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Presentation Remarks
Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 - East Campus Union

I am really pleased to have this opportunity to present the 2008 Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit to Alan Baquet. Being here to say “Congratulations, Alan,” is a special treat for me – and I do say, “Congratulations, Alan.” You are very deserving of this honor.

I have known Alan Baquet since I first arrived in Nebraska. We worked very closely together when he served as associate vice chancellor, and we continue to work together as he leads the Department of Agricultural Economics, and serves as Director of the Center for Applied Rural Innovation. I admire Alan’s ability to bring people of different views together, hear what they are saying, and work with them to develop solutions and plans that move everyone forward for the common good.

Alan also served the Institute and Nebraska as district director of the South Central Research and Extension Center at Clay Center. When that center was closed by Legislative budget cuts, he led those who worked with him there by example as he did all he could to make – and help each of them make – the best of an extremely difficult situation. I appreciate so much the positive attitude Alan brings to his work.

Alan also has served the Institute and Nebraska as interim associate director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, and Interim Associate Dean of the Agricultural Research Division.

Before coming to UNL, Alan received his B.S. degree in agricultural business from Montana State University; his M.S. degree in agricultural economics from Oregon State University; and his Ph.D. degree in production economics and farm management from Michigan State University.

Alan has been a faculty member at Montana State University, and at Oklahoma State University, and he has worked in the private sector. He has advised and directed many graduate students, been actively engaged in research, taught courses, and has a broad understanding of extension education. Currently Dr. Baquet serves as secretary of the Nebraska chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, and he is a member of several academic and professional societies.

Alan Baquet truly is a person of merit. Again, congratulations, Alan!

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