hinrichs – 2015 ♦S. Irmak – 2015 ♦L.D. Isom – 2016 ♦T. Jackson-Ziems – 2015 ♦J.J. Jacobson – 2015 ♦M.B. Jacobson – 2015 ♦B.T. Jones – 2015 ♦S.T. Kamble – 2015 ♦S.M. Kohles – 2015 ♦J.L. Larson – 2015 ♦B.A. Loseke – 2015 ♦B.D. Lubben – 2017 ♦M. Mamo – 2015 ♦G.E. Manley – 2015 ♦S.J. McConaughy – 2015 ♦J. Miller – 2015 ♦A.L. Mueller – 2015 ♦N. Mueller – 2015 ♦J.S. Nixon – 2015 ♦K.M. O’Brien – 2015 ♦K. Ochsner – 2015 ♦I.M. Orellana – 2015 ♦E.T. Paparozzi – 2015 ♦S. Paula-Moraes – 2016 ♦J.L. Petersen – 2015 ♦R.J. Rasby – 2015 ♦A.E. Raymond – 2015 ♦P.E. Read – 2015 ♦J. Rees – 2015 ♦K.J. Roche – 2015 ♦S.A. Schlund – 2015 ♦P.J. Shea – 2015 ♦J. Sis – 2015 ♦A. Smith-Eskridge – 2015 ♦E.L. Spangler – 2015 ♦J. Subbiah – 2015 ♦H. Thippareddi – 2015 ♦D. Varner – 2015 ♦S.S. Waller – 2015 ♦C.L. Weller – 2015 ♦A. Wingeyer – 2015 ♦R.J. Wright – 2015 ♦D.T. Yates – 2015 ♦O. Youm – 2015 ♦J. Zempleni – 2019 ♦L.R. Zeng – 2015 ♦G.L. Zoubek – 2016

**NOTE: New members inducted for 2014 are also *Prepaid* through December 31, 2015!!**

The following members have **Retired** and are on our active mailing list and are **Not** required to pay dues. Your current card should indicate **Permanent**. M.E. Baker, A.G. Blezek, M.C. Brumm, L.E. Davis, R. Diffendal, R.D. Earl, F.E. Eldridge, D. Hay, D.W. Kellogg, D.L. Keith, R.M. Koch, R. Kuzelka, L.E. Lucas, Z B Mayo, M.R. Morris, G.A. Newkirk, H.W. Ottoson, L. Schulze, J.E. Specht, D.E. Stenberg, B.A. Weichenthal, R.G. White, D.R. Wolverton.

If you have retired and wish to stay on our mailing list, please complete the attached form and mail to the appropriate address below by October 1, 2015. If you wish, you may call the information in to (402) 472-2123. Please ask for our secretary, Ms. Marilyn Weidner.

Best regards,

*Robert J. Wright*

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Membership Coordinator



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\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to become an active member for 2016. Enclosed is \$20 as payment of my annual dues

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# Gamma Sigma Delta Co-Hosting Mentoring Workshop – East Campus Union from 3:30-5:00 P.M. Friday, October 9, 2015

The workshop described below is funded by a chapter enrichment grant from Gamma Sigma Delta International and Dean Steve Waller. *If you or an undergraduate student you know would like to participate, please contact Dennis Brink ([dbrink1@unl.edu](mailto:dbrink1@unl.edu))*



- ✚ **Who is your greatest mentor at UNL?** Sophomore students have been invited to bring their mentor to a 90 minute workshop to thank them for what they have done for them so far in their journey and establish a new and lasting connection for the future.

The workshop leader will be **Lindsay Hastings, Clinton Professor in Mentoring Research, Nebraska Human Resources Institute (NHRI).**

- ✚ **Why is the workshop important?**

The workshop sponsors, Gamma Sigma Delta: The Honor Society of Agriculture and Dean Steve Waller strongly believe developing the next generation of leaders in agriculture and the related sciences is very important for our world today and in the future. And generative leadership and mentor development are essential concepts for establishing and guiding the next generation.

If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to e-mail:  
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