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Gamma Sigma Delta

The Honor Society of Agriculture

Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Gamma Sigma Delta Members!

Our Nebraska Chapter continues to be active. We want to be relevant and of interest across our membership, from undergrads to retired faculty. We appreciate the CASNR Dean's Office willingness to host a website for the Chapter. Watch for it, or an email announcement... perhaps even links to web forms in this newsletter!

Also, look inside this newsletter for information regarding awards the Chapter and Chapter members received at the International Conclave in late June. The next conclave, it is rumored, may be held in a neighboring state, so watch for further updates & consider whether you may want to attend.

It is the time of year to consider colleagues, graduate students, managerial/professional staff and alumni for **nomination to membership** in Gamma Sigma Delta. Please look for the information on requirements in this newsletter & nominate someone! I will say again, if you have colleagues new to UNL, inquire if they are GSD members already, if not, nominate them!

I am very happy to report the Chapter's need for a President-Elect has been filled. Dann Husmann has graciously accepted the appointment.

Finally, remember candidates are needed for the ballot for election as President-Elect for 2017, and members to serve on Committees, are still needed. 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

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

- **Membership & Awards Nominations Due November 21, 2016**
- **Initiation and Awards Banquet**
Sunday, January 29, 2017
East Campus Union
6:00 PM

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Gamma Sigma Delta Membership Renewal

We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Memberships are calendar based (starting in January). Please note the list of active members and the date membership expires on p. 18. If you have not previously submitted 2016 dues, please use the renewal form on p. 20. Retired members and previous Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit recipients are exempt from dues.

Bob Wright

Gamma Sigma Delta International Recognizes University of Nebraska Students and the Nebraska Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter.

Kevin Sargent, McKenzie Beals and Brandon Freeman were selected as recipients of 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Awards. Gamma Sigma Delta the Honorary Society of Agriculture each year recognizes outstanding students in agriculture and related sciences nominated by their local chapters. In addition, each year local chapters are recognized for quality of their chapter activities.



Kevin Sargent is the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Graduate Scholarship recipient.

Kevin is a Graduate Research Assistant and PhD candidate in the Animal Science Department of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kevin is an outstanding graduate student. He has a very unique combination of excellence in research and a passion for teaching and learning.

Kevin's list of publications is a testimony to his contributions to the field of reproductive physiology. He has published 35 peer reviewed publications (6 Journal Articles and 29 abstracts). He was the primary author of the grant proposal resulting in an award of \$87,400 by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to study mechanisms of VEGFA isoforms on germ stem cells.

Kevin has a passion for teaching. Kevin's enthusiasm and caring attitude is contagious. Students in the classes he teaches have the highest respect for him. 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 has mentored two students from *North West Agriculture and Forestry University* (NWAUFU, China) and three University of Nebraska undergraduate students.

Furthermore, Kevin is very service oriented. The list of service activities includes significant contributions of time to youth and young adults through leadership in:

- Junior Stem Fellows
- Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium
- Co-founder of Couples' Small Group, University of Lutheran Chapel
- Joplin, MO Disaster Relief, 2011, Capitol City Christian Church Young Adults Small Group
- Vacation Bible School Planning Committee/Children's Worship Leader

McKenzie Beals is the 2016 John Riley Gamma Sigma Delta Service Scholarship recipient.



McKenzie is an undergraduate student in Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. McKenzie has the unique combination of strong academic skills, impressive personal qualities, and desire to serve others. McKenzie demonstrated her outstanding servant leadership qualities in a variety of leadership and service activities for the following student organizations:

- UNL Tau Sigma Transfer Honor Society, Historian
- UNL Pre-Veterinary Club Treasurer
- UNL Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority Scholarship Chair
- Lincoln Animal Ambassadors Volunteer
- UNL Collegiate Farm Bureau
- UNL Block and Bridle member
- Alpha Zeta Honor Society

A highlight of McKenzie's outstanding leadership and service was her dedication to UNL Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority as Scholarship Chair. The following list underscores McKenzie's devotion to serving others and leadership skills.

- Developed study nights twice a month for members to get homework help and improve grades
- Developed scholarship nights once a month for members to get help applying for scholarships
- Developed scholarship program for outstanding members to cover yearly dues
- Volunteered with Agriculture in the Classroom, teaching Lincoln elementary students about crop and livestock agriculture

Furthermore, McKenzie's academic record indicates she is an outstanding student. Her grade point average of 3.79 in a demanding pre-veterinary medicine curriculum is excellent. And even more noteworthy given her long list of involvement and leadership in a long list of co-curricular activities.

Brandon Freeman is the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation

Undergraduate Scholarship recipient. As an Animal Science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Brandon Freeman demonstrated a truly outstanding combination of high scholarship and character. Brandon's list of scholarly activity, leadership participation, career development activities, and awards is outstanding:

- BS Animal Science (with High Distinction)
- All-University Honors Convocation High scholar 2015 and 2016
- The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Dean's List 2015-2016; 2014-2015; 2013-2014
- Student Representative at National Cattle's Beef Association Convention
- Gamma Sigma Delta
- Sigma Alpha Lambda – National Leadership & Honors Organization
- Animal Science Teaching Assistant
- Ruminant Nutrition Metabolism Research Assistant



Brandon's academic advisor, Dr. Bryan Reiling has the highest praise for Brandon. Dr. Reiling says,

"Brandon Freeman was a model student throughout his undergraduate career. Not only did he maintain a nearly perfect 3.91 cumulative GPA, he was humble, respectful, hard-working, and responsible. He was always willing to help, no matter how menial the task, and he was always listening and striving to learn more. It didn't matter that he had nearly straight A's and likely knew the information better than the majority of his classmates, he always gave the impression that he believed there was more to learn....., it has been his goal to return to his hometown, to be involved in the development and expansion of the family farming and ranching operation, and to make a difference in the community. "

Brandon has been accepted into an accelerated MBA program which he plans to complete before returning full time to production agriculture near Pierce, NE.

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Also Received Awards.

Gold Chapter Award

The Nebraska Chapter was selected as a Gold Chapter. The Gold Chapter Achievement Award is selected based on the annual chapter report. A maximum of 5 chapters may receive the award each year. For 2016 the Penn State University Chapter was selected as the outstanding chapter and Nebraska and South Dakota State were recipients of Gold Chapter Awards.

Most Improved Chapter Award

In addition, the Nebraska Chapter was selected as the most improved chapter based on change in chapter award scores from 2015 to 2016.



NOMINATIONS FOR GAMMA SIGMA DELTA – Due November 21, 2016

The Membership Nominating Committee solicits your nomination of graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta.

We rely on your help to ensure that Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes worthy co-workers and graduate students for their contributions in agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences. Nominations are requested for graduate students, faculty, managerial/professional staff, and alumni. Membership guidelines follow:

- A. Graduate students who meet all the following requirements:
 - a. Show superior ability to carry on research and/or advanced study in agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences or in other sciences where the individual student's area of study or research is directly related to those areas,
 - b. Show promise of making worthwhile contributions in these fields,
 - c. Completed 2/5 of the required hours for the advanced degree being sought, either at the Masters or PhD level, and
 - d. Attained a grade average of B or equivalent or better for graduate work toward an advanced degree.
- B. Staff who meet all the following requirements:
 - a. University of Nebraska employee for at least three years, and
 - b. Engaged in work in the professional areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences for a period of at least three years.
- C. Faculty who meet the following requirement:
 - a. Engaged in work in the professional areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences for a period of at least three years.
- D. Alumni who meet all of the following requirements:
 - a. Shown outstanding work in or service to agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design or family and consumer sciences.
 - b. Graduated from the University of Nebraska or an institution with a Gamma Sigma Delta chapter.
 - c. Graduated at least five years prior to election to membership.

Please use the following membership nomination form. Nominations must be received by **November 21, 2016** to be considered. Send the completed forms to:

Dennis Brink
A214 Animal Sciences
Lincoln, NE 68583-0908
dbrink1@unl.edu

NEBRASKA CHAPTER GAMMA SIGMA DELTA
Nomination for Faculty, Managerial/Professional,
Graduate Students, and Alumni

Date of Nomination: _____

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

University or other address: _____

_____ **E-Mail address:** _____

Type of Nomination: Faculty / Managerial Professional Graduate Student Alumni

If faculty or staff nomination, list date of appointment to University: _____
Month Year

Degree	Date	Major	Institution
BS	_____	_____	_____
MS	_____	_____	_____
PhD	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

Graduate student nominees only. List all graduate courses and grades at University of Nebraska. A copy of a transcript or grade report may be attached.

Course	Grade	Course	Grade	Course	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Professional Activities: (Attach résumé if available)

Nominators: (Three signatures required)

_____ Name	_____ Name	_____ Name
_____ Department	_____ Department	_____ Department

(Include attachments for additional comments)



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Award of Merit Nomination

TO: IANR Administrators and Gamma Sigma Delta Members

FROM: Award of Merit Committee

Don Wilhite, Chair

Dennis Brink

Paul Hay

Steve Waller

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit

The Award of Merit Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2016 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 21, 2016** to:

Don Wilhite

dwilhite2@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

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
Shripat Kamble, Chair
Gary Zoubek
Cheryl-Burkhart Kriesel

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the 2016 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 21, 2016** to:

Shripat Kamble
skamble1@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

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
Tim Carr, Chair
George Graef
Andrea Cupp

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award

Gamma Sigma Delta invites you to submit nominations for the Nebraska Chapter's Research Award for 2016. 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 21, 2016** to:

Tim Carr
tcarr2@unl.edu

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

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
Dann Husmann, Chair
Roberto Cortinas
Merlyn Nielsen

RE: Nominations for Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award

The Teaching Award Committee announces the call for nominations for the 2016 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 21, 2016** to:

Dann Husmann
dhussmann2@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	2013	Dann Husmann
1978	Dwane Zimmerman	1996	George H. Pfeiffer	2014	Roberto Cortinas
1979	Ronald J. Hanson	1997	Dennis McCallister	2015	Merlyn Nielsen
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 2014 through spring semester 2016)
- Academic advising responsibilities for past five semesters
- Documentation of scholarly activity such as invited/peer reviewed presentations, publications in teaching such as articles, textbooks, etc.
- Participation in teaching improvement program
- Student involvement (out-of-classroom interaction, advising of student organization etc.)
- Impact of nominee as teacher and adviser
- Student course evaluations which shall consist of a copy of the Results of the Objective Items. On the current CASNR evaluation form (CIEQ), this is the front summary page.
- Four letters of recommendation in addition to the nominator's letter are required. One letter of recommendation from a colleague, present student, former student, and an administrator should be submitted with the nomination

Outstanding Graduate Student Award - Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter

Purpose: To recognize outstanding graduate students in the areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design and family and consumer sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Procedures:

Students meeting the following criteria shall be eligible for this award:

- a. Candidates shall be graduate students at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), AAFCS accredited departments of the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS), and the College of Engineering and Technology when majoring in Biological Systems Engineering or Agricultural Engineering.
- b. Candidates shall have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their teaching, research, or extension endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise.
- c. Candidates are not required to hold a graduate assistantship to be eligible.

The winner will be awarded \$500 at the GSD Initiation and Awards Banquet on January 31, 2016.

Nominees should submit a current résumé/cv, a listing of UNL graduate course work and grades received, and no more than 3 letters of recommendation to Robert Wright (rwright2@unl.edu), GSD Membership Coordinator, by **November 21, 2016**. Applications must be submitted electronically.

Previous Award Winners:

- 2009 – Tim Husen, Entomology
- 2010 – Jessie Fernandez, Plant Pathology
- 2011 – Chandirasegaran Massilamany, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- 2012 – Aruna Gangaplara, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- 2013 – Daran Rudnick, Biological Systems Engineering
- 2014 – Vivek Sharma, Biological Systems Engineering
- 2015 – Kevin Sargent, Animal Science

Evaluation Criteria:

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

These accomplishments can be demonstrated by journal publications and written articles (published or submitted), presentations at professional society meetings, student course evaluations for teaching, instructional materials developed (classroom teaching/ laboratory/extension), extension programming activities, grants written and/or submitted for funding, special honors and recognitions achieved.

Letters of recommendation - **30 points**

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

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund

Your Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has established a fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation to allow us to expand our recognition of high standards of scholarship to the graduate student ranks. The **Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund** was initiated with a \$750 grant from the International Gamma Sigma Delta organization. The fund is an expendable fund at this time; however, our goal is to raise \$25,000 to endow it permanently. Your contributions will assist us in reaching this goal.

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

Please send your donations to the University of Nebraska Foundation at 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508 with the pledge form on next page.

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award Fund #10996

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

Card Number *Exp. Date*
☐ I/we pledge \$_____ payable over _____ years, beginning _____ (month/year).

Signature (for credit card payment or to establish a pledge) *Date*
☐ Give online at www.nufoundation.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

- ☐ My matching gift form is enclosed. If your employer or your spouse's employer has a matching gift program, your gift could be increased! Contact your employer's personnel office for information.
- ☐ I have already included the Foundation in my estate plans through my will, trust or life insurance.
- ☐ Please send information about making a planned gift. You may call 1-800-432-3216 to speak with a planned giving professional.

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In Memoriam

Earl Ellington

Earl Ellington –Dr. Earl F. Ellington, age 82, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away on June 14, 2016. Dr. Ellington was dedicated to his family, actively involved in the University of Nebraska Animal Science Department, where he retired in 2002. He had many hobbies that included enjoying family activities, farming and gardening, collecting antiques, cheering on the Nebraska Huskers, and traveling both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Ellington has devoted his professional career to education, first by receiving his B.S. and M.S from the University of Kentucky, and his Ph.D. from the University of California. Earl was initiated by Kentucky Chapter (1955); Gamma Sigma Delta International Treasurer 1992-1994.

After receiving his Ph.D. with an emphasis in Animal Physiology, Dr. Ellington began his career in education by teaching at Oregon State University (1962-1968), and then for over 30 years at the University of Nebraska Department of Animal Science (1968-2002).

Dr. Ellington served as academic adviser for undergraduates, major professor for M.S. and Ph.D. students, directed postdoctoral programs, served as advisor for student organizations and actively worked with past students for local and national alumni activities. He was highly respected and served as president of the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association and president of the Nebraska chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta and both president and international president of Phi Beta Delta.

Dr. Ellington became the recipient of many teaching awards, including the CASNR Alumni Association's Service, Honorary Life Membership, Legacy and Doc Elliot awards. Dr. Ellington served in teaching administration in both assistant dean and associate dean positions and in short-term international assignments in Africa, China and Costa Rica. At retirement, Dr. Ellington was honored to be recognized as CASNR associate dean emeritus and professor emeritus of Animal Science.

Earl will be remembered by his family as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle with deep devotion to family. Earl was born and raised on a farm with his five siblings, in Eastern Kentucky, where he learned the importance of family and education from his parents, Lindsay and Hazel Ellington.

Earl was fortunate to meet his wife of 63 years, Norma Ellington, when they were both in high-school. Earl was known to his family as a great story-teller, and at times even a little mischievous. Earl and Norma instilled the importance of family and education, on their two daughters, Teresa Jacka and Patricia Ellington and their families.

Earl is survived by his wife, Norma, daughters Teresa and husband David Jacka, Patricia Ellington and husband Mike Hill, grandchildren Jeff Jacka (Liz), Jennifer Jancich (Bryan), James Babcock, Sarah Elizabeth Schmidt (James), great-grandson Bentley Jancich, siblings Vivian Hogge, R.W. Ellington (Ginny), Arye Dethmers, Evelyn Sallee (Sam). He is predeceased by parents, Lindsay and Hazel Ellington; sister, Grace Edith; brother, Lindsay Ellington Jr.; and brothers-in-law, Fred Hogge and Donald Dethmers. From http://journalstar.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/ellington/article_52be6b05-8705-5581-86c6-0fa076459a01.html

Larry Appel

Larry Leroy Appel, 66, of Grant, Neb., passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 in rural Venango, Neb.

Larry was born July 5, 1950 at Scott City, Kan., to Raymond Jacob and Margaret Jean (West) Appel. He graduated from Scott County High School with the class of 1968. In 1984 he graduated from the University of Colorado in Ft. Collins with a degree in agronomy. In 1991 he received his master's degree in entomology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He was initiated into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in November, 1990.

Larry was married to Bonnie Long on Dec. 23, 1972 at Scott City. Their union was blessed with two children, Zachary and Andrea. They moved to Grant in 1984.

Larry was a constant and steady presence in his family, patient, supportive and caring. In addition to attending all his children's extra-curricular activities, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking with his family. They spent many weekends at Lake McConaughy, boating, jet skiing and having fun.

When his life was blessed with grandchildren, Larry experienced a new and special kind of joy and happiness. Larry and Bonnie frequently traveled to visit their children and grandchildren, and they made many wonderful memories on trips the families took together.

After moving to Grant, Larry was employed as an agronomist with Agro Serve for six years. In 1990 he started Appel Crop Consulting, Inc. He built his business on honesty, hard work and a sound knowledge of the agricultural industry. Larry loved the work, and over the years attended conferences and training to keep current with the latest research and technology. He always maintained a focus on his clients and was well-respected as a local businessman.

Larry was a volunteer for the Perkins County Fire Department and EMS from 1992 through 2008, serving as ambulance captain from 1995 through 2008.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; brother David and sister June Palen.

Survivors include his wife Bonnie of Grant; children: Zachary (Erica) Appel of Evanston, Wyo., and Andrea Tatum of Albuquerque, N.M.; three grandchildren: Gabriel Tatum, Amberlee Appel and Roan Appel; his siblings: Noreene Jaeger of Overland Park, Kan., Sharon Appel of Denver, Jim (JoDee) Appel and Terrance (Karen) Appel, all of Scott City, Kan.; mother-in-law Gloria Long of Leoti, Kan.; brothers and sisters-in-law: Steve (Patricia) Long of Garden City, Kan., Mary (Neal Mazer) Long of Albuquerque, Lori (Eric) Batman Kennewick, Wash., Todd (Diana) Long and Roger Long, all of Leoti, Jim (Jeanne) Long of Houston; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Larry was loved by friends and family and will be greatly missed.

Thomas Sullivan

Thomas Sullivan, 85, of Russellville, died Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock. He was born September 30, 1930 in Rover to Tom H. and Anna A. Castleberry Sullivan. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, on the board of the Wesley Foundation and the Mount Eagle Retreat Center. Mr. Sullivan graduated from Tech in 1949 and then went on to complete his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma A & M College (now OSU) in 1951. He then went on to receive a Master's of Science degree in animal nutrition at UA. Tom was initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta by the Arkansas Chapter (1955). He earned his Ph. D. in Nutrition and Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin in 1958. Dr. Sullivan served as professor of poultry science at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) in 1958 to 1993. He served as poultry section leader in the Animal Science Department from 1984-1993. He helped found the Nutrition Interdepartmental Graduate Program at UNL in 1963 and served as chairman of the Graduate Committee for eight years. He supervised 20 Ph. D. candidates and served on numerous graduate advisory committees. He was named an Honorary Fellow by the Poultry Science Association in 1994. He earned the America Feed Industry Nutrition Award in 1995 for feed phosphate and mineral nutrition research with turkeys. After retirement he taught poultry science courses at Tech as an adjunct professor. In 1997 he was inducted into the Hall of Distinction at Arkansas Tech. In 2002, Sullivan was recognized as a member of the Heritage Society of the Kiwanis International Foundation. He was a Kiwanis (past) Governor MO/Arkansas district from 2004-2005. He was also the past secretary of the Democratic Party and Briggsville Fire Department Board. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Anna J. Sullivan Fryar; and a grandson, Nickalus Cathey. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Maggie Cathey Sullivan; two step-sons and daughters-in-law, Nickey and Pat Cathey of Dardanelle and David Alan and Angie Cathey of Lincoln, Nebraska; a step-daughter, Johnnie Cathey of Little Rock; a foster son and his wife, Ron and Barb Born; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles and Nina Sullivan of Van Buren and Paul Sullivan of Briggsville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Fred Ward of Modesto, California and Mary Jean and Harvey Sharp of Kansas City, Kansas; eight step-grandchildren, Josh and Noah Cathey, Cassie Born, Ashley Hobby, Chris Fauber, Hunter, Colton and Colby Elliott; three step-great-grandchildren, Summer, Cody and Landon Cathey; and a host of nieces and nephews. Source: www.shinnfuneral.com.

Larry Hammer

Drs. Larry and Christy Hammer, partners in life and marriage, passed away together in their sleep of smoke inhalation, on April 10, 2016, while vacationing on a tour boat on the Amazon River near Iquitos, Peru. They will forever be remembered by those lucky enough to have known them for their love, kindness, humor, friendship and generosity.

Larry and Christy were happily married for 51 yrs. and poured their hearts into raising their daughters, and, later, showering their grandchildren with love. Their shared passions included the cultural arts (theater, symphony and fine arts), cheering on the Huskers (Go Big Red!), travel, their beloved dog, Razzle Dazzle, and photography.

Their zest to experience the world's vast and varied cultures led them on numerous adventures around the globe, including Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. Their happiest moments were during vacations with their family to places such as Disneyland, Colorado, and Hawaii, and on far-flung adventures to Africa, Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands.

Dr. Larry Morris Hammer was born on September 17, 1941, in Waverly, to Verna and Morris Hammer. He was the first of two children raised on a farm and educated in a one-room schoolhouse by his grandmother, the teacher. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL). He was an active member of the Farmhouse Fraternity and was honored as one of only thirteen students named to the UNL Innocents Society for his leadership, service and academic excellence. He was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in May 1963.

After earning his Ph.D. in agricultural economics, Larry worked for UNL from 1961 until his retirement in 2002, as the Director of Professional Development in the Department of Continuing Studies.

Larry served as a board member of the Ollie Webb Foundation and for his neighborhood association. Larry enjoyed gardening, bird watching, pies and Krispy Kreme donuts.

Larry and Christy are survived by daughters, Kelly Hammer Lankford (Scott) of Lee's Summit, Mo. and Jill Hammer Malott (Deane) of Menlo Park, Calif.; sister of Larry, Linda Hammer of Omaha; and beloved grandchildren, Carlie, Clayton, Boden and Leo.

Richard “Dick” Earl

Richard “Dick” Earl, 95, of Lincoln passed away April 23, 2016. He was born September 11, 1920 to Harry and Alma Earl.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, the Legion Northeast Kiwanis and Post 3 of the American Legion. Dick was an Alumni to the University of Nebraska and an avid Cornhusker football fan. Dick was part owner and operator of Hill Hatchery for 50 years and known to most as the egg man, he was also a member on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Poultry Industry Association and was proud to be a World War II Veteran of United States Army. He was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in 1970.

Richard is survived by his Niece, Roxanne (Richard) Sawyers of Lincoln; and Nephew, Ralph (Kathryn) Martin. Preceded in death by his wife Helen, parents, and brother, Fred.

[edited from obituary from Metcalf Funeral and Memorial Services:
<http://www.metcalffuneralservices.com/Obituaries/ArticleID/535/Richard-Dick-Earl>]