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Gamma Sigma Delta

The Honor Society of Agriculture

Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

Issue #51

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President's Message

Dear Gamma Sigma Delta members,

Two major parts of the Gamma Sigma Delta mission are:

- Recognize excellence in research, teaching and extension
- Recognize academic excellence, leadership and service of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni

Now is the time to do both for your students and colleagues. This special newsletter provides the information for the nominations!

Please select students and colleague and set aside a few minutes to nominate them for one of the following recognitions:

- Membership Nominations
 - Faculty
 - Staff
 - Graduate Students
 - Alumni
- Award of Merit
- Excellence in Extension
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Teaching
- Outstanding Graduate Student

Tamra Jackson-Ziems

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

- **Nominations for New Gamma Sigma Delta Members – Due November 16, 2015**
- **Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Awards Due November 16, 2015**
 - Award of Merit
 - Excellence in Extension
 - Excellence in Research
 - Excellence in Teaching
 - Outstanding Graduate Student

Mark Your Calendars
Initiation and Awards Banquet
Sunday, January 31, 2016
East Campus Union
6:00 PM

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 2015 dues, please use the renewal form on page 15. Retired members and previous Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit recipients are exempt from dues. People who have prepaid 2015 dues were listed in the Fall 2015 Newsletter (available at <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/gammasigmadeltanews/20/>). Note: New members who were inducted in 2015 are prepaid through December 31, 2015.



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NOMINATIONS FOR GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

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. Nominations are requested for graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni. Membership guidelines follow:

- A. Graduate students who meet all the following requirements:
 - a. 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,
 - b. Show promise of making worthwhile contributions in these fields,
 - c. Completed 2/5 of the required hours for the advanced degree being sought, either at the Masters or PhD level, and
 - d. Attained a grade average of B or equivalent or better for graduate work toward an advanced degree.

- B. Staff who meet all the following requirements:
 - a. University of Nebraska employee for at least three years, and
 - b. 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. Faculty who meet the following requirement:
 - a. 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.

- D. Alumni who meet all of the following requirements:
 - a. Shown outstanding work in or service to agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences.
 - b. Graduated from the University of Nebraska or an institution with a Gamma Sigma Delta chapter.
 - c. Graduated at least five years prior to election to membership.

Please use the following membership nomination form. Nominations must be received by **November 16, 2015** to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Dennis Brink
 A214 Animal Sciences
 Lincoln, NE 68583-0908
dbrink1@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)



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Award of Merit Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee
Beth Birnstihl, Chair
Don Wilhite
Dennis Brink

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2015 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 16, 2015** to:

Beth Birnstihl
Nebraska Extension
bbirnstihl1@unl.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	2014	Dennis Brink
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
Jennifer Rees, Chair
Shripat Kamble
Gary Zoubek

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2015 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 16, 2015** to:

Jennifer Rees
Southeast Rsch & Extension Office
jenny.rees@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. Eisenhauer	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
		2014	Gary Zoubek

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.
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.



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Research Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Research Award Committee
Galen Erickson, Chair
Tim Carr
George Graef

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter's Research Award for 2015. 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 16, 2015** to:

Galen Erickson
Animal Science
gerickson4@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980	Orvin C. Burnside	1998	David D. Baltensperger
1981	Dermot P. Coyne	1999	Terrance Riordan
1982	Terry Klopfenstein	2000	Chris R. Calkins
1983	James H. Williams	2001	Drew Lyon
1984	Roger W. Mandigo	2002	Terry Mader
1985	James E. Specht	2003	Glenn Helmers
1986	Rodger K. Johnson	2004	Michael Brumm
1987	Austin J. Lewis	2005	Judy Driskell
1988	Glenn W. Froning	2006	Blair Siegfried
1989	Kenneth Vogel	2007	Janos Zempleni
1990	Roger W. Wilson	2008	Andrew Benson
1991	Milford Hanna	2009	Clinton Jones
1992	Merlyn K. Nielsen	2010	Curt Weller
1993	Joan Laughlin	2011	Yiqi Yang
1994	P. Stephen Baenziger	2012	Galen Erickson
1995	James E. Kinder	2013	Tim Carr
1996	L. Dale Van Vleck	2014	George Graef
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.
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
Madhavan Soundararajan
Dann Husmann
Roberto Cortinas

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2015 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 16, 2015** to:

Madhavan Soundararajan
Biochemistry
msoundararajan1@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 Pappozzi
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	2014	Roberto Cortinas
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 2015)
- 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 31, 2016.

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 16, 2015**. 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

2014 – Vivek Sharma, Biological Systems Engineering

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship (as evidenced by performance in course work, and research, teaching, extension accomplishments). – **60 points**

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.

Letters of recommendation - 30 points

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

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 next page.

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund #10996

- Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the **University of Nebraska Foundation**.
- Please charge \$_____ to my: VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

I/we pledge \$_____ payable over _____ years, beginning _____ (*month/year*).

Give online at www.nufoundation.org

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

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- Please send information about making a planned gift. You may call 1-800-432-3216 to speak with a planned giving professional.

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GAMMA SIGMA DELTA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

_____ I am enclosing \$20 as I wish to remain an active member for 2015

_____ Payment in ADVANCE. I am enclosing \$ _____ to extend my active membership
_____ years at \$20 per year.

_____ I am NOT enclosing a dues payment as I wish to become inactive.

_____ I have RETIRED and wish to remain ON the mailing list

_____ I have RETIRED and wish to be taken OFF the active mailing list.

To save mailing costs, please provide your e-mail address below.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ ZIP Code _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please return the completed form to:

For On-Campus Mail

Robert J. Wright
GSD Membership Coordinator
Entomology Department
ENTO 103 - 0816

For U.S. Mail

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GSD Membership Coordinator
Entomology Department
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Lincoln NE 68583-0816