Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is a very exciting time to be associated with Oklahoma State University's Animal Science Department as Dr. Clint Rusk recently accepted the role of Department Head.

To say that Dr. Rusk has “hit the ground running” may be the understatement of the century. His schedule has been jam-packed since he arrived in Stillwater with State Fairs, judging contests and various other events throughout the state. Dr. Rusk has brought a new enthusiasm and passion that is incredibly uplifting and promising for the future of our department.

As each of you get to know Dr. Rusk, you will find that he is very passionate about students and developing industry leaders. Whether he is recruiting potential students while waiting in line at the airport, judging a livestock show or walking across campus, Dr. Rusk has already found numerous avenues in which to share the amazing opportunities awaiting students in the greatest animal science department in the nation. I want to thank Dr. Rusk for his hard work thus far and his willingness to work with the Alumni Association. His presence on the board will be sorely missed.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the ASAA Alumni Weekend, and I encourage you to invite fellow alumni to join us for what is shaping up to be an excellent event.

Kim Brock continues to do an outstanding job as Executive Secretary of our great organization. In addition to Brock’s hard work, we have added a few other dedicated individuals to our board. Wravenna Bloomberg has agreed to serve as our Recording Secretary, which will be a tremendous addition to our team. Unfortunately, Harold Spies stepped down as our Treasurer after many years of service in that role. I would like to personally thank Harold for the countless hours he has devoted to the Alumni Association.

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ASAA Lifetime Memberships have tripled in the last 5 years! Please consider joining this distinguished group of Animal Science Alumni!

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Get fired up on game day or any day with this custom made “Porter Fire Pit”. Metal art of Pistol Pete and the wording “OSU Animal Science Alumni” make it very unique.

The Animal Science Alumni Association will be giving away two of these “Porter Fire Pits” at the Gala-Reunion Saturday, April 27.

*The first “Fire Pit” drawing is for anyone PURCHASING an ASAA Lifetime membership after April 14, 2012.

*The second “Fire Pit” drawing is for anyone RECRUITING an ASAA Lifetime member after April 14, 2012. Your name will enter the “Recruiters” drawing for every Lifetime member you recruit.

For your customized Porter Fire Pit, contact Brad Criner (918)231-4277 or email him at bkcriner@hotmail.com
Greetings and “Thank You” to the Alumni of the OSU Animal Science Department. I am honored to be your Department Head. It’s hard to believe 100 days have already passed since I started at OSU on August 1st. The first week of 113 degree days made me wonder about my decision to move to Stillwater, but those days are now a distant memory. The transition to OSU has been very rewarding thanks in large part to the warm welcome my wife, Madeleine and I have received from so many wonderful people. I have heard about “Southern Hospitality” for a long time, but during the last three months I have experienced it firsthand. Thanks to each of you who have gone out of your way to make us feel welcome in Oklahoma.

In spite of the ongoing drought and high feed prices, we have much to be thankful for. There is tremendous excitement within the department from a record number (almost 900) of undergraduate students. Representing 40 states and several foreign countries, the undergraduate students are full of enthusiasm and loaded with potential. They make it easy to come to work on a daily basis.

We are also blessed with an outstanding faculty and staff. Since the beginning of the year, we have added four new faculty members, two research associates and one Extension Specialist. Dr. Divya Jaroni joined the department in January as a Food Safety specialist. Dr. Jaroni received her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Megan Rolf started at OSU in the summer as a Beef Extension Specialist with a background in Genomics from the University of Missouri. Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan also started at OSU in the summer. Dr. Ramanathan is a Meat Scientist with a specialty in Meat Color. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Michelle Calvo-Lorenzo came to OSU from the University of California, Davis in mid-August. Dr. Calvo-Lorenzo is developing a program in animal well-being and environmental impact. Dr. Phillip Lancaster and Dr. Craig Gifford were moved to Research Associate status in the past several months. We are thrilled to have each of these talented young scientists join our faculty and we will do everything we can to help them succeed.

The Animal Science Alumni Association is happy to announce it will be opening “The Brand Room” in ANSI 123 to display your brand. The “Brand Room” was a part of the ANSI Building dedication in 1982. No new brands have been added since the mid 1980s.

Support the ASAA and current and future generations of ANSI students

A $500 donation places your ranch’s brand in OSU Animal Science history where it will be permanently displayed for countless generations of students and alumni to see.

For more details contact Kim Brock, ASAA Secretary: 405-744-1410 or kim.brock@okstate.edu

To “brand” your place in history and support the ASAA, complete this form and mail it along with a check for $500 to OSU ASAA, 101 Animal Science, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078. Make checks payable to OSU ASAA.

Name __________________________
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City __________ State ______
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Ranch Name _______________________

Please draw your brand on a separate piece of paper.
Love at First Sight
Ben Grant, an Animal Husbandry major from Grandfield, Okla. met Alma Lynch, a Commerce major from Frederick, Okla. on a blind date (set up by a mutual friend) while they were both attending Oklahoma A&M. Alma had seen Ben's picture in the Redskin and told their friend that she would like to date him. After their date, Ben proclaimed that Alma was the most beautiful girl he'd ever seen, and that he had met the girl he was going to marry—if she would have him. Ben and Alma both agreed it was love at first sight. They were married February 3, 1940, a union that lasted until Alma's death in January 2011.

A Lifetime of Service
After graduating in 1940, Ben took a job managing a sheep operation in New Mexico. Within a year he was called to active duty in World War II where he became a decorated combat pilot in the Army Air Corps. While he was away, Alma worked at a factory as a time keeper and saved all the money she could.

After the war, Ben submitted an application for a land allotment for veterans in the new Columbia River Irrigation project in Washington. His name was drawn and he received 60 acres of land.

Ben and Alma started a custom harvesting business in Pasco, Wash. The business grew with Alma driving trucks and keeping records and Ben driving one of the combines. They gradually added more combines until they peaked at 14, harvesting a variety of crops over a six month period each year. Ben added a huge machine shop where he could not only do maintenance but also make extensive alterations to improve combine performance and efficiency. For many years Massey-Ferguson provided seven combines of any new model for Ben's evaluation and modification for use in future models.

The Reunion
In the spring of 1987, Ben and Alma attended a reunion in Stillwater, Okla. It was their first time back on the OSU campus in 24 years. A reunion of the “sheep barn boys” had been arranged and Ben and the other boys had gathered to share memories of their beloved sheep center manager, Alex McKenzie, after his passing.

Upon arrival, Ben and Alma were impressed with the current Animal Science Department and enthusiastic about what they saw, so much so, they bought the No. 1 Brick from the old Animal Husbandry Building for $2,500 and the No. 1 Photograph of the Animal Husbandry Building for $1,000 at the first scholarship benefit auction. They then donated the brick (and later the photograph) back to be resold each year. So far, the resale of the No. 1 Brick has generated $50,100 and the No. 1 Photograph approximately $15,000 for the scholarship endowment of the Animal Science Alumni Association. At the 2012 Animal Science Alumni Gala, the #1 Brick was sold for a record-breaking $11,504.

Giving Back
Ben and Alma’s benevolence didn’t stop with their purchases on Animal Science Weekend. They soon established scholarship endowments for three people who had been extremely important to Ben during his college and high school days, Alex McKenzie, sheep center manager; Andy Kinkead, horse center manager and William E. Brown, Ben’s Vo Ag teacher at Grandfield, Okla. Later two more endowments were established, the Dr. Donald G. Wagner Animal Science Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Benjamin M. and Alma L. Grant/Robert and Nell Totusek Endowment Fund.

In August 2012, Ben returned to OSU and established a large endowment to provide scholarships for Agricultural Education students during their student teaching semester. During this visit, Ben also revealed that he had substantially increased the five endowments he previously established in the Department of Animal Science.

Throughout, Ben and Alma worked as a team. They faced all their endeavors with hard work and devotion. The Grants have been the model for “giving back”, helping so many students while honoring those people that made a difference in their lives. Their years of hard work, diligence and generosity will forever serve as an inspiration and remind us all of the amazing things two people, working together, can accomplish.
Welcome New Faculty!

Michelle Calvo-Lorenzo comes to OSU from the University of California, Davis where she received both her M.S. (2008) and Ph.D. (2012) degrees in the Department of Animal Science. She received her B.S. (Biology) in 2005 from Florida International University. Dr. Calvo-Lorenzo joined the OSU faculty in 2012 as the department’s animal behavior and well-being specialist. She will teach courses surrounding the topics of livestock behavior, handling, and welfare. Dr. Calvo-Lorenzo will conduct research on improving practical tools, management strategies, and environmental conditions that optimize animal well-being and behavior. Topics of interest include assessing heat stress, housing, transportation, and pain alleviation using current practices to help producers develop practical and sustainable systems of the future.

Divya Jaroni joined the department as an assistant professor in January of 2012 after five years as an assistant professor at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. She holds a B.S. in Chemistry and Biological Sciences from Devi Ahilya University, India; an M.S. in Animal Science and a Ph.D. in Food Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Jaroni’s research focuses on the development of pre- and post-harvest control strategies to reduce foodborne pathogens in food animals and fresh produce; development of culture methods and rapid molecular techniques for the detection, quantification and characterization of pathogenic microorganisms; and evaluation of natural antimicrobials (direct-fed-microbials and plant-derived products) used to improve food safety at pre- and post-harvest levels. Her work has resulted in a patent and the commercialization of pre-harvest feed additives that reduce E. coli and Salmonella in cattle.

1989 Callahan National Champion Livestock Team

Michelle Calvo-Lorenzo

1989 Callahan National Champion Livestock Team

Ya’ll Come! This is a special invitation going out to the 1982-1991 Jarold Callahan Livestock Judging Teams. If you are a past member of one of these teams, please plan to attend the Saturday Night Gala, April 27, at the ConocoPhillips Alumni Center. We want to give you special recognition and reminiscence about your college days. Don’t miss the opportunity to visit with your coach!

Callahan Teams

1982-1991

1982
Jerry Abel
Clayton Burford
Jodi Burgin
Kenneth Click
Jeff Falkenstein
Kevin Haffner
David Jensen

1983
Robert Cooper
Bart Effinger
Phillip Hofschulte
Kathy Kays
Jeff Miller
Mitch Milliron
Mark Shaw
Wayne Simpson
Randy Smith
Ray Troub

1984 - American Royal Champions
Scott Bulling
Greg Dietz
Pat Fleecs
Richard Herren
Mark Johnson
Randall Newton
Tim Niemeyer
Kent Reading
Randy Renburger
George Sampson
Joe Sells
Mick Sharp
Tom Sturgeon
Tom White

1985 - American Royal Champions
Luke Wilson
Asst. Coach: Mark Johnson

1987 - American Royal Champions
Paul Atkins
Brett Butler
Brian Curless
Lee Haysgood
Randy Hodge
Wes Hunt
Peter Jensen
Bruce Melton
Brian Murphy
Randy Nation
Missy Scheibler
Eric Sherwood
Todd Thrasher
Asst. Coach: Mark Johnson

1988 - Houston Champions
Troy Applehans
Brad Bennett
Cindy Blakley
Kristi Carver
Dale Collins
Jack Cunningham
Mike Duel
Phil Foster
George Garton
Steve Jensen, Jay Mitchell, Raymond Rice
Robert Spencer
Asst. Coach: Mark Squires

1989 - National Champions
Julia Allen
Rodney Arthur
Ronn Cunningham
Tim Fitzgerald

1990 - National Champions
Steve Crowe
Shawn Deering
Jim Evans
Jeff “Smart” Hallowell
Guy Bob Heldermon
Todd Hensley
Cory Nichols
Chet Purvine
Mike Rose
Steve Royer
Stacy Smith
Chad Stine

1991 - National Champions
Christy Collins
Ryan Cottom
Ryan Egger
Troy Genney
George Hulburt
Bryan Kennedy
Adonna Knight
Robbie Schacher
Matt Sims
Troy Tucker
Asst. Coaches: Jeff Hallowell & Shawn Deering

Gant Mourer joined the beef extension group in the department in Fall 2012. A native of Carrier, Okla., Gant graduated with a B.S. degree in 2005 and completed his M.S. in 2012. While completing his M.S. degree Gant was a herdsman for the Range Cow Research Center, North Range Unit at OSU. Currently, Gant is the Beef Value Enhancement Specialist and specializes in adding value to Oklahoma’s cow herd. He is also the coordinator of the Oklahoma Quality Beef Network and OQBN Vac-45 Sales.

Ranjith Ramanathan comes to OSU from the University of Connecticut where he received his Ph.D. degree in 2012. He received his B.S. (Bachelors of Veterinary and Animal Science) in 2004 from Kerala Agricultural University, India and his M.S. from the University of Connecticut. Ranjith joined the faculty at OSU in 2012. He is teaching Fundamentals of Food Science, Food Chemistry, and Food Analysis. Ranjith’s research focuses on both fundamental and applied factors that influence fresh meat quality; more specifically on postmortem biochemistry and meat color.

Megan Roll joined the extension faculty at OSU in June 2012. Megan grew up on a cow/calf operation in east central Kansas near LeRoy and received her B.S. from Kansas State University (Animal Science) in 2005. She worked as a graduate research assistant at the University of Missouri where she received her M.S. in Animal Science in 2009 and Ph.D. in Genetics in 2012. Dr. Roll’s research has focused on the use of DNA marker data for genetic evaluation of beef cattle and identification of genomic regions influencing economically relevant traits. Her extension program focuses on the management of beef cattle genetics to maximize profitability as well as education on use of genomic technologies in the beef industry.
GRAB A CHAIR

Proceeds from the sale of chairbacks allow the Animal Science Alumni Association to provide scholarships to Animal Science students.

As of January 2013, 400 chairs have been sold - generating in excess of $160,000 for the ASAA.

Judging team chairs and donor chairs can be purchased. Most teams have contributed $50 per member to raise the $400 minimum for an Arena chairback while other teams have contributed considerably more with the extra support going to the Alumni Association for scholarships, judging team expenses and student activities.

Judging Team chairs are located in Sections A and B with a chair designated for all livestock, meat, horse, dairy and meat animal evaluation teams in OSU history.

Donor chairs are located in Sections C, D, E, F and G and are purchased as a donation or in honor/memory of a past graduate, staff, faculty member or industry professional.

Chairbacks are auctioned annually on Animal Science Weekend in April for a minimum of $400.00.

Chairback Order Form
JUDGING TEAM AND DONOR CHAIRS

If there’s not room on this form, please list on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Buyer
   Name __________________________
   Address _________________________
   Phone __________________________
   E-mail ___________________________

2. Information desired on the chairback
   Name and year of team, names of team members, coach and accomplishment:
   In Honor of:
   In Memory of:
   Please list:
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________

Chairbacks are available for a minimum price of $400. Proceeds are used by the Alumni Association to help current and future Animal Science students.

Make checks payable to:
OSU Foundation - ASAA

Send to:
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The Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center (FAPC), the Department of Animal Science, the Technology Development Center and The Ranchers Club restaurant have assisted in the discovery of the “newest” cut on the beef carcass.

“Given the history of the beef industry, the discovery of a new beef steak that has never before been fabricated and marketed could appear to be an impossibility,” said Jacob Nelson, FAPC value-added meat processing specialist. “The Vegas Strip Steak is the latest and perhaps last steak to be found on the beef carcass.”

With more than 30 years of beef carcass research and development, Tony Mata of Mata & Associates approached Nelson and the FAPC with the possibility of a new steak. The FAPC extended a hand to Mata in the areas of technical assistance, facility availability and industry application. More information about the Vegas Strip and the discovery efforts can be found at www.vegasstripsteak.com

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During the past 100 days, the OSU Department of Animal Science has experienced numerous success stories:

- Mr. Gant Mourer was hired to manage the Oklahoma Quality Beef Network.
- Mr. Jeff Mafi and the Purebred Beef Unit showed the Champion Angus Bull at the Tulsa State Fair.
- Mr. David Jones and the OSU Dairy Unit earned the Premier Breeder award at the Tulsa State Fair.
- Mr. John Staude and the OSU Swine Unit sold a crossbred gilt who was selected as the Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt at the Tulsa State Fair.
- The OSU Livestock Judging Team won the American Royal and then the North American International Contest, making them National Champions for the 17th time in OSU history and the fourth time since 2001.
- Dr. Mark Johnson was named “Coach of the Year” by the Intercollegiate Livestock Coaches’ Association. This is the 6th time he has received this honor.
- The OSU Horse Judging Team won the World Show on Nov. 16th, making them World Champions for the third time under Dr. Cooper.
- The OSU Meat Judging Team won the Eastern National and finished 3rd at the International Meat Judging Contest.
- The OSU Dairy Judging Team placed in the top ten at the Keystone International.
- Several faculty have been awarded grants to supplement their research programs.
- We are currently interviewing for a Sustainable Beef Systems faculty position.

As we approach the end of 2012, we are already looking forward to 2013. I look forward to meeting many of you at the following events:

- National Western Stock Show – Denver, CO – January 13-19
- Oklahoma Youth Expo – Oklahoma City – March 16-26
- Animal Science Scholarship Banquet – April 6
- Cowboy Classic – Stillwater – April 7
- Animal Science Alumni Reunion Gala – April 27
- Beef Improvement Federation Annual Meeting – Oklahoma City – June 12-15

The next time you are in the Stillwater area, please stop by the Animal Science Department and say “Hi”. -Clint Rusk, Head, Department of Animal Science
Judging Teams

2012 National Champion OSU Livestock Judging Team! Back Row (L-R): Dr. Mike Woods, Interim Vice President, Dean & Director of DASNR; Blake Bloomberg, Asst. Coach; Ryan McCooon; Mark Sims; McKenzie Clifton; Chasint Leggett; Clay Zwilling; Jake Wamptes; Jamie Bloomberg; Chris Hofschulte; Dr. Clint Rusk, Animal Science Department Head. Front Row: Dr. Cynda Clary, Associate Dean of Academic Programs for DASNR; Clint Mefford, Asst. Coach; Rashele Blakley; Emily Bardot; Marrissa Garside; Morgan Meisenheimer; Katie Duysen; Shelby Skinner; Chris Hall; Brenda Johnson; Dr. Mark Johnson, Coach & Totusek Endowed Chair, Animal Science.

2012 OSU Horse Judging Team - World Champions! Back Row (L-R): Dr. Steve Damron, Dr. Mike Woods, Esteban Minero, Dr. Clint Rusk, Dr. Steven Cooper, Coach. Front Row (L-R): Brooke Devore, Haley Collins, Emily Handke, Rhianna Stockton, Lauren Wells, Bryce Williams and Natalie Baker, Asst. Coach.

Dairy
The OSU Dairy Judging Team competed at Harrisburg, Penn. in 2012. They were 10th out of 18 teams with Laura Padgett finishing as 10th High Individual. Laura was also named an All-American at last year’s Madison, Wis. contest.

Horse
Oklahoma State University’s Horse Judging Team took home top honors by winning the 2012 AQHA World Championship on November 16th in Oklahoma City. This is the third time in eight years that OSU has won a World Champion title with previous wins in 2004 and 2008. The first AQHA World Show judging contest was held in 1979. Since that time, Oklahoma State has accumulated six championship titles.

Team members consisted of Brooke Devore, Conifer, CO; Haley Collins, Dallas, TX; Emily Handke, Lenapah, OK; Esteban Minero, Santa Paula, CA; Rhianna Stockton, Jay, OK; Lauren Wells, Wyoming, IL; and Bryce Williams, Colcord, OK. The team was coached by Dr. Steven Cooper and Natalie Baker.

The team placed 2nd in Performance, 3rd in Reasons, 4th in Halter and 1st Overall. Brooke Devore was 3rd in halter, 5th in performance, 2nd in reasons and 3rd overall. Lauren Wells was 2nd in halter, 8th in performance, 4th in reasons and 4th overall. Rhianna Stockton was 3rd in performance, 10th in reasons and 5th overall.

The team also competed at the Reichert Celebration in Ft. Worth, TX where they were 2nd in Halter, 4th in Performance, 5th in Reasons, and 3rd Overall. In the individual rankings, Lauren Wells was 6th in Halter, Emily Handke was 7th in Halter and 6th Overall.
RICH WITH TRADITION

The No. 1 Brick and No. 1 Photograph will sell at auction at the Gala Saturday, April 27

The #1 Brick was purchased by the Dr. Totusek Livestock Judging Teams (1953-1961) for a record-selling $11,540 at the 2012 Gala!!

The #1 Photo was purchased by Coach Jack McCroskey’s 1962 Livestock Judging Team at the 2012 Gala.

GIVE ME A SIGN!

Advertise in the Animal Science Arena to Support Scholarships for Animal Science Students!

The promotional message you display on your sign will be seen by approximately 20,000 visitors and students annually in the most respected Animal Science Arena in America.

While promoting your business you will also be helping the ASAA fund scholarships and judging team travel expenses for current OSU Animal Science students.

For more details contact: Merl Miller, ASAA Asst. Secretary & Sign Committee Chairman
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Email: mmiller36@aol.com
The Outstanding Senior Award recognizes students who distinguish themselves through academic achievement; campus and community activities; academic, athletic or extracurricular honors or awards; scholarships and work ethic during their time at OSU. Of the 15 students chosen for the award, 2 of them were from the Department of Animal Science. The 2012 Outstanding Seniors were honored at a public banquet April 23 at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center.

Clairissa Craige, from Bokchito, Okla., is studying Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She is the daughter of David and Melinda Craige. Craige has served as president of the OSU Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club, a College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources representative for the Honors College Council and a College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources student academic mentor. She has also been involved in the Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen’s Association and Mortar Board. Craige has volunteered with Turning Point Ranch, Humane Society of Stillwater, OSU CVHS Foal Team, Odyssey of the Mind contest and the Tulsa State Fair Birthing Center. She has also been involved in the Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen’s Association and Mortar Board. She has been involved in the Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen’s Association and Mortar Board. She has been named a Top Ten Freshman Woman and a Top Five Homecoming Queen candidate. “Through endless opportunities, Oklahoma State University has proven to me that success grows from ambition and hard work, which has allowed me to set a new standard for my family and its future generations,” Craige says. Craige plans to return to her hometown to join a mixed animal practice and work as a large animal veterinarian.

Kelsy Lee Stein is an Animal Science and Production major from Stillwater, Okla. She is the daughter of Sam and Kelly Stein. While at OSU, Stein was involved in Mortar Board, Animal Science Leadership Alliance, Kappa Delta and Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen’s Association. She has also served as president of the OSU Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club. Stein has volunteered her time with Turning Point Ranch, Horsemanship’s Special Olympics, Into the Streets, Foal Team and AQHA World Show Check In. She was named a College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Outstanding Senior, a teaching assistant for Applied Animal Nutrition and was selected to be a speaker at the Animal Science Banquet. Stein was a National Junior Angus Show Career Development Overall Runner-up and was selected to prepare questions for the 2012 Oklahoma FFA Quiz Bowl.

“The community atmosphere along with the academic and social programs of this university make me proud to forever wear America’s Brightest Orange,” Stein says. After graduation, Stein plans to return to northwest Oklahoma to work on her family’s farm and expand her purebred Angus cattle operation.

Congratulations!

...to Dr. Bob Kropp for receiving the University Service Award given at Fall Convocation. This award is given to a faculty member, a staff member and an administrator who have rendered meritorious service to the university.

...to Dr. Dan Stein for receiving the Leave the Ladder Down Award given at Fall Convocation. This award is given to a faculty member and staff member who has successfully mentored and encouraged others to reach their fullest potential.

...to Juliet Ellison for being selected as a 2012-2013 Niblack Scholar. Juliet is an advisee of Dr. Dan Stein. Her research mentor is Dr. Jennifer Hernandez-Gifford.

Kyre Larrabee Honored

Excerpt from http://mortarboard.okstate.edu

Kyre Larrabee, an Animal Science major with a Pre-Veterinary option, has been honored as a Top Ten Freshman. Kyre, the daughter of Kevin and Andra Larrabee grew up in Meade, Kan. and graduated from Meade High School. Her advisor at Oklahoma State is Dr. Clinton Krehbiel.

“I chose OSU because of the family-like atmosphere I received from the Animal Science Department. I also felt like OSU would offer me the best leadership and academic opportunities,” Kyre said. “I credit my success to my parents for helping guide me to strive to be more than mediocre and to work hard at everything I do.”

The honor of being selected as a Top Ten Freshmen is a prestigious award and is designed to be an encouragement to each of the honorees to continue being both successful and giving individuals.
Terry L. Mader was reared on a crop and livestock operation in northwestern Kansas. He earned his B.S. in 1973 from Kansas State University in Feed Science and Technology and his M.S. (1979) and Ph.D. (1981) degrees from Oklahoma State University in Animal Nutrition. Dr. Mader is an Extension Specialist and Professor of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska (UNL), Haskell Ag. Laboratory, Concord, Neb. He has over 30 years experience studying factors which impact domestic animal welfare and productivity. Dr. Mader's beef cattle management research and extension program have achieved national and international recognition. His international experience includes collaborative research and extension efforts. Dr. Mader's recent activities have been devoted to minimizing impact of environmental stress on livestock performance and mortality. Research efforts included development of stress indices, based on multiple weather parameters, and related management strategies which could be utilized to mitigate effects of mud and/or cold and heat stress. Seasonal and climatic factors influencing water utilization in cattle were also updated and better defined. Dr. Mader was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which was awarded a share in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Terry and his wife, Kay, have two children, Jason and Jillian, and one grandson, Micah.

Rick Rasby, a native of western Nebraska, was raised on a diversified livestock/crops farm. Rick received a B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska in Animal Science (1980) and his M.S. (1983) and Ph.D. (1986) in reproductive physiology at Oklahoma State University working with Dr. Bob Wettmann. Rick became a faculty member in Extension at the University of Nebraska in the Animal Science Department in December of 1986. Rick developed Nebraska’s Integrated Resource Management program that was co-lead by the University of Nebraska and a steering committee composed of producers and members of the Nebraska Cattlemen organization. He has been on the 4-State Beef Conference (NE, KS, IA, MO) program development committee for 24 years and has been a frequent presenter at the conference. Rasby has been a leader in developing programs for the use of distillers grains in cow/calf production and heifer development. He has lead the beef group at Nebraska in the development of a web site about beef production (http://beef.unl.edu) that has about 1,000 visitors daily, delivers 1.9 million pages, and has 12 million hits annually. In addition, he also leads a national team of beef specialists to develop the eXtension Beef Cattle Clearinghouse website. Without question, Rick has enhanced the use of available information for profitable production of beef. Rick and wife, Tammy have two children, Nicholas and Andra.

Charlotte Kirk Baer (B.S. 1984) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Program Leader for Animal Nutrition and Production in the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), the nation’s primary agricultural extramural research agency. During her 6-year tenure with USDA, Charlotte was appointed and served for two years as Division Chief in the Office of the Under Secretary and Chief Scientist. As the Division Chief for Animal Production in 2008, she was key in establishing the Research, Education, and Extension Office mandated in the 2008 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (Farm Bill). In this capacity, she helped develop the USDA’s science agenda and facilitated the major public launch of USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Prior to joining USDA, Charlotte spent 10 years with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) where she directed its division on agriculture and natural resources. Her career began as animal health supervisor at the Kansas City Zoo, and following as an intern at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Zoological Park. In addition to her full-time job, Charlotte is Principal of Baer and Associates, LLC, an organization that provides animal nutrition advice to conservation organizations throughout the world. Charlotte has two children, Joseph and Sally.

Terry Stuart Forst is a rancher, mother, businesswoman and trailblazer who truly embodies the values of character, responsibility, commitment and leadership of a real "difference maker" in our industry. She is the owner and manager of 7S Stuart Ranch, the oldest ranch in the state of Oklahoma. Her 45,000 acre ranch with locations in Caddo and Waurika, Oklahoma, is widely recognized as one of the nation's most respected and best managed horse and cattle ranches. After graduation from OSU in 1976, Terry returned to the ranch, working with her father, R.T. Stuart. When offered the ranch management position in the mid 1980’s, Terry took a somewhat different approach to making the 7S Stuart Ranch more efficient and profitable, she went back to school. Newly widowed and the mother of two young boys, Terry enrolled in the TCU Ranch Management Program. After graduating No. 1 in her class in 1992, she returned to the ranch to fulfill her legacy as a rancher and steward of the land. She developed a comprehensive plan designed to revitalize the cattle operation. In addition, she forged forward on a horse breeding program designed to produce top ranch horses that were also winners in the show ring. Terry is blessed with two wonderful children: Clay, manager of the Outfitting Division and his wife, Lindsey, and Robert, an accomplished horseman.

Steve McKinley was raised on a small cow/calf operation near Asher, Okla. Steve joined the Oklahoma National Guard during his junior year of high school. After graduating Asher High School in May of 1974, he left in June to do his basic training at Fort Polk, La. After basic training he went to Fort Rucker, Ala. and completed Helicopter Repair Training. Following his initial military training, Steve attended Murray State College before completing a B.S. degree at OSU in Animal Science in 1979. On June 1, 1979 Steve began his career as an Extension 4-H Agent in Kiowa County. Steve served his country for twenty five & a half years in the Oklahoma Army National Guard and US Army Reserves before retiring in September, 2002 as a Major. Steve began working for the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association in 1983 as Administrative Assistant with responsibilities to develop and serve the membership. While his responsibilities have grown over his 29 years of service to the cattle industry, Steve has continued to work closely with County Extension Educators and County Cattlemen's Associations across the
state. Today, Steve’s title is Director of Operations with leadership roles in many of OCA’s events and activities. Steve McKinley is known throughout the state of Oklahoma for his servant attitude, his work ethic and his kind, gracious personality. Steve applies those qualities in his service to and interaction with the Animal Science Department and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Raised farming and ranching near Pawhuska, Okla., William C. “Bill” Pratt attended Oklahoma State University graduating with a B.S. in Animal Science in 1965. After military service, Bill worked for the Thompson-Hayward Company selling feed additives to the burgeoning feedyard industry. Witnessing the primitive feed additive delivery methods of the time, the idea for his first invention emerged – an automated feed additive delivery system. Soon, Bill and his wife, Linda, started their own business, Micro Beef Technologies, in Amarillo, Texas in 1971. “Micro” was built with the new premise of providing unique, patented technology, service, and consumable products all from one company. Bill embarked on an explosion of innovation as he took feedyards into a new age. This began by expanding feed management technologies with the first computerized feedmill batching systems, the first computerized bunkreading and feed truck systems, a new micro ingredient delivery system, and the first refrigerated microbial delivery unit. Bill took his philosophy to health management when he invented the first chute-side animal health computer for processing, treatment, and inventory, the adoption of which virtually eliminated antibiotic residues in beef. And, Bill invented the most advanced individual animal measurement, management, and marketing system in beef. Today, Micro Beef Technologies is the world’s largest real-time fed beef systems manufacturer and the country’s largest feed additive distributor. Over two-thirds of US fed beef is managed by Bill’s inventions every day. Bill, his wife of 49 years Linda, and three generations of the family continue to work in the business every day.

The Tyler Award recognizes professional achievement in research, teaching or public service by faculty members of the OSU Department of Animal Science.

Dr. Deborah VanOverbeke received her B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska in 1996. After completing her B.S. degree, she worked for the Nebraska Cattlemen where she coordinated the Beef Quality Assurance and the Nebraska Corn-Fed Beef Program until 1998. Deb attended Colorado State University for her graduate degrees. During her graduate work, she worked closely with the Colorado Cattlemen’s and Colorado Livestock Associations to develop the Colorado Beef Quality Assurance Program and developed the Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program for the American Sheep Industry Association. Deb received her M.S. degree in 2000 and her Ph.D. in 2002 from CSU. She then joined the University of Minnesota as the Meat Quality and Safety Specialist. During her time at Minnesota, she co-developed and taught, with the College of Veterinary Medicine, Pre-harvest Meat Quality and Food Safety, and team taught the Global Beef Systems course for the School of Public Health’s Summer Institute. Dr. VanOverbeke joined Oklahoma State University in 2005 as an Assistant Professor in Meat Science, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2010. Deb teaches two undergraduate courses (Meat Animal and Carcass Evaluation and Capstone) and two graduate courses (Interpreting Animal Science and Food Science Research and Issues in the Food Industry). In addition, she advises over 60 undergraduate students and the Block and Bridle Club and has served as the major professor for 11 graduate students. Deb’s research focuses on beef quality and sensory attributes as related to production management of cattle. Deb and her husband, Kirk, have two children, Esther (3) and Joshua (1).

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

This award is presented to one Ph.D. degree candidate and one Master’s candidate. The selection is based on academic and professional accomplishments.

Ph.D. Blake Bloomberg is a doctoral candidate in the area of Meat Science at Oklahoma State University. A native of Berwick, Ill., Bloomberg grew up on a diversified livestock operation with his parents Jim and Mary Bloomberg and siblings Jamie and Jake. Bloomberg attended Black Hawk College where he received an associate’s degree and was a member a highly successful Livestock Judging Team. From there, he transferred to Texas A&M University where he completed both his B.S. and M.S. in Animal Science. While pursuing an MS, he coached the Livestock Judging Team at Texas A&M and was recognized as coach of the year in both 2008 and 2009. Bloomberg came to OSU in 2010 to pursue a Ph.D in Meat Science under the direction of Dr. Gretchen Mafi. Bloomberg is finalizing his personal in-depth research on Cattle Value Enhancement. Some of his personal interests include enhancing both the visual and genetic value of beef cattle, raising and showing Simmental cattle and serving as a livestock judge for both junior and open shows across the country. His future career goals include accepting an Animal Science teaching position at a prominent university, while continuing his passion for coaching a livestock judging team. Blake would like to give a special thanks to his wife Wravenna for her support as well as his family, his committee members and especially Dr. Mafi.

M.S. Brody Wallis grew up in Atonka, Okla. on a small ranching operation where his passion for agriculture began. This passion led him to be active in 4-H and FFA, raising and showing beef cattle. Brody continues to manage the small commercial cattle herd that he built while showing and has also added a registered Brangus herd to his operation. These interests eventually led him to the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University. Brody graduated in the spring of 2010 with a B.S. in Animal Science and a minor in Agricultural Economics. In the summer of 2010, Brody began his M.S. degree in Animal Science with Drs. Gerald Horn and Phillip Lancaster. His research has focused on animal performance and nitrogen use efficiency of stocker cattle programs using warm-season perennial grasses. Brody has served as a teaching assistant in Stocker and Feedlot Cattle Management, Cow/Calf Beef Cattle Management, and Animal Breeding. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Science, Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association, and the International Brangus Breeders Association. Brody would like to thank his parents, Lynn and Cindy Wallis, and the rest of his family for their love and support throughout his collegiate career. He would also like to thank the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation for support of his academic pursuits. Lastly, he would also like to extend his sincere appreciation to Drs. Gerald Horn, Phillip Lancaster, Bob Kropp, and Ed Miller. Each of them have pushed him to succeed during his time at Oklahoma State.
In Memory

Tommy Kramer is 2012 Distinguished Ag Alum

Improved community prosperity through teamwork and economic diversification has proven to be a successful stance of Durant’s Tommy Kramer, who was honored on Oct. 19 as a 2012 recipient of Oklahoma State University’s Distinguished Agriculture Alumnus Award. Kramer – who earned his M.S. degree in Animal Science from OSU in 1976 has served as Durant’s first and only economic development director for 14 years. In that time, he has been instrumental in the recruitment, development and retention of more than $600 million in business investments and the creation of approximately 5,000 new jobs for the community. He has been equally dedicated to strengthening existing businesses, serving as a liaison between the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the State of Oklahoma Career Tech program to acquire several million dollars in funds for local employee training and development projects.

Kenneth Eng Receives Industry Achievement Award

Kenneth Eng, a widely-known pioneer in feedlot nutrition, is the recipient of the 2012 Industry Achievement Award. Eng will be the first nutritionist so honored. A native of Nebraska, Eng earned his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University and then went to Texas A&M to establish the country’s first graduate program in feedlot management. Eng went on to become a nutrition consultant to feedlots across the United States. He said that in the beginning, seven independent consultants handled about 65 percent of the cattle in the country’s feedlots. He left the consulting business in the late 1980s to focus on his own beef production businesses.

IN MEMORY

Don Clift  BS 1980
Jack Dillian Bales  BS 1950
**ASAS Awards**

**F.B. Morrison Fund, Morrison Award.** Mike Galyean is the Paul Whitfield Horn Professor and Thornton Distinguished Chair in Animal Science at Texas Tech University. He received his B.S. from New Mexico State University and the M.S. and Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition from Oklahoma State University. Mike has authored or coauthored 226 journal articles, and his teaching and research programs have had a significant impact on the beef cattle industry and the science of beef production. He has received the AFIA Ruminant Nutrition Research Award, the ASAS Animal Management Award, and the ASAS Fellow Award. Mike served on the NRC Committee on Animal Nutrition and the Beef Cattle Nutrition Subcommittee, as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Animal Science, and as President of ASAS. To honor Mike, ASAS produced a brief video about his career as part of the ASAS Living History video series.

**ASAS Fellow Award (Teaching Category).** David Buchanan grew up in Minnesota and received degrees from North Dakota State University and the University of Nebraska. He joined the faculty of Oklahoma State University in 1980 and moved to NDSU in 2007. His research involved both swine and beef genetics. His teaching career has been striking for its diversity, innovation and concern for students. He provided the original vision for the popular Breeds of Livestock web site. He has been advisor for 13 different student groups and 26 graduate students and is an author on 70 refereed articles, 151 research reports and 115 abstracts. Dr. Buchanan has been Chair of the OSU Faculty and President of ASAS. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Michael, Peter and Amy.

**ASAS Fellow Award (Teaching Category).** Debra K. Aaron received her B.S. and M.S. from the University of Kentucky and her Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. Since joining the University of Kentucky faculty in 1984, she has taught over 3,000 graduate students in Basic Statistical Analysis, Regression and Correlation, and Experimental Design and Analysis courses. She also developed and has taught several undergraduate courses. She teaches technologically advanced matter by techniques of instruction through the philosophy “If the student fails to learn, the teacher fails to teach.” She is advisor to Alpha Zeta, Block and Bridle, and is currently National President of the Block and Bridle Club.

**American Feed Industry Association Award in Ruminant Nutrition Research.** N. Andy Cole received a B.S. from West Texas State University in 1971, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Oklahoma State in 1973 and 1975, respectively. In 1976, he joined the staff of the USDA-ARS Laboratory in Bushland, Texas and currently serves as Research Leader. Dr. Cole has authored 175 publications, made 38 presentations, and received over $2,000,000 in grants in the past 10 years. His research in ruminant nutrition has had a significant impact on the cattle feeding industry. He is a past recipient of the ASAS Animal Management and Fellow Awards. He served as secretary of ARPAS, and on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Animal Science and Professional Animal Scientist, and as a section editor of the Journal of Animal Science.

**Animal Management Award.** Robert Wettemann obtained a B.S. at the University of Connecticut, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees with Harold Hafs at Michigan State University. He and his wife, Grace, have one son, two daughters, and two grandchildren. He has been at Oklahoma State University for 35 years and currently is a Regents Professor. Wettemann’s research focuses on endocrine control of reproductive processes. His research evaluates mechanisms by which nutrition controls reproductive performance of beef cattle and methods to enhance reproductive efficiency. Wettemann has been the major advisor for 40 graduate students and 4 post doctoral fellows.

“Research is fun,” says Wettemann. “And it is even more fun when you see the results of your research being used by agricultural producers to benefit the performance and well-being of their animals and operations.”

**Young Animal Scientist Award**

By Madeline McCurry-Schmidt, http://www.asas.org/takingstock/

Cell phones in class? Oklahoma State University Animal Science professor Deb VanOverbeke thinks that might not be such a bad idea. VanOverbeke actually teaches a section of one of her classes online, which she said helps commuter students and students who work full time stay involved in the Animal Science program. On Feb. 6, VanOverbeke accepted the Young Animal Scientist Award in Education at the Southern Section meeting for the American Society of Animal Science. VanOverbeke’s advice to Animal Science educators: Work with graduate students. She said graduate students bring in new technology and often approach issues from a new angle.

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Brooke Devore was 5th in Performance and Rhianna Stockton was 4th in Halter. At the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH, the team was 2nd in Performance, 3rd in Reasons and 3rd Overall. Bryce Williams was 5th in Halter, Lauren Wells was 5th in Performance, 5th in Reasons and 5th Overall and Rhianna Stockton was 6th in Reasons and 9th Overall.

The team finished the year at the NRHA Futurity where Emily Handke was 3rd Overall and the team finished 3rd high overall.

**Livestock**

In winning the contest in Louisville, OSU was the high team in Oral Reasons, Sheep, Swine and Swine Reasons. The five students who represented OSU in the North American and individual awards earned: Jamie Bloomberg, Berwick, IL, 4th High Individual in Sheep, 7th High Individual in Cattle, High Individual in Cattle Reasons, 2nd High Individual in Reasons and the 2nd High Individual Overall; Katie Duyens, Porterville, CA, 5th High Individual in Swine; Morgan Meisenheimer, Mount Airy, MD, High Individual in Swine, 2nd High Individual in Cattle, High Individual in Reasons and 5th High Individual Overall; Jake Warntjes, White City, OR and Clay Zwilling, Sherrard, IL. OSU also had 3 team members recognized as 2012 Academic All Americans, including Katie Duyens, Morgan Meisenheimer and Clay Zwilling. Dr. Mark Johnson was recognized as the National Coach of the Year during the National Championship awards ceremony.

Other members of the 2012 OSU National Champion Team include: Emily Bardot, Lonedell, MO; Rashele Blakley, Oologah, OK; McKenzie Clifton, Kingfisher, OK; Marissa Garside, Tulare, CA; Chris Hall, Norman, OK; Chris Hofschulte, Wyandotte, OK; Chastin Leggett, Baxter Springs, KS; Ryan McCoon, Modesto, CA; Mark Sims, Elgin, OK and Shelby Skinner, Bolivar, MO.

The National Championship completed a highly successful year during which the OSU team set the record for the all-time high team score in the Carload Judging Contest at the National Western in Denver, CO, won the Dixie National in Jackson, MS, and fielded the first and second place teams at the Tulsa State Fair. The team won the American Royal in Kansas City, MO, the weekend prior to competing in Louisville. At the American Royal the team finished first in Reasons, Swine and Cattle in route to winning the contest by 47 points. Morgan Meisenheimer topped all contestants in the Cattle and Oral Reasons divisions and was the High Individual Overall. Jamie Bloomberg finished 4th in Reasons, 6th in Swine and 9th in Cattle, on the way to finishing as the 9th High Individual Overall. Clay Zwilling finished as the 8th High Individual in Swine, the 9th High Individual in Sheep and was the 10th High Individual Overall. Katie Duyens was 6th in Reasons and 7th in Swine. Jake Warntjes was the 9th High Individual in Reasons.

In the annual OSU B&B contest held on Thursday, October 11th, Katie Duyens was the High Individual Overall and earned the coveted Bob Tottuske Award. At the Tulsa State Fair, in early October, the team finished as both the 1st and 2nd high teams in Reasons, Cattle and was the high team in Swine on the way to fielding the Champion and 2nd place teams overall. Jake Warntjes won the Cattle and Reasons divisions, was 2nd High Individual in Swine and capped his day earning recognition as the High Individual Overall. Morgan Meisenheimer was 5th High in Reasons and 7th in Swine on the way to being the 5th High Individual Overall. Chris Hofschulte was the High Individual in Swine and the 6th High Individual Overall. Katie Duyens was the 7th High Individual Overall, while Ryan McCoon was 8th in Swine and the 9th High Individual Overall. Jamie Bloomberg was 2nd in Cattle and 9th in Swine. Clay Zwilling was recognized as the 10th High Individual in Cattle.

In the Flint Hills Classic in late September, OSU finished as the 2nd and 3rd High teams Overall. OSU had two students finish in the Top Ten Individuals Overall; Chris Hofschulte was 4th and Chris Hall was 10th. In the Swine division, Marissa Garside was 5th and Chris Hofschulte was 7th. In the Beef division, Morgan Meisenheimer was 3rd, Mark Sims was 4th and Jake Warntjes was 7th. In Oral Reasons, Chris Hall was 9th, Chris Hofschulte was 7th, Katie Duyens was 6th and Morgan Meisenheimer was 3rd.

In the Mid-American Classic in Wichita on Saturday, September 23, the team finished 3rd and 4th Overall. Ryan McCoon earned recognition as the 10th High Individual Overall. Mark Sims was the 3rd High Individual in Oral Reasons and 5th High Individual in Cattle. Jamie Bloomberg was the 4th High Individual in Reasons, while Morgan Meisenheimer was the 3rd High Individual in Swine. The team’s first contest of the fall campaign was a 2nd place finish at the National Barrow Show where Chris Hofschulte was the 2nd High Individual Overall. The 2012 OSU Livestock Judging team is one of only 12 teams in history to win the American Royal and National Championship contests back to back. It joins the OSU teams of 1990, 2001 and 2010 as the 4th OSU National Champion team to accomplish this feat. The 2012 National Championship is the 17th for OSU. Since 1925, the first time OSU claimed a National Championship at the International in Chicago, OSU students have earned more National Championships in Livestock Judging than any university.

The Livestock Judging Team is coached by Dr. Mark Johnson. There were two assistant coaches. Blake Bloomberg from Berwick, IL, and Clint Mefford from Central Point, OR.

**Meat**

The OSU Meat Judging Team had another successful year winning the Iowa State Contest and the Eastern National. They were also Reserve Champions at the National Western and American Royal. They finished 3rd at the International and Houston, as well as 4th at the Cargill Contest. Morgan Neilson was high individual twice and there were many division wins. Morgan was also named to the 2012 All-American Meat Judging Team. Team members for 2012 were Andrea English, Crystal Farmer, Devin Gredell, Nolan Hildebrand, Morgan McKay, Nathan Mertz, Morgan Neilson, and Tanner Schmidt. The Meat Judging Team was coached by Gretchen Mafi and KatieRose McCullough.
Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 6
5:45 p.m.  Animal Science Banquet  Wes Watkins Center

Sunday, April 7
1:00 p.m.  Cowboy Classic Sale  Beef Cattle Center

A block of rooms has been reserved for Animal Science alumni at the Holiday Inn & Suites 405-372-2445, the Residence Inn by Marriott 405-707-0588 and Wyndham Gardens 405-377-7010. Please specify “Animal Science” and make reservations by March 6 for the Animal Science Banquet or by April 1 for the Gala Reunion.

2013 ASAA Gala Reunion Weekend

Saturday, April 27
3:30 p.m.  Callahan Teams 1982-1991  Animal Science Arena
           Visitation and Team Photos
5:00-6:00 Callahan Teams  Early Evening Meal on their own
6:30   Gala Reunion Visitation  ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
7:30   Good Times Gala Reunion  ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
       *Cash Bars and Heavy Hors d’oeuvres
       Recognition of all Jarold Callahan
       Livestock Teams 1982-1991
8:00   Scholarship Auction  ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center
       “Scholarship Auction” live online at www.proxibid.com/GalaAuction

Sunday, April 28
12:30 p.m.  Luncheon  Animal Science Lobby
1:15   Annual Meeting of ASAA  123 ANSI
2:30   ASAA Board of Directors Meeting  102 ANSI
Events Registration Form

Return by March 15 or April 10 (for Gala only)

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**Banquet Activities - April 6, 2013**

Ticket(s) for Animal Science Banquet at 5:45 p.m. April 6 @ Wes Watkins Center

- Animal Science Students/Spouses $13.00/each
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- Ticket(s) for Animal Science Reunion Gala & Judging Teams Reunion
  - Heavy Hors d’oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. April 27 @ ConocoPhillips Alumni Center $30.00/each
  - Animal Science Students $10.00/each

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  - at 12:30 a.m. April 28 @ the Animal Science Lobby $15.00/each

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August 4, 2012 seemed like a normal day. Little did we know that by that afternoon, our lives would be changed forever. The fire off in the distance soon became reality when our neighbors only a half mile up the road were evacuated. The kids and I left our home and one hour later, Kirk and others were told to evacuate or they would be arrested. The rest is history…later that night our friends confirmed our worst fear, the fire had taken everything. That incident made it even more clear to us what a blessing it is to be part of the Animal Science community. Within a few hours of notifying people that our home was part of the devastation, we began to receive emails, phone calls and text messages giving us words of encouragement and providing things that helped comfort us and the children. We were supplied a home to live in and within three days, that home was fully furnished!

Words cannot begin to express how much our lives have been touched and how much you have blessed our entire family over the past few months. Many thanks and continued blessings to all of you!

The VanOverbeke Family – Deb, Kirk, Esther & Joshua

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The Seniors of Significance Award recognizes students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and service to campus and community and have brought distinction to Oklahoma State University. The Department of Animal Science is proud to have six Seniors of Significance for 2012:

**Ashley Bradbeary**, a Food Science major with a Meat Science option, is from Tuttle, Okla. She is the daughter of Kevin and Shelli Bradbeary. Her academic advisor is Dr. Gretchen Mañi.

“I chose OSU because I have always been a Cowboy fan and I knew that I wanted to major in the agricultural field,” says Ashley.

**Kimberly Branham**, the daughter of Keith Branham, hails from Bartlesville, Okla. She is an Animal Science major with a Pre-Vet option. Her academic advisor is Dr. Jerry Fitch.

“I came to OSU because, unlike other schools I visited on prospective visits, I felt at home on OSU’s campus,” says Kimberly. “With superior academics and research opportunities packaged with great faculty I knew it was the perfect place for me to call home.”

**McKenzie Clifton**, an Animal Science and Ag Business major from Kingfisher, Okla., is the daughter of Shane and Mandy Clifton. McKenzie’s academic advisor is Dr. Jerry Fitch.

“Growing up on a third generation family wheat farm in northwest Oklahoma, I was born and raised a die-hard Oklahoma State Cowboys fan,” says McKenzie. “Upon graduating from Kingfisher High School in 2009, I was elected to serve as the 2009-2010 Oklahoma State FFA Secretary which led me to attend Oklahoma State University.”

**Mandi Neujahr** is an Animal Science major with Pre-Vet and Zoology options. Mandy came to Oklahoma State from Osceola, Neb. She is the daughter of Larry and Janet Neujahr and the advisee of Dr. Scott Carter.

“I came to OSU because I wanted to attend a school with a reputable Animal Science department,” explained Mandi. “I wanted to attend a school where I knew I would get an outstanding education that would prepare me for my goals of becoming a veterinarian. After a visit to OSU, I knew it would be a good fit, and it has provided me with even more than I expected. I will be proud to be an OSU alum.”

**Morgan Rom**, an Animal Science major, came to Oklahoma State from Owasso, Okla. She is the daughter of David and Julie Stanley and is married to Michael Rom, a senior Business Management major. Morgan's academic advisor is Dr. Jerry Fitch.

“My high regard for my Alma Mater is evident. I always wanted to be like my parents and attend Oklahoma State University because over the years they shared many wonderful memories with me of their time spent in Stillwater,” says Morgan. “I am a strong proponent of the University, with high standards for academics and involvement with service organizations. My activities are preparing me for a service-oriented career and continued support of OSU and its past, current, and future students.”

**JanLee Rowlett**, an Animal Science major with a Business option, hails from Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She is the daughter of Buddy and Kelley Rowlett. Dr. Bob Kropp is her academic advisor.

“My decision to come to Oklahoma State University was based solely on my desire to have the most valuable Animal Science degree I could earn,” says JanLee. “Looking back, it is the relationships I built with my mentors and peers that kept me here and have made that decision so worthwhile.”

**The Seniors of Significance Award**

**Ashley Bradbeary**

**Kimberly Branham**

**McKenzie Clifton**

**Mandi Neujahr**

**Morgan Rom**

**JanLee Rowlett**
ANIMAL SCIENCE Alumni Update Spring 2013

Carolyn Doyle

I stood with my back to a cool set of panels, steno pad and pencil in hand. I had never judged a class of livestock before, but here I was, about to begin a grueling morning of cattle judging at my first “Big 3” Field Days. My nerves hadn’t settled since I had climbed out of bed at 4:00 that morning. The loud speaker announced time in and a new journey in my life began.

The 2006 “Big 3” Field Days was a mile marker in my life. It was my first livestock judging contest and first time to look at Oklahoma State University’s outstanding animals. The size of the contest shocked me. Having nearly 1,500 fellow students packed into the Animal Science arena was an experience in itself. The stifling July heat made concentrating difficult, however, eight classes later I was already excited about the next day.

Though I’d be embarrassed to tell you how many points I dropped those three days, the impact it had on my future is undeniable. “Big 3” was the highlight of my summer for the next three years. I learned countless lessons looking at quality livestock and enjoyed time in the great town of Stillwater. I developed relationships with OSU faculty and knew I wanted to be part of the Cowboy family when I graduated.

When I marked my final card on hog day during the 2009 “Big 3” Field Days, it was hard to think I was done with this activity. A fitting end to what I thought was my last involvement with “Big 3,” my team won sweepstakes and took home the Joe and Lynn Hughes Memorial Traveling Trophy.

In the fall, I began my four-year journey to attain an animal science degree from Oklahoma State. Fortunately, I soon became acquainted with Rusty Gosz, youth livestock specialist, and discovered opportunities to stay connected with activities I had enjoyed in high school.

When Rusty asked if I was interested in serving as the youth livestock specialist intern, I was elated. The chance to assist in hosting judging camps and contests, as well as helping at livestock shows, would allow me to experience these activities from the other side. The activity I was most excited about, however, was my still-favorite summer event.

As a facilitator of this contest, I realized the incredible amount of work it is to host this event. Months of planning tours, ordering awards and sorting classes was just the beginning. The number of early mornings and late evenings setting up the arena, ensuring there would be water, and freezing the famous popsicles were documented on my time card. Finally, the sun rose on Tuesday and “Big 3” was upon us.

I arrived at the arena hours before the participants. Registration tables were set up, signs hung on the fence, fans started and we were ready to begin. As I stood in the stands and surveyed the crowd on the arena floor, I saw myself four years ago. These students, whether this was their first or tenth “Big 3,” were about to embark on the same journey I had taken.

I realize the true value of this event. What started out as the “Summer Swine Field Day” put on by Dr. Bill Luce and the Oklahoma Swine Breeders’ Association in the early 1960’s changed into a three-day, all-specie judging event by Dr. Joe Hughes and Dr. Bob Totusek in 1985. Not only did this event educate students, but it also served as a recruiting tool for OSU and the Animal Science Department by “opening the door” to OSU’s campus. Their vision of hosting a contest to showcase OSU livestock and provide a work-out for judging teams became so much more - these youth have the unique opportunity to interact with faculty and foster relationships that encourage them to become a part of the OSU family.

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Carolyn Doyle is an Animal Science student from Elgin, Okla. She will graduate in the spring and plans to obtain her Master’s Degree in Agricultural Education in hopes of impacting youth as her mentors have influenced her.
News from the Purebred Teaching Centers

Tyler Cupp and KayLynn Million with the 1st and 3rd place 2 yr. olds at the Tulsa State Fair. OSU was also the Premier Breeder in the Holstein breed.

OSU’s Real Gem, an AQHA Calf Roping point earner and World Show qualifier, is also competing in professional rodeos. He is ridden by Brian Bendele, a 2001 Reserve World Champion horse judging team member.

2012 Tulsa State Fair Open Angus Show: OSU Class Act, Grand Champion Angus Bull

2012 Tulsa State Fair: Reserve Grand Breeding Gilt

Congratulation Hunter Green and Family!

2012 Summer Spectacular: Reserve Champion Division I Yorkshire Barrow

Congratulation Holmes Family and DWE Crew!

2012 Tulsa State Fair: Pen of Three Angus Bulls

2012 Early Calf Champions
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