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# Nebraska Chapter

## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

### Newsletter

Issue #47, Fall 2013

#### President's Message

Dear Gamma Sigma Delta members,

What a difference a year makes. Also, the diversity in climatic conditions in Nebraska was evident this year. Some areas received ample moisture while others struggled.

Dr. Dennis Brink is on the officer team at International Gamma Sigma Delta, and he and the officer team met in Lincoln this summer. Nebraska will host the GSD Conclave in June of 2014. Plan to participate in the conclave as it will be packed with outstanding learning opportunities.

Our annual meeting and seminar is scheduled for October 10, 2013. Dr. Ken Cassman will be the seminar presenter. We have asked Dr. Cassman to address the topic of feeding nine billion people with less water and land. As you think about this tall task you think about the importance of the development of technology and the re-packaging and transferring this technology to the people that will implement it into management strategies. The world that we interact with today is much different than 10, 20, and 30 years ago. The backbone of our organization is how our members contribute to the understanding and furthering of agriculture and natural resources, human sciences, and biological engineering.

The 2014 Initiation and Awards Banquet date is set for January 26, 2014. Help us identify people that should be initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta. In addition, help identify deserving undergraduate and graduate students that we need to recognize their accomplishments. We also need to identify deserving faculty in the areas of research, teaching, and extension that we need to recognize.

The University of Nebraska and IANR is in the midst of hiring more faculty than I can remember in my tenure. As new faculty become members of your department, ask them if they are members of GSD and if they are, encourage them to be active members of our Nebraska Chapter. If they are not members of GSD, consider nominating them.

Look forward to seeing you this fall and the spring of 2014.

*Rick Rasby*

GSD Nebraska Chapter President

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

- **Fall Seminar – Thursday October 10**  
**Dr. Ken Cassman – Presenter**  
116 Chase Hall  
3:00 PM
- **Annual Business Meeting**  
4:00 PM
- **Nominations for New Gamma Sigma Delta Members –**  
**Due November 1**
- **Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Awards**  
**Due November 15, 2013**
  - Award of Merit
  - Excellence in Extension
  - Excellence in Research
  - Excellence in Teaching
  - Outstanding Graduate Student
- **Awards Banquet**  
Sunday, January 26, 2014  
Beacon Hills  
5353 North 27 Street, Lincoln  
6:00 PM
- **Membership Renewal Form**

## Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Annual Business Meeting

October 10, 2013  
116 Chase Hall  
3:00 PM

### Agenda

#### I. Officer Reports

- Secretary – Approval of 2012 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 – No items of Old Business at this time

#### 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 16. Questions? Contact Kevin Meyer at [kmeyer@nufoundation.org](mailto:kmeyer@nufoundation.org).

## 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 2013 dues, please use the renewal form on page 17. Retired members and previous Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit recipients are exempt from dues. People who have prepaid 2013 dues were listed in the Spring 2013 Newsletter (available at <http://go.unl.edu/5qi>). Note: New members who were inducted in 2013 are prepaid through December 31, 2013.

*Bob Wright*

Bob Wright  
Membership Coordinator

## *In Memoriam*

**Dr. Roy A. Young**, 91, UNL chancellor from 1976-80, died April 19, in Corvallis, Oregon.

During his time at UNL, Young oversaw the College of Dentistry's move to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. It was also at Young's recommendation in 1979 that the School of Journalism, now known as the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, become separate from the College of Arts and Sciences. Upon his arrival in Lincoln from Oregon State University, Young was charged with increasing research activity and outside funding, and by 1980 UNL achieved a record \$30 million in grants, contracts, and gifts.

Young also was known for setting up a system of Faculty Development Fellowships, similar to sabbaticals that allowed qualified professors to go on leave for a semester or year at half pay. He also initiated UNL's affiliation with the National Merit Scholars program.

"We are saddened to learn of the death of former Chancellor Roy Young," Chancellor Harvey Perlman said. "A lifelong researcher, Chancellor Young presided over a period of change at UNL. He was a dedicated champion of the mission of the university, especially its research efforts and the quality of undergraduate education across UNL.

"His legacy at our university is still evident today."

Young was born the son of John A. Young and Etta J. (Sprinkle) Young on March 1, 1921, in McAlister, New Mexico, where he grew up on the family ranch. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from New Mexico State University and his Master of Science degree in 1942 from Iowa State University.

Young was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving as a deck officer, navigator, antisubmarine warfare officer, and executive officer in the Atlantic and Pacific areas of operation from 1942 to 1946. He served in the Navy Reserve from 1946 to 1954 and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander. He returned to Iowa State following the end of World War II, and was awarded his doctoral degree in plant pathology and botany in 1948.

From 1948 to 1976, Young was a professor at Oregon State University, serving as head of the department of botany and plant pathology from 1958 to 1966, dean of research from 1966 to 1969, acting president in 1969 and 1970, and vice president for research from 1970 to 1976. In 1985, Young received Oregon State's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

He led efforts at UNL to increase the quality standards for student admissions and enhancement of the teaching and research programs of the campus. He departed UNL to accept the post of president and managing director of the prestigious Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Ithaca, New York, where he served from 1980 to 1986.

Young is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn; and their two children, Janet of Merced, California; and Randall of Portland, his wife, Nancy, and their children, Katherine and Robert.

Private interment was held at River View Cemetery in Portland. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial contributions give to the charity of their choosing.



**NOMINATIONS FOR  
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA  
September 2013**

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 1, 2013** 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](mailto: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)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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  
Keith Glewen  
Susan Fritz  
Beth Birnstihl

**RE:** Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2013 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 15, 2013** to:

Keith Glewen  
Southeast Research and Extension Center  
[Kglewen1@unl.edu](mailto:Kglewen1@unl.edu)

### PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

## **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  
Harshavardhan Thippareddi, Chair  
David Varner  
Jennifer Rees

**RE:** Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2013 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 15, 2013** to:

Dr. Harshavardhan Thippareddi  
Food Science and Technology  
[Harsha.thippareddi@unl.edu](mailto:Harsha.thippareddi@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		

## **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.



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

## Research Award Nomination

**TO:** IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

**FROM:** Research Award Committee  
Curt Weller, Chair  
Yiqi Yang  
Galen Erickson

**RE:** Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter's Research Award for 2013. 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 15, 2013** to:

Dr. Curt Weller  
Biological Systems Engineering  
[Cweller1@unl.edu](mailto:Cweller1@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		

## **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  
Martha Mamo, Chair  
Lisa Karr-Lilienthal  
Madhavan Soundararajan

**RE:** Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2013 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 15, 2013** to:

Dr. Martha Mamo  
Agronomy and Horticulture  
[Mmamo3@unl.edu](mailto:Mmamo3@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		
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 2011 through spring semester 2013)
- 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 26, 2014.

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](mailto:rwright2@unl.edu)), GSD Membership Coordinator, by **November 15, 2013**. 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

### **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 2013**

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### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President: Rick Rasby  
President Elect: Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
Secretary: TBD  
Treasurer: TBD  
Membership Coordinator: Robert Wright  
Historian: Z B Mayo  
Past President: Julie Albrecht

### **AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE**

Keith Glewen (2013)  
Susan Fritz (2014)  
Elizabeth Birnstihl (2015)

### **EXTENSION AWARD COMMITTEE**

Harshavardhan Thippareddi (2013)  
Susan Fritz (2014)  
Jennifer Rees (2015)

### **RESEARCH AWARD COMMITTEE**

Curt Weller (2013)  
Yiqi Yang (2014)  
Galen Erickson (2015)

### **TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE**

Martha Mamo (2013)  
Lisa Karr-Lilienthal (2014)  
Madhavan Soundararajan (2015)

### **INITIATION AND AWARD BANQUET**

Julie Albrecht (Past President)  
Rick Rasby (President)  
TBD (Secretary)

### **INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Martin Massengale  
Dennis Brink

### **SEMINAR COMMITTEE**

Rick Rasby (President)  
TBD (Secretary)

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Robert Wright (Coordinator)  
Dann Husmann, Ex Officio\*  
Judith Hofeldt, Ex Officio  
TBD (GSD Secretary)

### **OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

(Current Executive Committee)  
  
President: Rick Rasby  
President Elect: Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
Secretary: TBD  
Treasurer: TBD  
Membership Coordinator: Robert Wright  
Historian: Z B Mayo  
Past President: Julie Albrecht

### **SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

(Past Presidents)  
  
Robert Wright (Coordinator)  
Julie Albrecht (2014)  
Dann Husmann, Ex Officio

### **GRADUATE AWARD**

Robert Wright\*  
Executive Committee

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

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