Greetings to you, dear Alumni and Friends:

I was reminded of a very important fact as I began to prepare this message, that we are incredibly blessed to be part of such a wonderful university and department. If you stop and think about, the pride and passion that our alumni, current students and faculty members have for this special place is unmatched. If you get to visit and interact with other universities and Animal Science departments, you can’t help but be humbled and honored by what has been established here within our renowned Department of Animal Science. The truth is that many factors have come together over the years to put us in the place we are today. The focus of my message is to take a moment to reflect on the past, recognize the present, and focus on the future of this fine department and the role that we all have in helping shape that bright future.

Reflecting on the Past: Time flies by so quickly in today’s busy world. We all have animals to care for, deadlines to meet, kids’ games to attend, and folks around us who need our time on a daily basis. All of these things are important and are the very fabric of life, but too often we don’t take time to remember and acknowledge the people who came before us. I am pleased to share with you that your Animal Science Alumni board is very conscientious about honoring those people who laid the foundations for what we have now. How are we going to do that this year? As part of the gala festivities on April 4th, we will recognize all of the past departmental employees who worked at the livestock units, as well as some very special recognition for three men who were instrumental in the development of the highly successful sheep program at OSU. Please make plans to be with us that evening and share in a celebration of the past accomplishments and contributions of all of these important folks.

Recognize the Present: In this issue of the Update, Dr. Clint Rusk will share an in-depth view of the current accomplishments of our department. The thing I want to mention in regards to the present state of our department is the quality of our students. The work ethic, talent, and abilities of the students that I have had the chance to interact with are tremendous. I encourage you, my fellow alumni, to make it a point to come to campus and see for yourself. You will be inspired and encouraged by them. I guarantee it! We are in good hands with this next generation of students that will soon be proud to call themselves OSU Animal Science Alumni.

Focus for the Future: In sharing our vision for the future, your ASAA board is excited to make you aware of an important and vital new project that is just getting underway. In conjunction with the OSU Foundation, your ASAA board is supporting the launch of an endowment effort to fund the long term sustainability of our purebred teaching herds. You will find more details on the endowments and how you can be part of these projects in this issue of the Update. As you may or may not be aware, many Animal Science departments around the country have already or will soon be eliminating their purebred teaching herds due largely to the inability to fund them. I am proud to say that for many years we have had some of the most outstanding purebred livestock and horses anywhere. For the sake of maintaining the “Legacy of Excellence” in our purebred herds and ensuring that future generations of students are afforded the same opportunities we all had in working with the very best animals, we must secure the financial support to keep these farms open and excelling in the production of quality livestock. In advance, I am thanking you for your participation for keeping this tradition thriving for years to come!

I count it a high privilege to serve this department and our alumni members from all over the world as a member of your alumni association board. We are your board so please engage with us. I am looking forward to seeing you in April for Animal Science weekend and our gala festivities. In closing, remember we all serve in one of the most noble causes in the world… feeding an ever growing world!!

Blessings to You,
Rob
Sheep Industry Leaders

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The following three OSU Sheep Industry leaders will be honored at this year’s April 4, 2014 Gala Reunion. They will join Animal Science leaders Joe Hughes, Butch Young, Dr. Lowell Walters, Ben and Alma Grant, Jarold Callahan and Bob and Nell Totusek in the Animal Science Arena on Hall of Fame Row.

**ALEX MCKENZIE**

Alex McKenzie was an elite sheep man of his time, serving as shepherd of the OSU sheep flock from 1928 to 1966. Often referred to as “a molder of sheep and a builder of men”, he was a highly respected sheep judge and his supervision established OSU as a nationally recognized sheep program.

Proceeds from these chairbacks will fund the Sheep and Goat Center Endowment.

**DR. ROBERT L. NOBLE**

Dr. Noble was an iconic teacher and sheep specialist at OSU from 1949 to 1986. A “grandfather” figure to many, he was recognized five times for his outstanding teaching ability. Under his guidance and with leadership from Alex McKenzie and Bill Crutcher, the OSU sheep program developed a national reputation of excellence.

Earnings from this Endowment will support operating expenses for the Sheep and Goat Center. Please refer to the next page for more information about the Endowments.

**BILL CRUTCHER**

Bill Crutcher followed his mentor, Alex McKenzie, as OSU Shepherd from 1966 to 2007. During his career, he established a standard of excellence that was recognized nationally as a pinnacle of sheep production and evaluation. As a sheep breeder, show superintendent, judge and mentor to many students, he was a true professional.
Excellence is just a word to some, but for the Animal Science Department at Oklahoma State University, it’s a tradition.

Our programs were built by legends of the livestock industry. Their tradition of excellence has been passed down and displayed to the world by maintaining outstanding purebred livestock at our teaching herds and exhibiting champion livestock on a national level. This, in turn, resulted in numerous National Champion judging teams. In the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s, it was common to see many universities competing against each other with purebred livestock. Today, Oklahoma State is in a class of its own.

An investment in permanent endowments within the Department of Animal Science will keep OSU’s tradition and legacy of dominance alive and well. These permanent endowments will help ensure that our facilities and purebred herds will be maintained for future Cowboys who will become the legends of tomorrow.

The following endowments exist to support programs and operations within the Department of Animal Science:

- Dairy Center Endowment Fund
- Equine Center Endowment Fund
- Purebred Beef Center Endowment Fund
- Sheep and Goat Center Endowment Fund
- Swine Center Endowment Fund

For more information about how you can be a part of this important legacy, please contact:

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

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Customized for OSU Animal Science Alumni

Join the ASAA Lifetime Membership for a chance to win this firepit in the April 4th drawing!

For your customized Porter Fire Pit:
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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 one of these “Porter Fire Pits” in a “New Lifetime Member Drawing” at the Gala Reunion Friday, April 4th.

The “Fire Pit” drawing is for anyone PURCHASING an ASAA Lifetime membership after April 27, 2013.

A second drawing for a $250 cash prize will be rewarded to a “Recruiter” of new lifetime members joining after April 27, 2013. Your name will enter the “Recruiters” drawing for every Lifetime member you recruit.

Membership application on back cover or go to www.osuanscaumni.com
Greetings and “Thank You” to the Alumni of the OSU Department of Animal Science. I am honored to be your Department Head. It's hard to believe 16 months have already passed since I started at OSU on August 1, 2012. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting acquainted with many of you during the past year.

We have much to be thankful for this year. I will focus on two things I am particularly thankful for: The first is Dr. Clint Krehbiel, our new Assistant Department Head. I am very pleased that Dr. Krehbiel accepted my offer to become our first Assistant Department Head beginning July 1, 2013. Dr. Krehbiel has a tremendous record of accomplishment and a strong desire to pursue administrative responsibility. Dr. Krehbiel and I meet every Monday morning to strategize and plan for the week’s activities. Dr. Krehbiel has been a big help thus far and I look forward to working with him for many years to come.

I am also very excited about the upcoming Alumni Gala and the opportunity to recognize alumni who worked at our Purebred Livestock Units. As you know, “Excellence” is just a word to some, but it is a tradition and expectation to those who are associated with OSU Animal Science. Our programs were built by legends of the livestock industry. Their “Tradition of Excellence” has been passed down and displayed to the world by maintaining outstanding purebred livestock at our teaching herds and exhibiting champion livestock on a national level. Today, it is rare to find high-quality purebred herds at other universities. We want to keep the OSU tradition and dominance alive and well.

Thanks to innovative leadership from the Animal Science Alumni Association and fundraising advice from Kathy McNally and David Loyless at the OSU Foundation, we have laid the groundwork to establish five new endowments that, when fully funded, will provide maintenance funds for our Purebred Beef, Dairy, Equine, Sheep and Goat, and Swine Centers. These permanent endowment funds, maintained at the OSU Foundation, will help ensure that our facilities and purebred herds will be maintained for future Cowboys and Cowgirls, who will become the legends of tomorrow.

We are also blessed with an outstanding faculty and staff. In late October, we hired Dr. Blake Bloomberg as an Assistant Professor in Applied Animal Science. Dr. Bloomberg grew up on a Diversified Livestock Operation near Berwick, IL. In addition to teaching Applied Animal Science courses, Dr. Bloomberg will also coach the OSU Livestock Judging Team. Dr. Bloomberg is currently preparing the Junior Livestock Judging Team for spring competitions, including the National Western in Denver, CO.

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

- Dr. Mark Johnson – Outstanding DASNR Advisor, Mentor and Coach
- Dr. Clint Krehbiel – selected as a Regents' Distinguished Professor
- Dr. Dave Lalman – Outstanding Extension Specialist – 2013 ASAS
- Dr. Leon Spicer – selected as a Regents' Distinguished Researcher
- Dedication of the new Individual Feeding Barn at the Willard Sparks Beef Cattle Research Center
- Five new faculty members have all landed their first grant
- 960 Undergraduate students – 65 graduate students
- ANSI Dept. accounts for 80% of the increase in undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
- Five freshmen are serving on the President’s Leadership Council
- Five sophomores selected as Top Twenty Freshmen at OSU
- Two sophomore ladies selected as the Top Ten Freshmen Women at OSU
- Niblack Scholars – 4 out of 12 from ANSI - $8,000 per student
- Wentz Scholars – 4 out of 40 from ANSI - $4,500 per student
- Seven Undergraduate Research Scholars competed at the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Research Symposium
- Published two new departmental newsletters called the “Cowpoke News”
- Mr. Jeff Mafi and the Purebred Beef Unit showed the Calf Champion Angus Heifer at the Tulsa State Fair.
- Mr. David Jones and the OSU Dairy Unit earned the Premier Breeder award at the Tulsa State Fair
- Mr. Donnell Brown – featured as the 2013 Totusek Lecturer
- The OSU Dairy Judging Team placed in the top ten at the North American
- The OSU Horse Judging Team placed 4th at the 2013 World Show
- The OSU Meat Judging Team placed 5th at the International Contest
- The OSU Livestock Judging Team won oral reasons at both the American Royal and then at the North American International Contest.

As we approach the end of 2013, we are already looking forward to 2014. I look forward to meeting many of you at the following events:

- National Western Stock Show – Denver, CO – January 13-18
- Oklahoma Youth Expo – Oklahoma City – March 12-21
- Animal Science Alumni Reunion Gala – April 4
- Animal Science Scholarship Banquet – April 5
- Cowboy Classic – Stillwater – April 6

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
1985 Livestock Team
Jeff & Diane Bedwell
Brad Bennett
Kim Brock
Scott Bulling
Brett & Cathy Butler
Robert Cooper
Ryan Cotton
Jack Cunningham
Ronn Cunningham
Mike Detherage
Bob Funk
George & Crystal Garton
Lee Haygood
DeRon Heldermon
Guy Heldermon
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Ron Ramming
Randy Renbarger
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Mick Sharp
Mark Shaw
Matt Sims
Stacy Smith
Karen Sneeary
Mark Squires
Wade Stewart
Tom & Shelly Sturgeon
Todd Thrasher
Tom & Patricia White

JAROLD CALLAHAN
OSU LIVESTOCK COACH
1982-1991
Jarold’s unique skill set, combining a knowledge of livestock beyond his years, a passion for competition and unparalleled ability as a leader, molded his teams into fierce competitors with a winning mentality. With high expectations for all students, “J.C.” was an outstanding teacher and mentor as well as the most successful and respected livestock coach of his era.

1985 Livestock Team
Jim Boyd
Kim Brock
Michael & Lana Burnett
Roy L. Butler
Bill Carmichael
Elmo M. Castle
Joe C. Christian
Art Dean
Bill Doenges
Joe Ferguson
Dorothy Fisher - in memory of Eddie Fisher
Theo Fite
Ben Franklin
Ben & Alma Grant
Melvin Greeley - Nutr. Plus
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Mike B. Gould
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Carroll Haygood
Ken Holloway
Shari Holloway
Gerald Horn
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Rob Richard
Glenn & Joy Richardson
Jack Richey
Clint & Madeleine Rusk
Pat & Wayne Shearhart
Harold & RaeNell Spies
Jimmie Timmis
Bob & Nell Totusek
Bill and Joy Troub
Charles Wall
Dennis & Marta White
Tom & Patricia White
Dale Wooderson
Harold Woods
Mary Zimmerman - in memory of Dwane Zimmerman
Bob Zwingle

BOB and NELL TOTUSEK
Totusek...amazing, articulate, compassionate, diligent, dedicated, assertive, gentle, considerate, hilarious, captivating, godly, disciplined, educated, intelligent, warm-hearted, understanding, genuine. OSU Animal Science Alumni and Friends, with utmost respect and admiration, join together to honor Bob and Nell Totusek. Their contributions to OSU Animal Science and the livestock industry are immeasurable. Dr. Totusek is a true but modest legend and unparalleled leader.

ANIMAL SCIENCE AlumniUpdate Spring 2014
Oklahoma Ag Hall of Fame 2013

Excerpts from: http://www.oda.state.ok.us/halloffame-hughes.htm

Osage County rancher, business leader and nationally acclaimed beef industry expert, John Hughes, became the 16th inductee into the Oklahoma Agricultural Hall of Fame on April 4, 2013. A career of improving the land and lives of the people who make ranching their livelihood earned him the most prestigious award in Oklahoma agriculture. The Hughes Ranch was founded by his father, A.M. Hughes in 1938 as a 1,400 acre spread that was, like many ranges in Osage County at the time, largely covered in Blackjack and Post Oak brush. While his father’s career was primarily in the oil and gas industry, young John was enamored with the cattle business—and cowboy lifestyle—and devoted himself to both. After graduating Oklahoma State University in 1955 Mr. Hughes took over the family ranching business which had by then grown to 5,000 acres. He knew that in order to support his family he had to increase grazing capacity and began an aerial spraying business to improve grazing and allow him to be a full-time rancher. Devoted to enhancing profitability and sustainability the Hughes Ranch is a living classroom for agricultural students and ranchers. A humble man, Mr. Hughes gave credit to others for his successes. “The generations that came before me in the Osage were great producers and set the beginning of our ranching heritage,” he said. “I truly have been blessed to make friends with and work with some of the greatest people on the planet. I would not trade places with anyone.”

John Hughes passed away June 19, 2013 following several months of ill health.

Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement

Ted Doane, a former longtime University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty member, has been named a Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement honoree. Doane’s service to Nebraska ranges from Dawson County extension educator, where he began in 1955, to being Nebraska State Grange president today. Born and raised on an Oklahoma farm, he graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1952 and received his M.S. at Kansas State University in 1953. In 1956 he joined the UNL Animal Science Department, retiring in 1996. Doane advised nearly 1,200 students and taught over 10,000 during his career. A 4-H club leader for 20 years, he also worked with youth in 4-H and FFA at county and state fairs and as superintendent of the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Sheep Show for 33 years and the State Fair 4-H Sheep Show more than 30 years.

Why would a swine nutritionist write a book on human nutrition?

“To help people understand more about what is involved in a healthy diet so they can lose weight or maintain a healthy weight,” says Dr. Michael Edmonds. “And, should there be any profits from the sale of this book, to give all the money back to local agricultural student organizations as well as local charities and education.”

Dr. Edmonds graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1982 with a B.S. degree in Animal Science. He then attended graduate school at the University of Illinois from 1982-87 where he studied Non-ruminant Nutrition under the direction of Dr. David H. Baker. Since graduation, he has spent his career as a swine nutritionist in the feed industry. His book covers the basics of nutrition and how various nutrients can affect appetite and health characteristics. In addition, there are discussions on high protein diets, vegetarian diets, use of sweeteners, caffeine, and trans fats and the importance of minerals and vitamins in our diets is explained. Learn more about healthier eating and Dr. Edmonds’ book by checking out www.dredmondshealthyeating.com.

Happy Trails...cont’d on p. 20
**Dairy**

The OSU Dairy Judging Team participated in four contests in 2013. They placed 3rd in the Southwestern Exposition, Fort Worth, Texas; 1st at NACTA, Lubbock, Texas; 4th at the Western National, Richmond Utah; and 7th at NAILE, Louisville, Kentucky.

**Horse**

The 2013 OSU Horse Judging Team consisted of team members Turner Armitage, Steven Cook, Emily Ferjak, Delayna Fitzgerald, Abby Hendrickson, Katie Jordan, Chelsea Pryor, Danny Schellinger and Sarah Schober. Coached by Dr. Steven Cooper and Tabatha Taylor, the team excelled all year at each of the four fall competitions. At the Reichert celebration in Fort Worth, Texas, Katie Jordan was 10th overall and Sarah Schober was 5th while the team finished 3rd overall. At the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, the team placed 7th overall and 2nd in reasons. Individually, Delayna Fitzgerald and Katie Jordan also finished in the top ten in both Reasons and Halter. The
Welcome New Faculty!

Dr. Sara Place joined the Department of Animal Science faculty in February 2013 as an Assistant Professor of Sustainable Beef Cattle Systems. Her research program will focus on the intersection of management and production practices that optimize animal well-being, nutrient-use efficiency, and the business sustainability of the beef industry. Her teaching responsibilities will include nutrition and dairy science. Prior to Oklahoma State, she worked with the Innovation Center for US Dairy in Sustainability. She received her Ph.D. in 2012 from University of California, Davis in Animal Biology where her work focused on measurement and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from cattle. She earned a B.S. in Animal Science from Cornell University in 2008 and an A.A.S. degree in Agriculture Business from Morrisville State College in 2006. Dr. Place is originally from New York State where she grew up on her family’s dairy farm.

In October 2013, Dr. Blake Bloomberg was hired as an Assistant Professor in Applied Animal Science. In addition to teaching Applied Animal Science courses, he will also coach the OSU Livestock Judging Team. Bloomberg, a native of Berwick, Ill., grew up on a diversified livestock operation. He attended Black Hawk College where he received an associate’s degree. From there, he transferred to Texas A&M University where he completed both his B.S. and M.S. in Animal Science. Bloomberg came to OSU in 2010 to pursue a Ph.D in Meat Science under the direction of Dr. Gretchen Mafi. While at OSU, he served as co-coach for the Meat Animal Evaluation Team and assistant coach for the Livestock Judging Team. He was voted Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate Student in 2012. Dr. Bloomberg and his wife, Wravenna, live in Stillwater with their young daughter, Breckyn.

Regents Distinguished Research Award

Dr. Leon Spicer from the Department of Animal Science was chosen as one of the seven 2013-2014 Regents Distinguished Research Award winners. These faculty members maintain records of past and continuing excellence in research and are recognized nationally and internationally for achievements in their respective fields of study. Dr. Spicer received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in animal science from the University of Minnesota and University of Idaho, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree in dairy science from Michigan State University. Before joining the OSU faculty in 1988, he served as an Instructor at the M.S. Hershey Medical Center, The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Spicer’s research has focused on understanding nutritional, genetic and metabolic regulation of ovarian function. His research efforts have been supported by extramural grants from USDA, NIH and private industry totaling more than $1.4 million.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Are you missing out on our Department of Animal Science newsletter, Cowpoke News? Cowpoke News is an electronic newsletter that you can receive 3 times per year by e-mail or view our website: www.ansi.okstate.edu. The Cowpoke News is an inaugural newsletter that discusses student and faculty activities, including research, presentations and awards. Cowpoke News is not intended to replace the Alumni Update you receive in the Spring - instead our goal is to stay in touch with you on a year-round basis.

If you would like to receive Cowpoke News in your inbox, e-mail cowpokenews@okstate.edu with your full name and e-mail address.

If you don’t have an e-mail address and you would like to receive a paper copy of Cowpoke News in your mailbox, fill out the form below and mail it to our department.

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Are you missing out on our Department of Animal Science newsletter, Cowpoke News? Cowpoke News is an electronic newsletter that you can receive 3 times per year by e-mail or view our website: www.ansi.okstate.edu. The Cowpoke News is an inaugural newsletter that discusses student and faculty activities, including research, presentations and awards. Cowpoke News is not intended to replace the Alumni Update you receive in the Spring - instead our goal is to stay in touch with you on a year-round basis.

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Diana Bateson Receives CASNR Outstanding Staff Member Award

Ms. Diana Bateson of the OSU Department of Animal Science is the winner of the 2012-2013 CASNR Outstanding Staff Member Award. Diana serves as an information assistant for four faculty members in the department. She is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the office suite, handles the telephone, appointments, correspondence, classroom materials and manages the Award and Grant Accounts for each faculty member. Diana also took on the huge responsibility of serving as the purchasing liaison for collaborative research at the Fort Reno-Grazing Lands Research Lab at the USDA Research Center in El Reno, Okla. when they were without a purchasing agent. While her principal responsibilities constitute a full-time job, Diana has gone over and above these responsibilities to provide additional support in servicing the needs of additional faculty members and staff within the department. Diana has an exceptional personality and is willing to do whatever is required and more to fulfill the needs of faculty and staff. Without question, Diana Bateson is a team player that for more than 24 years has given of herself for the betterment of the department, our college and the university.

Niblack Scholars

The Niblack Research Scholars is an undergraduate research program that awards an $8,000 scholarship to 12 students each year. This allows the students the opportunity to conduct research in a university lab. The research is assisted by a faculty sponsor and graduate student mentor.

This year, 4 of the 12 students chosen are from the Department of Animal Science. Congratulations to Christian Cook, Lindsay King, Julia Matera, and Jessica Neal!
Excerpts from http://beefmagazine.com/business/beef-honors-50-top-industry-leaders

**Frank H. Baker**, an Oklahoma native, had the inspiration to form the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) and did it solely on his leadership ability, for there were no funds or authority for such a project in 1968. BIF is an internationally recognized organization serving as a means for breeders, researchers and Extension specialists to implement guidelines for evaluating, reporting and utilizing performance data on beef cattle. BIF’s annual meeting is a premier industry event that attracts several hundred attendees who learn and discuss the latest in performance evaluation. Baker served as secretary of the organization until 1974, but continued to serve his brainchild organization until his death in 1993. Baker was awarded a Purple Heart as a paratrooper in Europe during World War II, and enjoyed a distinguished career as an animal science educator at Kansas State University, University of Kentucky, Oklahoma State University, the University of Nebraska and with USDA.

**H.C. “Ladd” Hitch Jr.** was born in Guymon, Okla. Hitch was chairman of the board of Hitch Enterprises, a vertically integrated agribusiness that included everything from farming to a branded beef line. Though the Hitch Ranch has existed in Oklahoma’s Panhandle since 1884, vertical integration began when Hitch developed the region’s first large irrigation well in 1947. From irrigation came increased grain production, then feedlots, followed by the packing plants and then branded beef. Hitch had the foresight to recognize the need for risk management, establishing his own commodity firm in the late 1960s and purchasing a seat on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. In 1982, Hitch Feedlots assisted USDA in developing a quality assurance program that would allow certification that beef produced under such practices would contain no harmful chemicals. The program is now known as Verified Production Control.

**Robert Totusek** was raised on a grain and livestock farm near Graber, Okla., Totusek served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He earned his master’s degree in 1950 and doctorate in 1952 in animal nutrition from Purdue, and then accepted a faculty position at Oklahoma State University (OSU). He advanced through the academic ranks to professor of animal science, and to eventually head of the animal science department in 1976. As a livestock judge, Totusek recognized the need to move away from fatter, slow-growing cattle, as well as identifying moderate-type cattle. He facilitated a National Steer Symposium at OSU, and later, a National Cattle Beef Symposium, both of which were credited for establishing guidelines to moderate show-ring extremes. Totusek believed it was important to emphasize profitability when presenting new research, as not every practice that increased production increased profits. He created a technique to evaluate every practice developed by research with a cost-return analysis. He retired in 1990 and remains active in the animal science alumni association.

**Richard Willham**, the creator of EPDs, is credited as one of the foremost contributors to beef cattle breeding. A Stillwater, Okla., native, Willham is considered the father of national beef sire evaluation, and was a prime mover in the design, development and implementation of several sire evaluation programs. Willham received a B.S. in animal science in 1954 from the Oklahoma A&M College, and an M.S. and doctorate from Iowa State University (ISU). He worked as an assistant professor (1959-1963) in ISU’s Animal Science Department, before accepting a position as associate professor (1963-1966) at Oklahoma State University. He returned to ISU in 1966 as associate professor and was promoted to professor in 1971. A founding member of the Beef Improvement Federation, Willham coauthored the organization’s National Sire Evaluation Guidelines. He introduced the concept of breeding values to the beef industry, and the analysis of performance records in five breed associations. Willham is also known for his love of livestock history and art. He curated the art exhibit “Centuries of Fascination: Art About Livestock,” at ISU in 1990, during the annual American Society of Animal Science meeting.

**Minnie Lou Bradley** of Childress, Texas, made history the day she became the first woman awarded high individual in beef cattle at the American Royal judging contest in Kansas City and, later, overall high points individual at the International in Chicago. In the 1960s, she and husband Bill began performance-testing bulls. They were charter members of the Performance Registry International and the Angus Herd Improvement Records programs. Since then, Bradley has built one of the most comprehensive performance-driven programs in the U.S., and has spent a lifetime working to create profitable bulls for commercial producers and quality end products for consumers. In 1986, the family pioneered branded-beef and natural-beef marketing programs that became the nationally known B3R Country Meats. They were early to use ultrasound for carcass measures, DNA for parentage and DNA for 50K testing, and implemented one of the earliest value-based marketing systems for their customers.

In commemoration of the start of BEEF magazine’s 50th year of publication, BEEF editors wanted to honor some of the U.S. beef industry’s best and brightest contributors of the past half century. They asked readers to submit nominations, and an independent panel of three judges narrowed down the entries to 50 honorees. Oklahoma State is proud to have ties to 5 of the honorees. Kimberly Branhamsan, Animal Science major from Bartlesville, Okla. She is the daughter of Keith Branhamsan. Branhamsan has served as secretary of the Animal Science Leadership Alliance, OSU Pre-Vet Club historian, OSU Department of Animal Science student success coach and on the OSU Homecoming Big Committee. She has volunteered for Relay for Life, Remember the Ten Memorial Run, Humane Society of Stillwater and Turning Point Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program.

“...Branhamsan is currently pursuing a master’s degree at OSU in Animal Science with a focus in behavioral genetics under the guidance of Drs. Megan Rolf and Michelle Calvo-Lorenzo. Thanks to students of ANSI 4023 - Poultry Production; class instructor, Ali Beker; and D.A.R.P processing plant, OK Food Bank was able to provide approximately 60 needy families with a whole chicken for the Thanksgiving holiday!
This award, presented annually since 1984, recognizes those recipients of M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in the Department of Animal Science who have attained singular professional excellence in the field of animal agriculture.

Dan Hale is a professor and Extension Meat Specialist and a member of the meat science section in the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. He joined the extension faculty at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in 1985. Dan interprets and extends information on diet/health, food safety, livestock growth, animal welfare and meat science to consumers, youth, health professionals, retailers, food service managers, packers, processors and livestock producers. He also performs industry applied meat science research. Dan has worked with the National Beef Quality Audits, National Consumer Retail Beef Study, the National Market Basket Survey and the National Beef Tenderness Survey, which examine the quality of beef from the ranch to the consumer. In 2010, Dan received the Signal Service award from AMSA, which is given to members in recognition of devoted service and lasting contributions to the meat industry.

Les K. (Hutch) Hutchens was born in Springfield, Mo. and grew up in South Dakota and Arizona. Hutch attended the University of Arizona (1971-72) and moved to Ozark, Mo. in the summer of 1972 to assist with the family farm. He completed his B.S. in Agriculture at Southwest Missouri State University. Hutch completed his M.S. degree in Animal Science at Oklahoma State University in 1980, working with Drs. Rodger Johnson and Rich Hintz. His research evaluated genetic and phenotypic relationships between reproductive and growth characteristics of gilt. After graduate school, Hutch began working at Reproduction Enterprises, Inc. in Stillwater (REI). His initial responsibility was to assist in the development of a bovine embryo transfer program. He later became manager of the Semen Division for REI and served in that capacity from 1985-1998. In 1998 Hutchens purchased REI and is now serving as President/CEO. REI's Semen Division provides services for multiple species. The Embryo Division at present services primarily bovine and is anticipating expansion into other species. The Educational Division is involved in local as well as international training in reproduction with many custom designed programs involving several species. Hutch and his wife Esther have four grown children, and one grandchild.

Steven I. Paisley was raised on a cattle ranch near Oshkosh, Neb. and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science and Ruminant Nutrition, respectively, from the University of Wyoming in 1993 and 1995. He completed his Ph. D. (1998) in ruminant nutrition at Oklahoma State University working with Dr. Gerald Horn. Steve served for about 3 years as the South Central Area Livestock Specialist (Kansas State University) in Hutchinson, Kan. where he was responsible for beef cattle extension education programs in 19 south central counties. In October 2001, Dr. Paisley accepted a position as assistant professor and state extension beef specialist at the University of Wyoming. Through his leadership and innovative extension programming and research Dr. Paisley is recognized regionally, nationally and internationally as one of the top beef cattle specialist in the US. The central theme of Dr. Paisley’s extension and research programs has been to improve efficiencies of the cow/calf and growing/finishing phases of production, and develop production and management systems to enhance beef quality and consistency throughout the industry. Steve and his wife Carrie have two young sons Ty and Todd and daughter, Hadley.

This award, presented annually since 1949, recognizes graduates with a Bachelor’s degree in Animal Science at OSU who have compiled outstanding records of achievement and service, particularly in the field of animal agriculture.

Don Clift was born in Odessa, Texas and raised in Lexington, Okla. where he graduated from Lexington High School. He then attended Murray State College in Tishomingo before enrolling at Oklahoma State University. During his OSU tenure, Don was awarded many awards including the OSU Animal Science Outstanding Graduate of 1980. One of Don’s first jobs following graduation was for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo. In 1990 Don met the love of his life and married Jana Lynn Turpen. Don had a very successful professional career with positions held atRalston Purina in Cherokee, Okla., Elanco Animal Health in Eufaula, Okla., Texas Farms in Perryton, Texas and Preferred Beef in Booker, Texas. The Preferred Beef business was extremely special for Don in that he got to work hand-in-hand with his baby brother, Roger. November 11, 2012, following cooking steaks for the Farm House pledges and taking in an OSU football game, Don and Jana were tragically taken away from us in an automobile accident. Don was always someone you could count on when you needed a favor, an answer or a friend. More than anything, Don loved the Lord, his family and OSU.

Dr. James (Jim) A. Gosey grew up on a family diversified farm near Wewoka, Okla. After graduating from high school and attending two years at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, Okla., Jim transferred to Oklahoma State University, graduating with an Animal Husbandry major in 1965. Jim earned his M.S. degree in 1967 at New Mexico State University and then enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to pursue his Ph.D. Partway through his Ph.D. program, a unique extension and teaching position in beef cattle management became available. Accepting the position, Jim launched a 35+ year career as a Beef Cattle Specialist for the University of Nebraska. Considered by many as one of the most innovative extension educators in the nation, Jim consistently provided educational programming to meet the needs of the cattle producers of Nebraska and the nation. With the advent of Angus genetic infusion into many of the European beef breeds, Jim was instrumental in developing and presenting programs on the use of composite breeds as an alternative in crossbreeding programs to capture hybrid vigor. His university teaching responsibilities for over two decades centered on teaching Cow-Call Management and supervising the beef teaching herd. Jim and his wife, Linda, have 3 children, Michael, Adam and Sara.

Terry Ward was born in Grapevine, Texas and grew up in Gould, Okla. on a farm with wheat, cotton, pigs and beef cattle. Upon graduation, Terry attended Western Oklahoma State College before transferring to Oklahoma State University. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a B.S. degree in Animal Science. Terry furthered his education by attending Louisiana State University where he attained M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in nonruminant nutrition. Terry was then employed by Consolidated Nutrition where he served as Senior Monogastric Nutritionist with responsibilities for research and development in the area of starter pig, growing-finishing pig metabolism, broiler, turkey, and laying hen nutrition. In 2000, Terry joined Zinpro Corporation where he served as a Research Nutritionist before being appointed as the Director in 2002 and subsequently Global Director in 2012. Terry manages a team of technical specialists on four continents, providing research and technical services for business in over sixty countries. Terry continues to provide support for technical communications and field support for multiple species, as well as managing product development and registration activities for Zinpro. Terry and his wife, Donnita, whom he met while at OSU, have been married for 25 years and have three children, Cody, Leah and Kelly.
The Tyler Award recognizes professional achievement in research, teaching or public service by faculty members of the OSU Department of Animal Science.

Dr. Gretchen Mafi received her B.S. degree from Texas Tech University in 1994, M.S. from Colorado State in 1996 and Ph.D. from Texas Tech in 2000. In between her graduate programs, Gretchen was a Credit Analyst for Farm Credit Service. Prior to her faculty position at Oklahoma State University, Dr. Mafi worked for USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service as a Livestock and Meat Merchandising Specialist in Washington. D.C. Gretchen started her academic career as an Assistant Professor at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. She joined the faculty at OSU in 2006 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2011. Gretchen currently has responsibility for teaching 6 undergraduate courses and 1 graduate course and has an active research program. In addition to her regular teaching appointment, Dr. Mafi coaches and coordinates the Meat Judging Program, bringing home 7 championships at various contests since 2006. She also coaches the Meat Animal Evaluation Team, which won the National Championship in 2011 and the Reserve National Championship in 2010. Gretchen and her husband, Jeff, reside outside of Stillwater, Okla.

Distinguished Service Award

This award was established in 1978 to recognize those individuals who have achieved excellence in terms of accomplishment and service in some field of animal agriculture, but who are not graduates of the OSU Department of Animal Science.

Roy Lee Lindsey was born in Stillwater, Okla. and grew up in Cordell, Okla. Roy Lee graduated from Cordell High School in 1985 and attended Oklahoma State University. He earned a B.S. degree in Agricultural Communications in 1993 and a M.S. degree in Agricultural Education in 1994. Upon graduation, he served as 4-H Youth Educator for Cleveland County Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and County Extension 4-H Agent for Kansas State Research and Extension in Douglas County. Roy Lee then joined the Oklahoma Pork Council as the Executive Director on December 1, 1998. His first few years as the Executive Director were filled with many challenges which he addressed with class, professionalism, and a desire to tell the pork industry story. With his leadership, the pork industry overcame these challenges and in recent years has enjoyed much success. Roy Lee has been a great asset to the Department of Animal Science. He regularly speaks to ANSI 4643 (Swine Science) and ANSI 4900 (Animal Agriculture Advocacy) lending his time and knowledge of issues facing animal agriculture for the benefit of students. Roy Lee is a leading advocate of animal agriculture in the state of Oklahoma and is a great supporter of the Department of Animal Science.

Master Breeder Award

This award was established in 1971 to recognize those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the genetic improvement of a breed of livestock.

Express Ranches. Growing up with a strong farm work ethic, Bob Funk was enthusiastic and innovative in his approach to establishing Express Ranches, north of Yukon, Okla. Over the last 25 years, Express Ranches has risen to the pinnacle of the beef industry, ranking as the largest seedstock operation in America. Almost 20 years ago, an important chapter in the history of Express Ranches was initiated as Bob Funk and Jarold Callahan negotiated the purchase of the B&L Angus Ranch property and its entire Angus cowherd near Shawnee, Okla. With this transaction, Angus cattle became a major focus of the growth and expansion of the Express Ranches enterprise. As the focus of the beef industry has shifted from an emphasis on carcass traits to an emphasis on added value characteristics, the Express Ranches herd sires have set the standard for the beef industry. Express Ranches has been an innovator in utilizing, adapting and the promotion of new technologies including DNA marker-assisted selection. The accomplishments of Express Ranches, under the direction of Bob Funk and Jarold Callahan are certainly exemplary of individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the genetic improvement of livestock and deserve the recognition of “Master Breeders”.

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. Megan René Bible is a native of Weleetka, Okla. where she attended high school. Following high school, Megan attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College where she received an Associate of Science Degree. She then transferred to Oklahoma State University where she received a B.S. in Animal Science. Following completion of her B.S. degree, Megan entered Dr. Stan Gilliland’s lab working on a M.S. in Food Science. Her M.S. research focused on the effects of lactobacilli on blood chemistry and growth performance of weanling pigs. Upon completion of her M.S. degree in Food Science, Megan joined the lab of Dr. Scott Carter to complete a Ph.D. degree in Animal Nutrition with emphasis on swine. Because of her experience working with young pigs during her M.S. program, she continued work with young pigs evaluating the effects of plant extracts on growth, immunity, and gastrointestinal health. Throughout her undergraduate and graduate career, Megan maintained a 4.0 GPA. Following successful completion of her Ph.D. degree, Megan hopes to obtain a position in teaching or research either in academia or private industry. Accompanied and supported by her husband, Josh Bible, a graduate of the Agricultural Education department, they have two boys, Jayden and Wyatt, that love to show pigs.

M.S. Kyle McLean grew up in Miles City, Mont. where he graduated from Custer County District High School in 2006. Kyle attended Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington and received an Associate of Science degree in Animal Science in 2008. After completion of his Associate’s degree he transferred to Oklahoma State University where he completed requirements for his B.S. in Animal Science in 2010. Kyle worked for a year after completing his B.S. and in 2011 he began work on his M.S. in Animal Science at OSU with an emphasis on reproductive physiology with Dr. Bob Wettemann. Kyle’s research was focused on the effects of protein supplementation of fall calving cows on prenatal and post natal growth and development of the calves. After completion of his M.S., Kyle went to North Dakota State University in Fargo to pursue a Ph.D. in Animal Science with an emphasis on nutritional physiology with Dr. Joel Caton. His career goals include staying within academia and carrying out research in animal physiology.
The Achafoa Chapter of Mortar Board at OSU selected twenty students as the Top Ten Freshmen women and Top Ten Freshmen men for 2013. The honor is based on scholarship, leadership and service during their freshman year.

Mary Temple-Lee, Animal Science major with an Animal Biotechnology option, has been honored as a Top Ten Freshman. Mary is the daughter of Mary Ann Temple-Lee and Kevin Lee and the Granddaughter of Raymond and Mary Temple of Elmore City, Okla. and Monroe and Jan Lee of Sulphur, Okla. Mary grew up in Garvin County, Okla. and graduated from Pauls Valley High School. Her advisor at Oklahoma State is Dr. Dan Stein.

“Growing up in 4H and FFA I was constantly on the Oklahoma State Campus for conferences and contests. The campus became like a second home to me,” says Mary. The college of Agriculture and Natural Resources is what officially sealed the deal, I love that the faculty truly care about every student and will do whatever they can to help you succeed. However, I would not be at Oklahoma State if it were not for the outstanding scholarship program made possible by numerous loyal donors. I truly love Oklahoma State and cannot imagine myself being anywhere else but here.

Kaylen Baker hails from Yukon, Okla. She was a State FFA Officer from 2012 to 2013. Kaylen is currently pursuing an Animal Science degree with a Business option.

Dr. Gerald Fitch is her academic advisor. One of Kaylen’s goals is to educate the general public about the importance of agriculture, specifically animal agriculture.

“This will only ensure the prosperity of our industry, impacting not only our country, but our world, as well,” says Kaylen.

Kaylen would like to attend law school and break her way into the agricultural law sector. She would love nothing more than to work in Washington D.C. one day.
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F.B. Morrison Fund, Morrison Award. Dr. Rodger Johnson is an internationally recognized leader in the field of swine genetics. His career spans 40 years at Oklahoma State University and the University of Nebraska. He has authored over 125 refereed journal articles, presented over 40 major invited talks at venues around the world, and directed 41 graduate degrees. Dr. Johnson received the Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics in 1988. He received his B.S. degree from North Dakota State University and his graduate degrees at Oklahoma State University.

Extension Award. Dr. David Lalman earned his Ph.D. in Ruminant Nutrition from the University of Missouri in 1996. Since then, he has worked as a State Extension Beef Cattle Specialist at Oklahoma State University. His primary responsibilities are in cow/calf and stocker cattle nutrition and management. Dr. Lalman’s extension and research program emphasis is on increasing profitability and/or reducing cost of production through improved forage utilization, defining optimal supplementation practices and evaluating beef production systems and alternatives.

Distinguished Teacher Award. Dr. Debra K. Aaron earned a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Kentucky and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. She has taught 3,000 graduate students in statistics and 1,000 undergraduates in Senior Seminar, Capstone, Applications of Animal Science and Animal Genetics. She has been curriculum advisor to undergraduates and advisor to the Block & Bridle club and Alpha Zeta Honorary. Her research in regulating ewe milk production is nationally recognized. Students recognize Dr. Aaron’s subject knowledge, dedication to teaching and adherence to the philosophy: “If the student failed to learn, the teacher failed to teach.”

Animal Management Award. Dr. Stacey Gunter is the Supervisory Rangeland Management specialist for the USDA, Agricultural Research Service research unit in Woodward, Okla. He received his B.S. in Animal Science from Oregon State University (1987), a M.S. in Animal Science from the University of Nevada-Reno (1989), and Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition (1993) from Oklahoma State University. During his 20-year career, he has taught courses in animal nutrition and management and conducted research in grazing livestock nutrition. Of particular significance are his contributions in the selenium nutrition of beef cattle on the Coastal Plain and several important aspects of grazing livestock nutrition for ruminant animals.

Animal Industry Service Award. Dr. Donald G. Ely is one of the premier sheep nutritionist in the United States. A native of Oklahoma, he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Oklahoma State University and his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Ely has contributed to the animal industry through teaching, extension and research. During his 44 years at the University of Kentucky, he has taught over 3,600 students in introductory animal science courses and sheep production. His research program centers around the sheep producer. He has trained numerous graduate students and many have gone on to brilliant careers.

2013 University Awards Convocation

Congratulations to the Animal Science faculty and staff that were recognized at the December 4, 2013 University Convocation.

...L.J. Bernhard for receiving the “Leave the Ladder Down” Award in the staff category

...Dr. Gerald Horn for receiving the “University Service” Award

...Dr. Mark Johnson for being presented with the OSU Award of Excellence for Advisement

...Dr. Clint Krehbiel for being recognized as a Regents’ Professor

...Dr. Bob Kropp for receiving the “Leave the Ladder Down” Award in the faculty category

...Dr. Leon Spicer for being recognized as a Regents’ Distinguished Researcher

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The No. 1 Brick and No. 1 Photograph will sell at auction at the Gala Friday, April 4

The #1 Brick was purchased by Ben and Alma Grant in honor of Larry Shell for a record-selling $12,500 at the 2013 Gala!

The #1 Photo was purchased in honor of Coach Jack McCroskey by his 1963 Livestock Judging Team at the 2013 Gala!

Marta White Honored at 2013 Gala

The Animal Science Alumni Association is blessed with many very loyal and supportive alumni. Sometimes the spouses of these special alumni deserve a good bit of the credit. This year the ASAA honored one their most dedicated supporters, Marta White.

“I promise you Marta works as hard as anyone for the ASAA,” said Tyler Norvell, president of the Animal Science Alumni Association. “Dennis, thank you for all you do, but we feel Marta deserves a big hunk of the credit. Thank you, Marta, for all that you do!”

Tyler Norvell presents Marta White with the ASAA Distinguished Service Award

Animal Science University Convocation Awardees
L-R: Dr. Clint Krehbiel, Dr. Gerald Horn, Dr. Leon Spicer, L.J. Bernhard, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Bob Kropp

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AQHA World Show Contest took place in Oklahoma City with the team finishing 1st in Halter, 2nd and 5th in Reasons and 4th Overall. Abby Hendrickson was 1st in Halter, 8th in Reasons, and 6th Overall. Katie Jordan was 3rd in Halter, 2nd in reasons, and 9th Overall. Sarah Schobert was 5th in Halter. Delayna Fitzgerald was 8th in Halter and Chelsea Pryor was 10th in Halter. The team finished up the season at the National Reining Horse Association Contest with Katie Jordan placing 9th Overall, and the team finished 5th.

Livestock

Oklahoma State University finished as the 4th high team at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. OSU was the National Champion team in Swine Reasons, Cattle Reasons, Performance Cattle and in Oral Reasons. As for individual accomplishments Brock Herren was the 2nd High Individual Overall, 2nd High Individual in Reasons, 1st in Swine Reasons, 3rd High Individual in Swine, and 7th High Individual in Sheep. Kass Pfeiffer was the 5th High Individual in Cattle and 7th High Individual in Reasons. Maverick Squires was 4th High Individual in Reasons, 4th High Individual in Cattle, 1st in Cattle Reasons, and 1st in Performance Cattle. Furthermore, four OSU students were recognized as Academic All-Americans: Kass Pfeiffer, Taylor Graham, Morgan Neilson and Dalton Newell.

The National Championship contest in Louisville, concluded a very successful fall judging campaign for the OSU team. Two weeks prior to Louisville, OSU was named the Reserve Champion team at the American Royal in Kansas City, MO. OSU was the high team in Oral Reasons and Sheep. Moreover, Brock Herren was 3rd High Individual Overall.

In mid-October, the annual OSU Block and Bridle contest provides OSU students the opportunity to compete for the coveted Totusek Award and is renowned for mirroring the quality and challenge of the other fall contests. Dalton Newell was the High Individual and earned the Totusek award for his performance.

Earlier in October, the team had a very successful day at the Tulsa State Fair, fielding both the 1st and 3rd place teams, The Cowboys had four students finish in the top ten overall. Brock Herren capped off a winning day by being named the contests High Individual. Teammates Maverick Squires, Morgan Hallock and Dalton Newell finished as the 4th, 8th and 10th Overall Individuals respectively.

In September, OSU was named the High Team Overall at Mid-America contest in Wichita. They also fielded the 3rd High Team Overall and were high team in Cattle and Sheep. Kass Pfeiffer earned High Individual honors Overall. Taylor Graham placed as the 3rd High Individual Overall and Brock Herren was 7th. On the day before the Cowboys finished 3rd in the Flint Hills Classic. Morgan Nielsen, Maverick Squires and Taylor Graham were all in the Top Ten Individuals Overall. OSU began their fall campaign as the 2nd High Team Overall at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minnesota. Brock Herren was 5th and Kass Pfeiffer was the 8th High Individual Overall in the National Barrow Show contest.

The 2013 OSU Livestock Judging Team was coached by Dr. Mark Johnson. Blake Bloomberg and Clint Mefford served as assistant coaches of the team.

The fall 2013 OSU Livestock Judging team was comprised of the following 16 students: Stephanie Allen, Okmulgee, OK; Tyler Boles, Asher, OK; Taylor Graham, Crossville, TN; Morgan Hallock, Hatfield, MO; Brock Herren, El Reno, OK; Laine Martin, Curryville, MO; Alyson Moore, Selma, NC; Morgan Neilson, Meeker, CO; Dalton Newell, Minco, OK; Kass Pfeiffer, Orlando, OK; Steven Quanz, Wayland, NY; Keiffer Scroggins, Atascadero, CA; Maverick Squires, Kingfisher, OK; Morgan Stamper, Nowata, OK; Jakob Troutt, Emmett, ID; Kyle Wilson, and Wilkinson, IN.

Meat

OSU Meat Judging just finished another successful year! The year began with a very inexperienced group of members who worked hard and represented OSU proudly. The team started the 2013 spring season off by placing 3rd at the National Western, and then was named Reserve National Champions at the Southwestern. They continued by ranking 3rd at the Iowa State Invitational and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Honors included Shannon White placing 1st in the pork division at the Southwestern. The team rounded out the spring earning the High Team in Reasons trophy at Houston. During the fall, OSU was named 5th at the American Royal, Cargill Meat Solutions and the International contests. Kelly Vierck was rewarded 8th overall and 1st in Specs at the International. Throughout the year, all team members were fortunate to claim a spot in the Top Ten overall or in a division. Team members for 2013 included Jolyn Easterwood (Fort Supply, OK), Katie Kirsch (Fremont, OH), Elise Kline (Wichita Falls, TX), Fred Mattox (Drumright, OK), Ben Underwood (Hillsboro, TX), Kelly Vierck (Juneau, WI), Shannon White (Stillwater, OK) and Kendra Wills (Enid, OK). The team was coached by KatieRose McCullough and Kassie Jo Winn.
ANIMAL SCIENCE
Banquet Weekend

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 4
6:00 p.m.  
ASAA Gala Reunion  
Recognition of Livestock Unit Managers & Student Employees  
ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center

6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Social Hour

7:30 p.m.  
Gala Reunion Program

Cash Bars & Heavy Hors d’oeuvres

8:00 p.m.  
Scholarship Auction

Saturday, April 5
9:30 a.m.  
Old Timers Judging Contest  
Animal Science Arena

10:30 a.m.  
Registration and Visitation  
Animal Science Lobby

11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon  
Animal Science Lobby

12:00 p.m.  
Annual Meeting of ANSI Alumni Assoc.  
Animal Science, Rm 123

Sunday, April 6
1:00 p.m.  
Cowboy Classic Sale  
Purebred Beef Cattle Center

A block of rooms has been reserved for Animal Science alumni at the Quality Inn 405-372-0800, the Holiday Inn & Suites 405-372-2445, the Residence Inn by Marriott 405-707-0588, the Atherton 405-744-6835 and the Wyndham Garden 377-7010. Please specify “Animal Science” and make reservations by March 3.

Friday Night Gala

A Reunion for all Alumni, Members of all Judging Teams & Friends

- Visiting with old & new friends!
- Silent and live auctions!
- Recognition of Livestock Unit Managers and Student Employees!
Return by March 14

Name(s) (please print)

(Ladies, please include your maiden name, if you were not married when you graduated)

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Please reserve tickets for the following events: (To be picked up immediately preceding each event)

- Ticket(s) for ASAA Gala Reunion & Judging Teams Reunion
  - Heavy Hors d’oeurves at 6:00 p.m. April 4 @ ConocoPhillips Alumni Center $30.00/each
  - Animal Science Students $10.00/each
  - Walk-in guests for the Gala will be an additional $10.00/each

- Ticket(s) for Animal Science Alumni & Judging Teams Luncheon
  - at 11:30 a.m. April 5 @ the Animal Science Lobby $15.00/each

- Ticket(s) for Animal Science Banquet at 5:45 p.m. April 5 @ Wes Watkins Center
  - Animal Science Students/Spouses $14.00/each
  - Alumni/Spouses and/or Guests/Parents $28.00/each

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Seniors of Significance

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 four Seniors of Significance for 2013.

Morgan Neilson, an Animal Science major from Meeker, Colo., is the daughter of Paul and Renea Neilson. Dr. Gretchen Mafi is her academic advisor.

“Growing up I was heavily involved in the show industry and livestock judging. I knew that Dr. Johnson was an extremely successful coach and I wanted to judge for him,” says Morgan. “I applied to multiple universities and visited each, but the moment I stepped foot on the OSU campus I fell in love. The campus is beautiful, the faculty is the best in the country and the other students are driven and passionate about the same things as I am. I knew it was a perfect fit for me.”

After completing her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications, Morgan plans to attend graduate school and complete a Master of Science degree in Meat Science. She has intentions of coaching the meat judging team during her time as a master student.

Karen Roberts, an Animal Science major with a Pre-Vet option, hails from Douglas, Georgia. Karen is the daughter of Randy and Charlene Roberts. Her academic advisor is Dr. Bob Kropp.

“I chose Oklahoma State University because I knew I was choosing the premier Animal Science department in the nation,” says Karen. “After visiting OSU and meeting with the faculty, the decision to come to OSU made itself. Now, three years later, I am still experiencing the same sense of pride, commitment to excellence, and family-like atmosphere that drew me to the Animal Science department at my student visit.”

After graduation, Karen hopes to attend vet school and become a large animal veterinarian specializing in theriogenology. Eventually, she would like to return to academia through teaching.

McKenzie Walta, an Animal Science major, came to Oklahoma State from Kingfisher, Okla. She is the daughter of Chris and Jackie Walta. McKenzie’s academic advisor is Dr. Jerry Fitch.

“Growing up in a rural community and being an active member of the Kingfisher FFA Chapter, Oklahoma State University was the obvious university for me to attend due to my agricultural roots,” says McKenzie. “I had made many connections with OSU faculty prior to coming to OSU, so I understood the family dynamic that Oklahoma State offered which further attracted me to this wonderful university. OSU has presented me with many opportunities over the years and has pushed me to diversify over the years.”

After graduation, McKenzie plans to attend the University of Oklahoma’s Physician Associate Program and pursue a career as a Physician Assistant, serving under served populations in Oklahoma.

Lauren Wells, an animal science major from Bonfield, Ill., is the daughter of Leanne and Stan Schneider. Dr. Steven Cooper is her academic advisor.

“As soon as I set foot on campus, it was apparent that I belonged at Oklahoma State University,” says Lauren. “I was drawn to the prestige, history, and tradition of the Animal Science Department. Because of the family atmosphere the professors and faculty of Animal Science promote, I felt comfortable attending a large university. Lastly, I’ve always had a strong passion for horse judging, so I opted for a school with a tremendous judging program. The opportunity to judge for Dr. Steven Cooper was definitely an experience I couldn’t pass up.”

Following graduation in May, Lauren hopes to attend graduate school within this next year to study equine nutrition. After the completion of her master’s degree, she plans to either work in the feed industry as a consultant or become a professor of equine science.

Happy Trails Cont’d. from p. 8

Bob was our Livestock Judging Team coach from 1972-1981. During his tenure as coach, his teams competed in 52 intercollegiate contests with 16 champion teams, 39 top five teams, 2 national champion teams and 1 reserve national champion team.

Bob has served OSU in many capacities and received numerous accolades and awards, but has always tended to bask in the glory of his students’ successes rather than his own.

Bob Kropp is a true Cowboy in every sense of the word. He will be sorely missed.

Dr. Bob Teeter - The Sky is the Limit

Ali Beker

I met Dr. Teeter when I came to Oklahoma State for my PhD in 1991. He was my advisor. During my first week at OSU, he gave me a tour of the poultry research center and absolutely convinced me that the sky is the limit if I had a vision of doing anything at the center. From that day on, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with a hard working individual like Bob.

Bob established the best poultry metabolic chambers in the world at the OSU Avian Research Center where he was instrumental in mentoring both national and international students.

Bob is enjoying a well-earned retirement that he started in 2012. It is an honor and privilege for me to know him and work under his tutelage. I congratulate him for his successes in his chosen profession and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

IN MEMORY

Joe Chitwood BS 1950
Erven Flake, Jr. BS 1951
John F. Hughes BS 1955
Calvin McKerley BS 1952
William Shaklee BS 1942
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News from the Purebred Teaching Centers

2013 Tulsa State Fair: Best Three Females
Tyler Chupp, Jason White, Jessica Miller, Kaitlyn Lacey

2013 World Pork Expo: Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Exhibited by Blake Danner

TSF OSU Suffolk:
OK State 303 was selected as a class winner in the late Spring Suffolk ewe lamb class, as well as, selected as Reserve Champion Oklahoma Bred entry. Pictured from left to right: Darin Annuschat (manager), Damien Davis (Lafayette, LA), Dakota Quickle (Chattanooga, OK)

OSU Jilt 3102 was the Heifer Calf Champion at the 2013 Tulsa State Fair Open Angus Show in October.

Peppy San Chance was sired by OSU Sonnys Slider and is owned and shown by Mark and Lisa Anderson in the Ranch Horse competitions in the Foundation Quarter Horse registry and in AQHA. This 1999 gelding is also qualified for the 2014 AQHA Select World Show in the Amateur Ranch Pleasure.

2013 Tulsa State Fair: Best Three Females
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