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President-Elect's Message

It will be my pleasure and privilege to serve as President of the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta (GSD) (<https://ianr.unl.edu/gamma-sigma-delta>) for 2024-2025. I want to express my and the Chapter's great appreciation for Paul Read and his extended leadership as he prepares to transition to Past-President at our upcoming Initiation and Awards Reception on April 1st. I also would like to thank Dana W. R. Boden and Bob Wright for their long and devoted service as Historian and Membership Coordinator, respectively, and for filling in the Secretary, Treasurer, and other roles as needed over the years. Their committed service has been pivotal in keeping the Chapter moving.

That being said, Dana, Bob, and the Chapter are in critical need of help. We have vacancies for both a Secretary and Treasurer, and also are looking for folks willing to be nominated for and serve if elected as President-Elect in 2024-2025 transitioning to President in 2025-2026. We also need people willing to help develop nominations for the International Award for Distinguished Service, to help develop a Seminar, and to evaluate student scholarship applications. Lots of great opportunities to help build our students and colleagues! Ultimately, this Chapter is our Chapter and its success is

completely dependent on each of us and our willingness to serve in and support it. Please consider actively participating. Yes, it takes time, but not very much. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact me (John Ruberson – jruberson2@unl.edu), Dana (dboden1@unl.edu), or Bob (rwright2@unl.edu).

One of the truly enjoyable functions of GSD is the recognizing of truly outstanding colleagues and students. Please consider nominating worthy individuals for GSD recognition this year at our upcoming meeting. The deadline for nominations is March 15th.

And finally, I would like to invite you to extend invitations to colleagues and students to participate in GSD. Please share your ideas about things we can do to help make GSD a more meaningful and relevant part of your career path and the paths of others around you. I hope to see most of you at the GSD Initiation and Awards Reception Monday, April 1st, 7 p.m. in the Nebraska East Union.

John R. Ruberson
Entomology Professor and Department Head
Nebraska Chapter GSD President, 2024-2025



**NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER
HONOR SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE, GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
COMPLETED FORM DUE: Wednesday, March 20th
Graduate students, Faculty, Staff, and/or Alumni**

The Membership Nominating Committee solicits your nominations for Lifetime membership in the Honor Society of Agriculture 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, referred to below as professional areas.

We encourage you to work with your nominee(s) to complete the Nomination Form attached, and attend the GSD Initiation & Awards Reception, Monday, April 1st, 7 p.m. in the Nebraska East Union.

NOTE: Nominations without the nominee's signature must be submitted via email to dboden1@unl.edu **BY March 12th**, to allow time for the nominee's response.

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 the professional areas 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 professional areas,
 - c. Completed 2/5 of the required hours for the advanced degree being sought, either the Master's or PhD, and
 - d. Have attained a grade average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in their graduate courses.
- 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.
- C. **Faculty** are required to be engaged in work in the professional areas with the University of Nebraska.
- D. **Alumni** who meet all the following requirements:
 - a. Have shown outstanding work or service in the professional areas.
 - b. Have 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 & mail or email to:

Robert J. Wright, GSD Membership Coordinator, Entomology Department:

For On-Campus Mail: ENTO 103 - 0816

For U.S. Mail: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Email: rwright2@unl.edu

Lincoln NE 68583-0816

*The new member's payment may be by check **made payable to Gamma Sigma Delta** & sent to Dr. Wright, or for **paying electronically**, our chapter has a **Venmo** account:*

https://www.venmo.com/u/NE_Chapter_GSD

**NEBRASKA CHAPTER GAMMA SIGMA DELTA Membership
Nomination Form for Faculty, Staff, Graduate Students, OR Alumni**

Nominee: _____ **Date** _____
 (Please print name as it should appear on the membership certificate)

University Address: _____ **Email** _____

Type of Nomination (Choose One) Faculty / M/P Staff / O/S Staff / Grad Student / Alumni

If **faculty**, provide date of appointment Month _____ Year _____

Degree	Date	Major	Institution
BS			
MS			
PhD			
DVM			
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. (Recommended)

Course	Grade	Course	Grade	Course	Grade

Major Professional Area Activities: (Attach résumé/CV if available)

Nominators: (Three GSD Member's signatures required)

Name (Print)	Department	Signature

____ I am sending the **\$25** initiation fee to become a Life Member of The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta.
 _____ I am also including \$20 for my 2024 Active Membership dues in the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Nominee's signature _____

2023 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Candidates are not required to hold a graduate assistantship to be eligible.

The recipient will receive their award at the GSD Recognition Event on March 26, 2023. Nominees should submit a current résumé/cv, a listing of UNL graduate course work and grades received, and no more than three (3) letters of recommendation to: Robert Wright (rwright2@unl.edu)

GSD Membership Coordinator

BY 5 p.m. March 15, 2024. Applications must be submitted electronically.

Previous Award Winners:

2009 – Tim Husen, Entomology

2010 – Jessie Fernandez, Plant Pathology

2011 – Chandirasegaran Massilamany, VMBS

2012 – Aruna Gangaplara, VMBS

2013 – Daran Rudnick, Biological Systems Engineering

2014 – Vivek Sharma, Biological Systems Engineering

2015 – Kevin Sargent, Animal Science

2016 – Amy Desaulniers, Animal Science

2017 – Kait Chapman, Entomology

2018 – Meetpal Kukal, Biological Systems Engineering

2019 – Sajjan Grover – Entomology

2020 – Jordan Reinders -- Entomology

2021 – Gabriela Inveninato Carmona -- Entomology

Evaluation Criteria:

- **Scholarship** (performance in course work, & research, teaching, extension). – **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**



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

2023 Teaching Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Teaching Award Committee
Lena Luck (2022)
Ronald M. Lewis (2023)
Renee McFee (2024)

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2023 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 and are **DUE MARCH 15TH** to: Lena Luck lena.luck@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENT

1963	John Sulek	1985	M. Rosalind Morris	2007	Darrell R. Mark
1964	Loyal C. Payne	1986	Virginia A. Book	2008	Bryan Reiling
1965	William L. Colville	1987	Richard Waldren	2009	Tiffany Heng-Moss
1966	Pauline N. Doryland	1988	Dennis R. Brink	2010	Martha Mamo
1967	David P. McGill	1989	Steve Waller	2011	Lisa Karr-Lilienthal
1968	James G. Kendrick	1990	Robert Sorenson	2012	Madhavan Soundararajan
1969	Charles H. Adams	1991	Jim Kinder	2017	Tom Weissling
1970	U.E. Wendorff	1992	Ken Von Bargaen	2018	Jennifer Wood
1971	Terry J. Klopfenstein	1993	Ackland Jones	2019	Lena Luck
1972	Ernest J. Peo, Jr.	1994	Ronald M. Case	2020	Ronald M. Lewis
1973	Lowell E. Moser	1995	Dennis M. Conley	2021	Renee McFee
1974	P.J. Cunningham	1996	George H. Pfeiffer	2022	No Nominees!
1975	Roy G. Arnold	1997	Dennis McCallister		
1976	A. Dale Flowerday	1998	Steve Jones		
1977	Bobby D. Moser	1999	Leon Higley		
1978	Dwane Zimmerman	2000	Donald C. Lee		
1979	Ronald J. Hanson	2001	Walter Schacht		
1980	Keith E. Gilster	2002	Phil Miller		
1981	David T. Lewis	2003	Stephen Mason		
1982	Allen G. Blezek	2004	Ellen Paparozzi		
1983	Ted H. Doane	2005	Timothy Carr		
1984	Robert A. Olson	2006	Linda O. Young		

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 is required; membership in the Nebraska Chapter is desirable, but not mandatory.
5. An award nomination application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn.

Nomination packet should include:

- Name of nominee (including an email address)
- Educational background
- Current position
- Responsibilities (courses taught and enrollment for most recent five semesters, spring semester 2021 through spring semester 2023)
- 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.

- *A total of four (4) letters of recommendation, are required: in addition to the category of the nominator's letter – also one from a colleague, a current student, a former student, and/or an administrator. All should be submitted with the nomination.*



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2023 Research Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Research Award Committee
Daniel Ciobanu (2023)
Patricio Grassini (2024)
Joe Louis (2025)

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter's Research Award for 2023. 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 and are **DUE March 20th, 2024** to: Daniel Ciobanu dciobanu@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980	Orvin C. Burnside	1999	Terrance Riordan	2018	Rodney Moxley
1981	Dermot P. Coyne	2000	Chris R. Calkins	2019	Angela Pannier
1982	Terry Klopfenstein	2001	Drew Lyon	2020	Daniel Ciobanu
1983	James H. Williams	2002	Terry Mader	2021	Patricio Grassini
1984	Roger W. Mandigo	2003	Glenn Helmers	2022	Joe Louis
1985	James E. Specht	2004	Michael Brumm		
1986	Rodger K. Johnson	2005	Judy Driskell		
1987	Austin J. Lewis	2006	Blair Siegfried		
1988	Glenn W. Froning	2007	Janos Zempleni		
1989	Kenneth Vogel	2008	Andrew Benson		
1990	Roger W. Wilson	2009	Clinton Jones		
1991	Milford Hanna	2010	Curt Weller		
1992	Merlyn K. Nielsen	2011	Yiqi Yang		
1993	Joan Laughlin	2012	Galen Erickson		
1994	P. Stephen Baenziger	2013	Tim Carr		
1995	James E. Kinder	2014	George Graef		
1996	L. Dale Van Vleck	2015	Andrea Cupp		
1997	Larry V. Cundiff	2016	Jeyam Subbiah		
1998	David D. Baltensperger	2017	Stephen Kachman		

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 nomination 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. Letters should be from persons in a position to evaluate the nominee's research accomplishments.



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2023 Extension Award Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Extension Award Committee

Karla Wilke (2023)

Justin McMechan (2024)

Mary Drewnoski (2025)

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2023 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 and are **DUE March 20th, 2024** to: Karla Wilke kjenkins2@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1981	Alexander R. Martin	1995	Frederick P. Baxendale	2009	Dennis Bauer
1982	Charles L. Fenster	1996	Doyle R. Wolverton	2010	Harshavardhan Thippareddi
1983	Donald C. Spitze	1997	Donald Steinegger	2011	David Varner
1984	Earl W. Gleaves	1998	David L. Keith	2012	Jennifer Rees
1985	J.C. Cranfill	1999	Dale Grotelueschen	2013	Shripat Kamble
1986	Gail A. Wicks	2000	Jeffrey F. Keown	2014	Gary Zoubek
1987	Douglas D. Duey	2001	Michael Brumm	2015	Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel
1988	Elbert C. Dickey	2002	Shirley Niemeyer	2016	Robert Wright
1989	Don Sander	2003	Dennis Burson	2017	Matt Spangler
1990	Dean H. Eisenhauer	2004	Linda Boeckner	2018	Amit Jhala
1991	Lloyd L. Young	2005	Ivan Rush	2019	Suat Irmak
1992	James E. Novotny	2006	Sharon Skipton	2020	Karla Wilke
1993	Carol Thayer	2007	James W. Goeke	2021	Justin McMechan
1994	Robert D. Grisso	2008	Rick Rasby	2022	Mary Drewnoski

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 nomination 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, including the nominator's letter. Letters should be 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

2023 Award of Merit Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee
Thomas Hoegemeyer (2023)
James Van Etten (2023)
Richard B. Ferguson (2024)
Janos Zempleni (2024)
Tiffany Heng-Moss (2025)
Gary A. Peterson (2025)

RE: Nominations for Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2023 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 below. An award application remains active for three years unless the individual submitting the application asks that it be withdrawn. Nominations should be submitted electronically & are **DUE March 15th** to: Thomas Hoegemeyer thoegemeyer2@unl.edu or James Van Etten jvanetten1@unl.edu

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 Award of Merit Committee shall be composed of the recipients of the Award from the past three years. The committee will canvas 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.

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 recognition event; and except under unusual circumstances, the recipient will be expected to be present to receive the award.

Past Recipients Nebraska Chapter Award of Merit

1956 O.H. Leibers T.A. Kiesselbach	1976 Robert E. Roselle Doyle H. Free	1998 Keith Gregory James Kinder
1957 W.W. Burr	1977 Ernest R. Peo, Jr. John L. Weihing	1999 Karen Craig
1958 F.L. Duley R.W. Gross	1978 O. Burr Ross Ralston Graham	2000 Robert Shearman Dale Van Vleck
1959 H.C. Filley W.J. Loeffel	1979 Robert A. Olson	2001 Rita Kean Roger Wehrbein
1960 T.H. Goodding	1979 Thomas W. Sullivan	2002 Rodger Johnson Roger Mandigo
1961 Howard Deems	1980 Rosalind Morris	2003 Merlyn K. Nielsen
1962 Ralph Cole G.A. Spidel	1981 Charles H. Adams Paul Fischbach	2004 Charles Hibberd
1963 Chauncy Smith Marvel Baker	1982 Wayne Collings Donald Hanway	2005 David Keith
1964 JC Russel J.C. Swinbank	1983 John Furrer James Williams, Jr.	2006 Z B Mayo Ron Hanson
1965 Marcus A. Weldon M.A. Alexander	1984 William Splinter R.D. Schnieder	2007 Don Adams
1966 Lawrence K. Crowe Frank E. Mussehl	1985 Lowell E. Moser Glen J. Vollmar	2008 Alan Baquet
1967 H.O. Werner	1986 David P. McGill	2009 Elbert Dickey
1968 John Muehlbeier R.M. Sandstedt Stanley Matzke Willard Waldo	1987 Francis Haskins	2010 Keith Glewen
1969 Edward W. Janike Albert J. Ebers	1988 Richard D. Earl Herman J. Gorz	2011 Susan Fritz
1970 Lionel C. Harris T.M. McCalla	1989 Glenn Froning Dermot Coyne	2012 Elizabeth Birnstihl
1971 E.F. Frolik A.W. Epp	1990 Sid Salzman LaVerne Stetson	2013 Don Wilhite
1972 Clare Porter Harold Stevens	1991 Robert Fritschen	2014 Dennis Brink
1973 John L. Adams Gordon E. Dickerson	1992 Charles Stonecipher Wes W. Furrer	2015 Paul Hay Steven Waller
1974 Philip A. Henderson M.G. McCreight	1993 Irvin T. Omtvedt	2016 Ron Yoder
1975 Marvin J. Twiehaus Myron Rumery	1994 Kermit Hansen Anne Vidaver	2017 P. Stephen Baenziger Allen Blezek
	1995 Glenn A. Helmers John Witkowski	2018 Marjorie J. Kostelnik Terence Hejny
	1996 Joan M. Laughlin Robert L. Raun	2019 Archie Clutter Dave Vetter
	1997 Martin Massengale	2020 Thomas Hoegemeyer James Van Etten
		2021 Richard B. Ferguson Janos Zempleni
		2022 Tiffany Heng-Moss Gary A. Peterson



GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

2024 NEBRASKA CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

TO: Gamma Sigma Delta Members

SUBJECT: Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2024

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 2024 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 2024, 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 on the form.

Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta members who have paid their dues are listed on the next page. Those of you who have paid dues in advance please check to see if my extension date is correct for your prepaid dues. If you were an active member in the previous year(s) and your name is not on this list, your membership has expired.

If you wish to be placed on the GSD inactive list, do not send dues but mark the appropriate line on the form and return it to me. 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.

Past Award of Merit Winners are Exempt from paying dues. They may choose to Donate to the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Fund in order to further the scholarship support.

Best regards,

Robert J. Wright

Robert J. Wright
Membership Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

The following list includes dates active membership ends.
If your name *is not* on this list, your active membership has expired.
Please pay your 2024 dues
to retain, or activate, your active membership in the Nebraska Chapter.
If you wish, you may pay dues for multiple years in advance.
Annual Dues \$20.00 per year.
*More Active Members equals more opportunities for increasing
recognition of outstanding students and colleagues,
and presentations of programs!*
If you were inducted into another GSD Chapter,
we welcome you to join us!
Pay dues and be active in our Nebraska Chapter!

2024

Erin Blankenship
Rachel Clarkson
John Gilley
Joe Louis
Dustin Loy
Renee McFee
Justin McMechan
John Ruberson
Matthew Spangler
Deborah VanOverbeke

2025

Blessing Ademokoya
David Aiken
Mike Jacobsen
Stacy Lempka
Jenny Nixon
Kenneth Vogel
Robert Wright

2026

Dana W. R. Boden
Lisa Karr
Jessica Peterson

2027

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel
Bertrand Clarke
Tamra Jackson-Ziems
Brad Lubben

2028

Samodha Fernando
Janos Zempleni

2029

Mary Drewnoski

2031

Amit Jhala



Nebraska Chapter MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

_____ I am enclosing \$20.00 payment for my active membership dues for the year 20____.

_____ 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 email / mail 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

Robert J. Wright
GSD Membership Coordinator
Entomology Department
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln NE 68583-0816

Payment may be by check made payable to **Gamma Sigma Delta** or
for paying electronically, our chapter has a **Venmo** account:

https://www.venmo.com/u/NE_Chapter_GSD

Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate 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 student ranks. The **Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund** was initiated with a \$750 grant from Gamma Sigma Delta International. It has become an endowed fund of the University of Nebraska Foundation which provides for one or more awards per year.

A Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Student Award Selection Committee will organize the application and selection process. Students in Agriculture, Human Sciences, and related sciences who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise are eligible.

For more information, call 800-432-3216 or visit the website at www.nufoundation.org

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund – #10996.

You may make your donation by

Mailing the following form to:

University of Nebraska Foundation
P.O. Box 82555
Lincoln, NE 68501-2555

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the **University of Nebraska Foundation** for the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund #10996

Name: _____

Address

City: _____

State

Zip Code

Email:

Phone

OR

Give online at: <https://nufoundation.org/fund/01109960/>

In Memoriam

It came to our attention some member obituaries had failed to be included here in some recent issues. That was completely unintentional. As a result, there is some “catching up” here in this issue.



Raymond “Gene” White, DVM., 90, of Lincoln, passed away May 28, 2021. Born October 10, 1930, in Elana, WV to Curtis R. and Ora May (Coen) White.

Gene was a U. S. Army Veteran and served in the Korean War. He retired from the University of Nebraska Lincoln as a veterinarian, where he was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1973. He was a member of Masonic Lodge and served as a military honor guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Donna.

Family members include his daughter Janice (James) Richert, Fremont; son Keith White, Valparaiso; grandchildren Joshua Richert (Ashlee Folsom), Jessica (James) Horne, Denison, TX; great-grandchild Johanna Horne; brother Ralph White; sisters-in-law Dixie Harold and Ruth Harold; his girlfriend Mary Lou Chapek, Ft. Calhoun, NE.

Graveside Service was on Monday, June 7, 2021 at the Omaha National Cemetery, 14250 Schram Road.

Memorials to Roane County Scholarship Foundation, Inc. c/o Gene and Donna White Memorial, 804 Summit Street, Spencer, WV 25276.

If you know of any items for inclusion in future Newsletters, including the “In Memoriam” section, please email Chapter Historian, Dana W. R. Boden, dboden1@unl.edu



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In Maintaining the Esteem,

Upholding the Honor, and

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