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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## The Honor Society of Agriculture

### Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

Issue #52

Spring 2016

#### President's Message

Happy Spring! As indicated below I am your 2016 Chapter President, having been appointed to complete Jennifer Rees' term as President-Elect in late 2015, as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws. With the New Year I transitioned to President. I thank my fellow Executive Committee members for helping me in taking up this role.

Notice the Annual Meeting announcement in the box to the right. Please come out and participate. Revision of the Constitution & Bylaws is one of the main agenda items. As required, those changes were shared in advance via an email dated March 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is also the time to renew your active membership by paying Annual Dues. The form is at the end of this newsletter.

If you have colleagues new to UNL, inquire if they are GSD members already and encourage them to get involved here by becoming active members of the Nebraska Chapter with their dues payment. If not Gamma Sigma Delta members, keep them in mind later in the year, when the time for nominations to membership comes around!

Finally, the chapter is in need of a President-Elect appointee, candidates to be on the ballot for election as President-Elect for 2017, and members to serve on Committees. The committees list is later in this newsletter. Please contact me, or any member of the Executive Committee, with your interest or nominees.

Dana W. R. Boden, President  
Nebraska Chapter  
The Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta

Please Plan to Attend the  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2:00 P.M.**

East Campus Union

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#### **ANNUAL DUES TIME!**

Please remain an active  
member of the Nebraska  
Chapter for 2016.

Annual Dues \$20.00

**MORE ACTIVE MEMBERS**  
equals more opportunities  
for increasing recognitions  
of outstanding students!

## Welcome New Members



### **GAMMA SIGMA DELTA NEW MEMBERS**

#### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

##### **College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources**

McKenzie Beals	Animal Science
Amanda Clymer	Agricultural Economics
Brandon Freeman	Animal Sciences
Takashi Fukamachi	Agribusiness
Katherine Lagerstrom	Microbiology and Environmental Studies
D. J. Lunkwitz	Animal Science
Ashlynn Maier	Horticulture
Aaron Moore	Horticulture
Lindsay Ohlman	Fisheries and Wildlife
Clark Rathman	Agribusiness
Alex Schmitz	Microbiology

##### **College of Education and Human Sciences**

Amber Hoffmeyer	Nutrition & Health Sciences
Andrea Ohles	Child, Youth & Family Studies
Emily Pederson	Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design
Miranda Wieczorek	Child, Youth & Family Studies

##### **College of Engineering**

Mitch Maguire	Biological Systems Engineering
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### **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Hatem Kittana	Food Science and Technology
Napoleon Vargas Jurado	Statistics
Anthony McMechan	Doctor of Plant Health and Entomology
Joao Carlos Gomes Neto	Food Science and Technology
Jamie Parham	Animal Science
Kashly Schweer	Animal Science
Jorge Venegas	Agronomy and Horticulture

### **FACULTY**

Patricio Grassini	Agronomy and Horticulture
Amir Haghverdi	Biological Systems Engineering
Stephen Kachman	Statistics
Joe Louis	Entomology
Debra Schroeder	Nebraska Extension—Cuming County
Judy Wu-Smart	Entomology

### **ALUMNUS**

Mark Schroeder	West Point, Nebraska
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**Dean Steve Waller challenges  
the new initiates to leadership  
and service during the  
Initiation and Awards Banquet  
January 31, 2016**

## Recipients of 2015 Gamma Sigma Delta Awards

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Award Committee announced the 2015 award recipients at the annual Initiation and Awards Banquet on January 31, 2016. 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: **Steven Waller**



Steve Waller receives the Award of Merit for Service from Ronnie Green, Harlan Vice Chancellor, IANR.

**Steven Waller** received his Associate of Science degree in pre-forestry from Vincennes University in 1967, a bachelor's degree in conservation from Purdue University in 1970, and a doctorate in range science from Texas A&M University in 1975. In 1975, he became an Assistant Professor at South Dakota State University in the Animal Science Department. He also served as an Assistant to the Director of Resident Instruction. He moved to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1978. He served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Agronomy, then a Professor before assuming a joint appointment as the Assistant Dean of the Agricultural Research Division and the Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in 1993. From July 2000 to June 2002 he served as Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, becoming Dean in June 2002.

*"Dedicated, driven, and optimistic are just a few words I would use to describe Steve Waller, Dean*

*of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Dean Waller is passionate about our agriculture industry and the students that will shape our industry in the future."*  
*Dr. Ronnie Green*

*"Dean Waller is passionate about the agriculture industry and seeing students play a role in its growth and success. I've known him for over 15 years, and in that time, his enthusiasm and gusto for the future of agriculture has never faded. The ten years of enrollment growth in CASNR are a direct reflection of his drive to make Nebraska a great place to study, earn a degree, find a job and raise a family."* *Jill Brown*

Dr. Waller is a Fellow in the Society of Range Management. The UNL Parents Association has honored him many times for contributions to students. He also has earned teaching awards and is an outstanding supporter of Gamma Sigma Delta.



### Award of Merit for Service

Recipient: **Paul Hay**

There are so many reasons why **Paul Hay** is highly deserving of the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit. Let me share a glimpse of Paul's work that exemplifies his meritorious work.

Paul has championed reduced- and no-till farming systems for more than three decades in southeast Nebraska. The fruits of his labor have saved Nebraska farmers millions of dollars in retained soil, moisture conservation, improved soil quality, and ultimately higher crop yields.

His keen focus on helping farmers in Gage County and surrounding counties understand the 2008 Farm Bill and

make strategic decisions accordingly reaped 24 million dollars in benefits to farmers in this region in 2013. In 2014 Paul and his colleagues again spent considerable time helping farmers enhance risk management in their respective operations through careful review and selections for the new Farm Bill.

Paul documented over 6,000 education contacts in 2014. Teaching presentations were delivered to 4,800 people and he also responded to approximately 3,500 phone calls. One farmer said, "I have to give Extension credit for more than five figures of my income every year."



Paul Hay receives the Award of Merit for Service from Ronnie Green, Harlan Vice Chancellor, IANR and Chuck Hibberd, Dean, Nebraska Extension.

Paul is a great example of how Extension educators engage local communities and audiences in meaningful work. He serves in leadership roles for many community organizations. One piece of advice that Paul has

offered to new educators is, "If you are driving out of your community to attend another training event and do not visually see an impact that you have had in your community, turn around and go back to your office to do this type of work."

### Excellence in Research Award

Recipient: **Andrea Cupp**

**Andrea Cupp** is a Professor in Animal Science within the reproductive physiology area, focusing on applied and fundamental approaches to solve reproductive problems in beef cattle. Her research goal is to improve reproductive performance of beef cows with specific focus on genetic and cell physiology, gonadal gene function, and methods to manipulate estrus. Andrea has a 70% research, 30% teaching appointment and started at UNL in August of 2000. She has completed 13 graduate students and 1 Postdoctoral Fellow and currently advises 5 graduate students and 1 Postdoctoral Fellow. Dr. Cupp has received over \$4.8 million in research support, with the majority of funding coming from USDA and NIH. One research area focus is on cows within the Physiology herd with excess androgen. These cows are less fertile (yet have heavier calves at weaning) and phenotypically are similar to women with polycystic ovary syndrome. A greater understanding of the mechanisms behind the metabolic and reproductive altered function in these cows is being elucidated and may allow for treatment of infertility in cows (and women). Dr. Cupp is also studying the role of VEGFA (Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor A) in male and female reproduction as it relates to both testis and ovarian development and function. Dr. Cupp has authored 67 peer-reviewed articles, 120 abstracts, 6 proceeding articles and 26 producer reports in the annual Nebraska Beef Report. In addition, she has received recognition for her research in the Society for the Study of Reproduction (Young Investigator Award), American Society of Animal Science Midwest Section (Outstanding Young Animal Scientist), and within IANR (Junior Faculty Excellence in Research Award); and the Department holding the (Irvin T and Wanda R Omtvedt Professor of Animal Science Endowed Professorship). She has research collaborations with US MARC, UNMC, and numerous universities. Andrea has also served the profession by holding numerous leadership positions within the Society for the Study of Reproduction and American Society of Animal Science as well as departmental and IANR committees. Dr. Cupp is originally from Virginia, and received her B.S. degree from Virginia Tech, M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and conducted her Postdoctoral Research at the University of California-San Francisco and Washington State University.



Andrea Cupp receives the Excellence in Research Award from Archer Clutter, Dean/Director, Agricultural Research Division and Larry Berger, Department Head, Animal Science.

**Excellence in Teaching Award**  
Recipient: **Merlyn Nielsen**



Merlyn Nielsen receives the Excellence in Teaching Award from Steve Waller, Dean, CASNR and Larry Berger, Department Head, Animal Science.

**Merlyn K. Nielsen** is a native of Nebraska and holds a B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University. His UNL responsibilities included teaching and research. His main teaching responsibilities were teaching Animal Breeding, coordinating the Animal Science undergraduate research and Honors programs. Merlyn also advised approximately 20 undergraduate students and 2-3 MS and/or PhD graduate students each year.

Dr. Nielsen received the Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award in 1992 and Award of Merit in 2003. Merlyn served on the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Officer team from 1998-2002.

Throughout his career Merlyn has been dedicated to students and the following comments from his colleagues and students are testimony to his passion for students.

*"Students honestly come first for Merlyn. Regardless of other competing tasks for his time, he sets things aside to help students, whether it be with a homework assignment, choosing courses for the next semester, or to write a letter of recommendation. Regardless of what else is going on in his life, he devotes all of his attention to being prepared for class, to give students his best." Dr. Nielsen is an amazing advisor, as evidenced by the fact that numerous past students still seek his advice relative to their professional paths."* Matt Spangler

*"Dr. Nielsen is an educator of excellence. I especially appreciate his constant desire to challenge students to excellence. The personal development of the students he has nurtured is outstanding and testimony to the distinguished academic advising Dr. Nielsen provides!"* Dennis Brink

*"The first time I met Dr. Nielsen it seemed like an interview. He asked question after question about who I was, where I was from, where I want to go in life along with several other questions. The amazing part about that conversation was every time following that initial conversation, he remembered everything I had mentioned and was more interested in my life happenings."* Jaime Hanson

Merlyn is married to Elaine, and they have two children, Erin and Brian.



**Excellence in Extension Award**  
Recipient: **Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel**



As a Nebraska Extension Specialist in Community Vitality, **Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel** has acquired over \$1,000,000 in grant revenue to support community development work since starting the position in 2001. A majority of the funds, \$850,000, was targeted to help better understand rural new resident recruitment and retention in the northern Great Plains through two USDA National Research Initiative grants and one grant funded through the University of Nebraska Rural Futures Institute. Two of the three research projects were collaborative efforts with Extension faculty from North and South Dakota. As a result of these projects, communities understand what new

residents are looking for in a rural community as they explore relocation. Rural communities are revising websites, adding video and connecting with social media in ways that more accurately portray rural life and promote their area. They are even having grass-roots conversations about what the community should promote and what aspects of the community could be enhanced to support new resident recruitment.

Burkhart-Kriesel provided key leadership in major research and extension projects and in the development of related journal articles, extension circulars, a wide variety of public education materials, the Marketing Hometown America electronic magazine, and a vast assortment of web pages on a community marketing website.

In addition to her concentrated work on new resident recruitment and retention, she has partnered with a Nebraska Extension Educator to develop and implement a statewide tourism focused customer service program, both in a face-to-face and e-format, that reached over 1,300 front-line employees in both Nebraska and South Dakota. The program, *Red Carpet Service*, was a partnership between the local community tourism interests and the rural business community. It was recognized by the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals for both outstanding curriculum teamwork and technology innovation and by National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for technology development. As a result of this program, she has been contacted by Extension and tourism professionals in eight different states wanting information about the program, often consulting with them in the development of their own customized program. Currently a regional group of educators in Alabama are using the curriculum and South Dakota Extension is scheduled to use the program internally for their staff and externally for clientele.

As was said in one of her recommendation letters, "Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel is among the most dedicated and productive Extension faculty members with whom I have ever worked. She is a credit to our state and our University!"

## Outstanding Student Recognition

### Lauren Skrabal – Outstanding Undergraduate

Lauren is an outstanding student with a cumulative GPA of 4.000 with a major in Nutrition and Health Sciences (Nutrition and Dietetics Option) and Psychology minor. Her leadership and service activities include:

- Nutrition and Health Promotion Association: Lincoln Dietetic Association Executive Team
- College of Education and Human Sciences Undergraduate Student Advisory Board
- University Health Center Student Advisory Board
- Nebraska Extension— Omaha Nutrition Education Program Volunteer



Lauren Skrabal receives the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from Marjorie Kostelnik, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences and Tim Carr, Chair, Nutrition and Health Sciences.

### Kevin Sargent – Outstanding Graduate Student

**Kevin Sargent** has a very unique combination of excellence in research and a passion for teaching and learning. Kevin's Ph.D program under the direction of Dr. Andrea Cupp is focused in Animal Science (Reproductive Physiology) His dissertation topic is: Divergent vascular endothelial growth factor A (VEGFA) isoform signaling determines spermatogonial stem cell fate. Kevin's publication list includes six peer reviewed publications and twenty-nine abstracts. He was the primary author of an \$87,400 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services grant.

Kevin has provided multiple types of instruction in seven different courses from freshmen orientation, to sophomore and junior level anatomy and physiology to graduate courses in animal physiology and endocrinology. Kevin mentored two students from *North West Agriculture and Forestry University* (NWAUFU, China) and three University of Nebraska undergraduate students.



Kevin Sargent receives the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Archer Clutter, Dean/Director, Agricultural Research Division and Dr. Andrea Cupp, Animal Science.



### **Hillary Fischer - Arthur von Bergen Memorial Award**

Hillary is a senior working toward dual degrees in Plant Biology and Insect Science (minors in English and Chemistry) and is an excellent student. She is president of Insect Science Club and has been a teaching assistant for Genetics, Introduction to Plant Sciences, Insect Biology, and Insect ID. Hillary is completing a senior thesis project on insect-plant interactions.

Arthur von Bergen, alumnus of the University of Nebraska class of 1926, distinguished himself in the University as a leader and a scholar devoted to the field of agriculture and in giving service to his fellow man. The Arthur Von Bergen Memorial Award is presented in recognition of a graduating senior in the College of Agriculture who has maintained a high academic record and is active in worthwhile

Hillary Fischer is presented the Arthur von Bergen Memorial Award by CASNR Dean, Steve Waller.

### **Elizabeth Carreiro – Outstanding Undergraduate Finalist**

Elizabeth is an outstanding undergraduate student majoring in Animal Science. She maintains a 4.00 grade point average in the Honors Program and a very active leadership and service schedule. Her extracurricular activities:

- Alpha Zeta Honors Society
- CASNR Out of State Student Mentor
- Students for Education in Exotic and Companion Animals
- Dean's Scholars in Experiential Learning
- Neihardt Council Executive Board
- Resident Assistant
- Pre-Vet Club



Elizabeth Carrerio is presented the Outstanding Undergraduate Award by CASNR Dean, Steve Waller.



## *In Memoriam*

**Charles Robert Fenster**, 96, of Gering who died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, at The Residency at Northfield Retirement Communities in Scottsbluff.

Charles Robert Fenster was born July 16, 1919, on a farm eight miles northwest of Chappell, to Alfred Robert Fenster and Alpha Frances Lovell.

Charles attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln starting in the fall of 1937 and started out in Teacher's College, but after the first semester changed to the Agricultural College. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1942 and was then employed as a vocational agriculture teacher in Hooper, where he met and fell in love with Eunice Berggren, the home economics teacher and love of his life. They were married on June 23, 1943, at Fairdale Church outside St. Paul. Later they taught at Stanton and in 1945 moved to Pierce, where Charles worked for the Soil Conservation Service until 1956. They had two children, Larry Fenster, and Kay Fenster, born in 1947 and 1952.

In 1956, they moved to Alliance where Charles went to work for the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture for the purpose of working on a special project to control wind erosion and dry-land crop systems in western Nebraska at the Box Butte Experiment Station. He eventually became responsible for the High Plains and Box Butte University Laboratories and established the High Plains Agricultural Laboratory, located at the Sioux Army Depot near Sidney. Besides the research he conducted there, he loved to talk to the local farmers about wheat and their use of stubble mulch and all matters concerning farming. As one of the world experts in dry land farming, he traveled to Australia, Morocco and Turkey in order to help show how local methods could be improved. As a research professor at the University of Nebraska, he also was associated with many students who were studying dry-land farming practices. He was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in 1969.

Charles received numerous awards and commendations including: 1972 and 1973: Commendation Award and made a Fellow for the National Soil Science Society of America and American Society of Agronomy; 1983: Elected to Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement and joined the Board of Directors; In 1990, was recognized by the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association for his "Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture"; In 2015, the High Plains Agricultural Lab building at the University of Nebraska High Plains Agricultural Laboratory near Sidney, was named as the "Charles R. Fenster Building" in recognition of his UNL pioneering research in dry-land cropping systems.

In 1982, Charles retired but continued consulting with U.S. Aid programs in Morocco and Jordan. He was a longtime active member of the Scottsbluff Kiwanis and Faith Lutheran Church. He was also a member and Chairman of the Gering Park and Cemetery Board since 1970. He was appointed by the governor to the Antique Farm Equipment Commission and was actively involved in the founding of the Farm and Ranch Museum in Gering, which is now the Legacy of the Plains Museum. Until recently, he could be found at the museum most days. Charles was elected to be the President of the Old Settlers for Oregon Trail Days this coming Summer, July 2016.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife Eunice Fenster in 2013. His survivors include son, Larry and his wife Carol Fenster, grandson Dr. Brett Fenster and his wife Dr. Helke Fenster; and his great-grandchildren, Keene, Romi, and Cole. Also daughter, Kay DuBois and her husband Bob, their children Erik DuBois and his wife Sarah, and Stefan DuBois. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to: Legacy of the Plains Museum, 2930 Old Oregon Trail, Gering, Nebraska, 69341, Faith Lutheran Church, 2055 U Street, Gering, NE 69341 or Gering Park Board, PO Box 687, Gering, NE 69341.



## *In Memoriam*

**Walter Thaine Bagley** of Lincoln passed away at his home on February 29, 2016. Born January 3, 1917, at homestead in Yuma County, Colorado to Alice (Beach) Bagley and Arthur. Employed in Nebraska most of his life with the U.S. Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service and as assistant professor of forestry, University of Nebraska. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean conflict.

He was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in 1961.

Walt was a former UNL forestry professor, educator, forester and a truly unsurpassed tree planter. His stewardship of the land can be seen at Horning Farm near Plattsmouth, on former IBM properties in Lincoln, Wachiska Audubon Society, Wilderness Park, and at his 160-acre arboretum known as Prairie Pines.

With his wife, Virginia, he established Prairie Pines, a site devoted to wildlife habitat, education and research guided by the University of Nebraska and the Prairie Pines Pals nonprofit.

Preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, on February 14, 2007. Survived by son, Gary, and daughter-in-law, Judy, of Denver; grandsons, Curtis and Denny; five great-grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers.

Walt's wish for you is that you celebrate life by planting trees and saving and establishing prairies, wherever you are.

A celebration of Walt's life will be held at Prairie Pines in the spring. Memorials can be sent to Prairie Pines Pals 3100 N. 112th St., Lincoln, NE 68527.

# Gamma Sigma Delta Committees 2016

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## **EXECUTIVE**

President: Dana W. R. Boden  
President-Elect: TBA  
Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis Brink  
Membership Coordinator: Bob Wright  
Historian: Z B Mayo  
Past-President: Tamra Jackson-Ziems

## **AWARD OF MERIT**

Don Wilhite (2016)\*  
Dennis Brink (2017)  
Paul Hay (2018)  
Steve Waller (2018)

## **EXTENSION AWARD**

Shripat Kamble (2016)\*  
Gary Zoubek (2017)  
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel (2018)

## **RESEARCH AWARD**

Tim Carr (2016)\*  
George Graef (2017)  
Andrea Cupp (2018)

## **TEACHING AWARD**

Dann Husmann (2016)\*  
Roberto Cortinas (2017)  
Merlyn Nielsen (2018)

## **AUDIT**

Julie Albrecht  
Clayton Kelling

## **INITIATION AND AWARDS BANQUET**

Dana W. R. Boden  
Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
Dennis Brink  
Bob Wright  
Z B Mayo

## **INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

TBA

## **SEMINAR**

TBA

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Bob Wright (Coordinator)

## **OFFICER NOMINATING**

Dana W. R. Boden (2016) \*  
TBA

## **SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION**

Dennis Brink (2016) \*

\* 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 Agriculture, Human Sciences, 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.

### Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund #10996

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**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA**  
**2016 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE FOR NEBRASKA CHAPTER**  
**MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR, 103 ENTO**  
**INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**  
**LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68583-0816**

March 31, 2016

**TO:** Gamma Sigma Delta Members

**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2016

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 2016 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 2016, 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, 2016, 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, P. Hay, 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, S. Waller, 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 with their names. If you were an active member in 2015 and your name is not on this list, your membership has expired. **NOTE: New members inducted for 2016 are also Prepaid through December 31, 2016!!**

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James R. Steadman  
Linda M. Tempel  
Jorge Venegas  
Miranda Wieczorek  
Robert J. Wright  
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P Stephen Baenziger

Gail L. Brand  
Kendra R. Bretschneider  
Kathryn J. Hanford  
Tamra Jackson-Ziems  
Bradley D. Lubben  
Allison E. Raymond  
Debra E. Schroeder  
Mark J. Schroeder

**January 2016 – December 2018**

Allen G. Blezek  
Charles A. Hibberd  
David Schroeder  
Lirong Zeng

**January 2016 – December 2019**

Janos Zempleni

**January 2016 – December 2020**

John E. Gilley

**January 2016 – December 2021**

Chris R. Calkins

The following members have **Retired** and are on our active mailing list and are **Not** required to pay dues. 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, 2016.

Best regards,

*Robert J. Wright*

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Membership Coordinator



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