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Dr. Mark Z. Johnson

OSU Livestock Coach, 1992-2013

A lifelong cattleman who made a lasting impression as a livestock judging coach and entrepreneur in the beef industry. Dedicating over 21 years, coaching four national champion teams, and being a seven time Coach of the Year proves his impact at OSU. Family being a priority, his teams were always included in their lives.

A true stockman, Dr. Johnson instilled in his teams the ability to judge smart and capitalize on the experience.

Former judging team members, colleagues, and friends in the beef industry have joined together to raise support for Oklahoma State University’s Purebred Beef Cattle Center in honor of Dr. Mark Johnson’s 20 plus year career in the Animal Science Department and coach of the OSU Livestock Judging Team. Dr. Johnson has been an instrumental leader in the OSU livestock judging program and beef cattle industry. Within animal science, Dr. Johnson has taught Introduction to Animal Science, Live and Advanced Live Animal Evaluation, Beef Seedstock Management and Sales, Beef Cow-calf Management and Animal Breeding. He served as the OSU Livestock Judging Team Coach from 1992 to 2013, coaching the 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2012 National Champion Livestock Judging Teams, including the 2005 team which set the all-time record high team score. The 2001, 2010 and 2012 OSU National Champion teams are three of only 12 teams in history to win the American Royal and Louisville contests back to back. Dr. Johnson also coached four other teams that won the American Royal, including the 2007 team that holds the all-time record high team score. During his tenure as coach he earned the National Coach of the Year award seven times. Dr. Johnson has served as the Supervisor of the OSU Purebred Beef Cattle Center since 1992; the 300 cow operation includes Angus, Brangus, Hereford, Limousin and Simmental cattle. A lifelong cattleman, he has much experience in judging cattle shows including national events and state fairs. Dr. Johnson has been heavily involved in the American and Oklahoma Angus Associations, along with the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association. Mark, his wife Brenda and two daughters Sydney and Charley, live on a ranch near Orlando, Oklahoma where they operate J&J Cattle Company.
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March 31, 2017
All National Champion Judging Teams To Be Honored At The ANSI Gala
Message from the ASAA President

Brian McEntire

Greetings Alumni and friends from your Animal Science Alumni Association Board (ASAA). I have been honored to serve as your President for the last year and am continually amazed at the tremendous support and commitment the faculty, staff, and alumni have for the Department of Animal Science at OSU. It truly is a well-oiled machine, which is evident by the articles of success and accomplishment you will find throughout this newsletter.

It’s through great leadership from our Department Head, Dr. Clint Rusk, along with his faculty, and staff; that the Department of Animal Science at OSU continues to be one of the largest in the country with almost 1,000 undergraduate students and over 60 graduate students. It is because of your tremendous generosity and support that these students received over $15,000 in academic scholarships and over $10,000 in judging team travel and support last year from the ASAA.

As you well know, the recent downturn in the oil and gas industry and the global economy have negatively impacted agricultural commodity prices, which in turn dramatically affects the budgets for the department’s Purebred Teaching Units. The ASAA sees great value in keeping these units open as it gives the department a leg up when recruiting new students and is a tremendous teaching asset to the college. Many other campuses have closed their animal teaching units and the ASAA is planning ahead so the OSU Purebred Teaching Centers do not fall victim to the changing economy. Therefore, in 2014 the ASAA started a fundraising campaign for 5 new $2,000,000 endowments with the OSU Foundation; which include the Purebred Beef Center, the Swine Center, the Dairy Center, the Equine Center, and the Sheep/Goat Center. Please refer to page 11 to make your contribution.

It is very fitting that we honor Dr. Mark Johnson at this year’s annual Gala. There is no one more passionate about raising the highest quality cattle at the OSU Purebred Beef Center than Dr. Johnson. Since 1992, Dr. Johnson has served as Supervisor of the OSU Purebred Beef Cattle Center. In an effort to make immediate needed repairs to the Purebred Beef Center and in an effort to raise awareness for the long-term need for sustainable funding to ensure that our Purebred Teaching Centers always remain open; Dr. Johnson has requested that all the funds raised in his name at

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The STATE of the Department

Clint Rusk - Department Head

Greetings and “Thank You” to the Alumni of the OSU Department of Animal Science. I am honored to be your Department Head. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first three and a half years getting acquainted with many of you across the state of Oklahoma and the country.

I am also very excited about the upcoming Alumni Gala Reunion and the opportunity to honor the 22 livestock judging teams coached by Dr. Mark Johnson. We are hoping that each of you who judged for Dr. Johnson will return to Stillwater to attend the 2016 Animal Science Alumni Gala Reunion. As you know, our department is well known for fielding successful judging teams and Dr. Johnson coached more national champion livestock judging teams than any OSU livestock judging coach in history. Please join us on April 1, 2016 as we celebrate the successful career of Dr. Mark Johnson.

We are also blessed with an outstanding faculty and staff. In early January, we were fortunate to hire Dr. Ravi Jadeja and Dr. Blake Wilson as Assistant professors in Food Safety and Ruminant Nutrition, respectively. Dr. Jadeja will teach Food Safety courses and serve as our Food Safety Extension Specialist. Dr. Wilson will teach Applied Nutrition and other courses, advise students, and develop a vibrant research program. In late January, we hired Dr. Ryan Reuter as our Range Beef Cattle Nutritionist. Dr. Reuter will conduct cutting edge research in the area of nutrition and management of grazed beef cattle on native and introduced pastures and range. He will also teach range related courses and advise both undergraduates and graduate students. On July 1st, Dr. Josh Payne joined our faculty as our Extension Poultry Specialist. Previously, Dr. Payne served OSU as the State Waste Management Specialist. Dr. Adel Pezeshki will join our faculty in early January 2016 as our Monogastric Nutritionist. Dr. Pezeshki will establish a vibrant research program focused on energy metabolism and teach various classes, including a pet nutrition class.

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

–The Animal Science Arena renamed “Totusek Arena”
–“Institutional Award” at the Western Section of the American Soc. of ANSI
–Mr. Jarold Callahan – featured as the 2015 Totusek Lecturer
–Hosted the Dr. Kenneth and Caroline McDonald Eng Foundation Symposium
–Dr. Udaya DeSilva – receives Alpha Zeta Outstanding Teacher Award
–Larry and Kayleen Ferguson donate $2 million to fund Dairy Free-Stall Barn
–Minnie Lou Bradley, selected as a Distinguished DASNR Alumnus
–Linda Cline, selected as a DASNR Champion
–Samantha Lowman receives the NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award
–Dr. Gretchen Mafi receives the CASNR Excellence in Teaching Award
–Courtney Mapes selected as a Top Ten Freshman Woman at OSU

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Linda Cline with members of the OSU Horse Judging Team in the new Charles and Linda Cline Equine Teaching Center
Ferguson Family Foundation Presents Dairy Center with Gift

The Ferguson Family Foundation has committed $2 million to construct a state-of-the-art, free-stall barn that will include space for new Insentelec individual cattle-feeding equipment. This will enhance research undertaken by faculty, staff and students relative to daily feed and water intake, resulting in improved management and cost-efficiency recommendations to dairy producers. In addition, the foundation is offering a potential matching gift of up to $4 million by adding another $1 for each $1.50 contributed by other supporters of OSU’s dairy program.

It was at the dairy center where Larry Ferguson and Kayleen Helms first met. She was an English education major who found a job testing milk for butterfat. She would shyly keep her head down as she quickly entered and exited the time-clock room, where Larry and his friends ate lunch. He noticed her, learned her name from the timecard and called that evening to ask her out.

Before the end of the year, they were married and living nearly 1,000 miles from home, with Larry beginning a career with Schreiber Foods, the world’s largest employee-owned dairy company. The Fergusons raised three sons while following Larry’s career with Schreiber to Logan, Utah; Monett, Missouri; Carthage, Missouri; and finally the corporate headquarters in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he became the company’s president and CEO. Although he officially retired in 2007, Larry continues to serve as chairman of the board.

“I would never have become CEO without coming to Oklahoma State and going through the program here,” said the 1975 animal science alumnus. “Kay and I believe education is the way to solve the economic problems of our country. We love the dairy industry, and we want to see more kids educated in the dairy industry. This gift is about more than just education. This is a way of helping feed the world.”

Spotlight on Alumni

Casey McMurphy grew up in Alva, Okla. where he and his family managed stocker cattle and commercial cows. Casey received his Associates degree from Connors State College and his B.S. from OSU in 2004. He then earned his M.S. degree with Dr. Glenn Duff at The University of Arizona in 2007 and his doctorate at OSU with Dr. David Lalman in 2011.

Casey started his career as an Assistant Technical Consultant representing Elanco Animal Health and was later promoted to Senior Technical Consultant in 2014. He trained and provided technical expertise to ten sales representatives from Pasco, WA to Somerset, KY. Casey also worked with Elanco Technical Consultants on post-approval research and supported nutritionists across the country. In August 2015, Casey started with JBS Five Rivers as a staff nutritionist supporting 12 feedyards with a one-time capacity of over 800,000 head. This opportunity took Casey and his wife, Tracy, to Canyon, TX with their three children Layton (5), Grayson (3) and Harper (6 mo.). Casey credits the great mentors and relationships developed at OSU for his career success. The leadership opportunities while at OSU and the industry respect for the Ruminant Nutrition team has proved to be invaluable.

Sara Trojan is a Sheridan, Wyo. native who developed a passion for the beef industry as she grew-up working on her family’s commercial cow/calf operation, and still maintains involvement with the operation. She earned a B.S. in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University in 2004, an M.S. in Animal Science from Kansas State University in 2006, and a Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition from Oklahoma State University in 2009. Sara was on faculty at South Dakota State University for 2 years before joining the faculty at Texas Tech in 2011. While at Texas Tech, Sara has established a research program in ruminant nutrition, with a strong emphasis on incorporating sorghum-based feeds into growing and finishing rations for beef cattle. Sara has also developed a program in beef cattle grazing systems research, based on low-water use forages. At Texas Tech, Sara teaches Feeds and Feeding, Stocker and Feedlot Cattle Management, Ruminant Nutrition and Animal Protein and Energy Utilization. Sara’s husband, Brandon, also an OSU alum, will complete his urology residency in June 2016 and will join a private practice urology group after graduation. They have a two-year old daughter, Katie.

Sara knows that her career success was built by the strong educational foundation from her time at OSU. She was fortunate to have been able to conduct research within all segments of beef production throughout her Ph.D., which has provided her with a unique background for approaching research questions and teaching students.
Charles and Linda Cline Equine Teaching Center

By OSU Communications

Oklahoma State University equine students will soon be able to attend classes, conduct lab work and build experience all in one convenient location thanks to the addition of the Charles and Linda Cline Equine Teaching Center.

OSU held a ground breaking ceremony on April 30 at the site of the new multimillion-dollar facility, which will be open for classes next spring. The facility will continue to build on the rich history of OSU’s world-class equine program.

Thomas Coon, vice president, dean and director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said the state-of-the-art facility is a fitting tribute to the Cline family. “We are so grateful to Linda Cline for her support, which made this dream a reality. Today is a celebration of Linda’s generous decision to memorialize her love and partnership with her late husband, Charlie,” Coon said.

The Clines married in 1957 and found success in their personal and professional lives. They first established Cherokee Lines Trucking Company, which peaked at more than 100 trucks and even more trailers, hauling across the 48 contiguous states from 1963 to 1990.

As they were transitioning to retirement, they created Char-Lin Ranch near Cushing, Okla., in 1987. It started with 17 horses and grew to more than 2,500 cattle and 300 horses as it became a renowned producer of registered Quarter Horses and Angus cattle.

Neither Cline attended OSU, but they credited much of their success to the faculty’s willingness to visit the ranch, work with the family and teach them about the horse business. “They became passionate for the university where their daughter, Amy, earned a journalism degree and their son, Cary, now has two daughters who are current students. “I’m so proud of the things happening at OSU,” said Cline. “My husband loved horses, and I still do. Thank you, Oklahoma State, for all you do and allowing us to be involved.”

107th Annual Meeting ASAS Awards

2015 Early Career Achievement Award. Dr. Samodha Fernando has been Assistant Professor of Nutritional Biochemistry in Animal Science at The University of Nebraska since 2011. Prior to coming to Nebraska, he served as a Postdoctoral Associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his graduate training at Oklahoma State University under the guidance of Dr. Udaya DeSilva. In three years, he has distinguished himself as a rising star in the field of molecular biology. His success in obtaining external grants, publishing, advising grad students, supervising undergrad research projects, and teaching is commendable. Samodha was interviewed as a scientific expert about the rumen and its microbes in the “Horizon: Should I Eat Meat? How to Feed the Planet” which was transmitted on BBC 2 in the UK in 2014 and aired worldwide. His development of highly collaborative research teams to evaluate gut microbial ecology of beef and dairy cattle, swine and poultry is exciting. His cooperative spirit and team building skills are a key to his success.

2015 Joseph P. Fontenot Appreciation Club Graduate Student Travel Scholarship. Kimberly Brantham graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Animal Science in 2013 and with a Master’s degree in Animal Science with a focus in genetics in the Summer of 2015. Currently she is working on a Master’s degree in Genetic Counseling at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Norman, where she will graduate in May of 2017.

Welcome New Faculty!

Dr. Josh Payne grew up on a livestock farm in north central Arkansas. From 2005-2015, he served as the Animal Waste Management Specialist for the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service’s Northeast and Southeast Districts. In 2015, he joined the Animal Science Department as the State Poultry Specialist. Dr. Payne develops educational outreach programs for commercial and small flock poultry production, while also providing training and support for County Educators. Additionally, he designs, coordinates and delivers quality educational programs to improve poultry manure management while serving as coordinator for the state’s Poultry Waste Management Education Program and the Oklahoma Litter Market. His research and extension activities focus on animal mortality management, pathogen control, soil fertility, nutrient management and water quality as they relate to agricultural productivity and environmental quality. Dr. Payne recently spent weeks assisting and directing disposal efforts during the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak.

Dr. Adel Pezeshki has B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Animal Science. In 2010, he obtained his Ph.D. in Veterinary Sciences from Ghent University, Belgium. He then spent five years to complete his postdoctoral training in animal physiology in the Department of Production Animal Health and Gastrointestinal Research Group at the University of Calgary, Alberta, before joining the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University in 2016. During his postdoctoral training he studied the effect of dietary and surgical interventions on regulation of food intake, body weight and energy homeostasis and taught “Advance Topics in Lipid Metabolism” module for graduate students. Dr. Pezeshki has been a member of the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) and the Obesity Society as well as an ad hoc reviewer for multiple peer-reviewed journals in his research area. He has a general research interest in whole animal metabolism and energy balance regulation and in recent years his work has focused on the effect of dietary protein content on energy balance. The ultimate goal of Dr. Pezeshki’s research is to develop novel and effective strategies to mitigate obesity and its associated complications such as type 2 diabetes mellitus in companion animals. Dr. Pezeshki will be teaching “Basic Nutrition for Pets” and “Energy Metabolism” courses for undergraduate and graduate students. He will also be actively involved in departmental activities, academic advising of undergraduate students and other academic services.

Dr. Ryan Reuter received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science from Oklahoma State and a Ph.D. from Texas Tech. Previous professional experience includes consulting and research in beef cattle management at the Noble Foundation. Ryan is currently an Associate Professor of Range Beef Cattle Nutrition. His research interests include forage use efficiency, grazing system management, and using technology to help ranchers make more informed grazing management decisions. Dr. Reuter will be teaching “Range and Pasture Utilization” and “Range Resources Planning”. 
Dairy
The 2015 Dairy Judging Team placed 4th at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Jessica Miller was 2nd high individual overall.

Horse
AQHA World Champions: The OSU horse judging team was the first high team overall at the 2015 AQHA World Championship judging contest in Oklahoma City. This was the 4th time in the past 11 years that OSU has won the world championship. The team finished 1st in halter and reasons while taking 2nd in performance by one point. Hope Onstot, Granger, TX, was the high individual overall while placing 5th in halter, 2nd in performance and tied for 2nd in reasons with her twin sister, Faith. Faith Onstot, Granger, TX, was 6th high overall and placed 2nd in halter and reasons. Marissa Chapa, Maple Park, IL, was 7th high overall while placing 10th in halter and 7th in reasons. Laura Kerschen, Pomona, MO, was 9th in halter and 8th in reasons. Other members of the OSU World Champion Team include Kathryn Rodman of Norman, Oklahomans Kamry Martin of Tulsa and Laura Winfield of Jenks.

Tulsa State Fair Champions: The horse judging team made a clean sweep at Tulsa by being the 1st high team in halter, performance, reasons and overall. Hope Onstot also swept the high individual honors by taking 1st in halter, performance, reasons and overall. Laura Winfield was 3rd in halter and performance, 9th in reasons and 3rd overall. Faith Onstot was 4th in performance, 7th in reasons, and 4th overall. Marissa Chapa was 9th in halter, 8th in performance, 3rd in reasons and 8th overall. Jeron Rotert was 7th in halter and Kathryn Rodman was 10th in reasons. All All-American Quarter Horse Congress. The team finished 3rd in reasons, 3rd in halter, 5th in performance and 4th overall at the QH Congress in Columbus, OH. Laura Kerschen was 3rd in halter, 10th in performance, 9th in reasons and 6th overall. Kamry Martin was 4th in performance, 5th in reasons and 7th overall. Hope Onstot was 2nd in halter and 4th in reasons.

Livestock
Oklahoma State claims 2015 Reserve National Championship Honors.

The 2015 OSU Livestock Judging Team claimed the Reserve National Championship in Louisville, KY. Kyndal Reitzenstein was the 4th High Individual Overall, Matt Walta was 7th and Kale Hensley was 9th.

The 2015 Team completed a highly successful year during which they claimed High Team honors at the Arizona National, Willow Springs Classic, National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO, AKSARBEN in Omaha, NE and the Tulsa State Fair. Additionally, three team members were named to the All-American Team. Those students were Elizabeth Nixon, Kyndal Reitzenstein and Matt Walta.

Team Members include: Sam Anthony, Teneytown, MD, Richard Burns, Flora, IN, Blythe Graham, Crossville, TN, Macy Griswold, Stillwater, OK, Kale Hensley, Markleville, IN, Elizabeth Nixon, Rapidan, VA, Ethan Propp, Adair, OK, Trent Ray, Abingdon, IL, Kyndal Reitzenstein, Kersey, CO, Lindsay Tasos, Madera, CA and Matt Walta, Kingfisher, OK.

The team is coached by Dr. Blake Bloomberg and assisted by Taylor Graham, Crossville, TN and Ashley Judge, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Meat
OSU Meat Judging Team sets all-time record in specifications division. The OSU team finished 4th at the International Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition. The team received a perfect score in the specification division at the two final contests of the year. They join an elite group of teams to ever have a perfect score and now hold the record as the only team to ever accomplish this twice. The team was 1st in Specification, 2nd in Beef Grading and 2nd in Lamb Judging.

Individual Results: Macy Perry, Prather, CA, 5th high individual; 2nd in specifications; and 4th in beef grading. Chandler Steele, Midland, MI, 4th in pork judging. Hannah Nelson, Chickasha, OK, 1st high individual in the alternate division.

Other team members include: Karisa Pfeiffer, Judging Teams...cont’d. on p. 17
ANSI Arena Renamed Totusek Arena

Oklahoma State University renamed the Animal Science Arena in memory of Dr. Robert E. Totusek. The naming ceremony was held at the arena during Animal Science Weekend on April 11, 2015. Lunch was served following a celebration in the arena lobby.

Animal Science Department Head, Dr. Clint Rusk, was Master of Ceremonies for the event. DASNR Vice President, Dean and Director Dr. Thomas Coon gave the welcome, and Jarold Callahan presented the history of the arena. Totusek family members attended the event and provided reflections on the life of Dr. Totusek.

Dr. Totusek was well-known in the animal industry and made significant contributions to Oklahoma State University. Decades ago, he had the vision and plan to build the Animal Science Arena, which includes an almost 18,000 square foot floor with adjacent seating for 779 people and a 1,675 square foot classroom. The arena has now stood for twenty-six years and remains a state-of-the-art structure. It is only fitting that the structure should bear his name.

Robert “Bob” Totusek was born in 1926 on a livestock and wheat farm in north central Oklahoma. Having grown up during the Dust Bowl days and the Great Depression, his early experiences on the family farm impacted his life’s direction to become an advocate for the power of agriculture.

After he served in the US Army Air Corps in World War II, he received his Bachelor’s degree in animal science from Oklahoma A&M in 1949. He was a member of both the meat and livestock judging teams, and was High Individual at the 1948 International Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Chicago. He obtained his Ph.D. at Purdue University and then returned to Oklahoma A&M in 1952 where he joined the Animal Husbandry faculty. This led to a thirty-eight year career in teaching, research, public service and administration.

During his time at OSU, Dr. Totusek taught more than five thousand students, fourteen different courses and authored or co-authored more than two hundred publications. He touched the lives of thousands of individuals across the state of Oklahoma, as well as throughout other parts of the world, with his teaching, research, and outreach activities. Dr. Totusek fostered a culture of excellence at OSU for over sixty years. To say his influence was far-reaching would be an understatement.

As a faculty member, he coached great livestock teams and performed landmark beef cattle research. As Department Head, the department rose to unmatched status in teaching and became nationally recognized as a producer of great scholars, industry leaders, and outstanding purebred livestock. In retirement, he served as an ambassador and a distinguished elder statesman for the Department of Animal Science. Dr. Totusek was responsible for record-setting donation campaigns and became the driving force behind our strong Animal Science Alumni Association.

Dr. Totusek was a giant in the field of animal science and a visionary leader who was always searching for ways to improve the efficiency of meat animal production and to help OSU Animal Science. His accomplishments on behalf of the department as a student, faculty member, and alum are unparalleled.

Dr. Robert Totusek’s efforts for OSU are virtually impossible to quantify. Renaming the Animal Science Arena in his honor is our way of saying thanks for all this great man did for our university.

DASNR Honors OSU’s First Female Animal Science Student

The Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University recently celebrated the selection of its 2015 Distinguished Alumni at the first-ever DASNR Honors night. Minnie Lou Bradley, resident of Memphis, Texas, a 1953 graduate of then Oklahoma A&M, was recognized as one of the recipients of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources’ highest honor.

Native of Hydro, Okla., Bradley earned her degree after becoming the first female to enroll in animal husbandry at then Oklahoma A&M in 1949. It was her success as the first female member of the livestock judging team at OSU that launched her onto a path of success. She won the Top Beef Cattle Collegiate Judge title at the 1952 American Royal livestock judging competition in Kansas City, Mo., and was top overall collegiate judge at the Chicago International competition in 1952.

Starting with 20 cows and 3,300 acres, Bradley and her husband Bill started the Bradley 3 Ranch near Childress, Texas. The ranch now runs about 400 registered Angus cows on a 10,000-acre spread as one of the nation’s most renowned seedstock and commercial Angus operations.

Bradley was named a Graduate of Distinction from the OSU Department of Animal Science in 1988 and presented the Master Breeder Award from the department in 2010. Bradley was listed in Beef Magazine in both 2004 and 2014 amongst its Top 40 Cattlemen. In 2014, she was inducted into the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Gallery, a national collection of portraits of distinguished livestock industry leaders. After spending a lifetime working to create profitable bulls for commercial producers and quality end-products for consumers, she was awarded the Pioneer Award in 2001 and the Seedstock Producer of the Year in 2013 from the Beef Improvement Federation.
EXCELLENCE IS JUST A WORD TO SOME, BUT FOR THE ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, IT’S A TRADITION.

Our programs in the Department of Animal Science 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, Oklahoma State’s purebred and teaching centers are in a class of their own.

Your investment in permanent endowments within the Department of Animal Science will keep OSU’s tradition and legacy of dominance alive and well.

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
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**Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction Award**

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.

**Dr. Alejandro F. La Manna** was raised in Montevideo, Uruguay and received his B.S. from the Universidad de La República Uruguay in 1987 in Agronomy. He completed his M.S. degree in Animal Science at Oklahoma State University under the supervision of Dr. Fred Owens and his Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition working with Drs. Gerald Horn and Hebbie Purvis in 2002. Alejandro served as a researcher for the National Agricultural Research Institute since 1991 with special emphasis on environmental sustainability of dairy and beef production systems. Dr. La Manna became Head of Dairy Research at the institute in 2003.

Dr. La Manna’s research, which has been based in strong science, common sense, and a thorough understanding of beef and dairy production systems, has led to practical recommendations that have been welcomed by farmers and authorities. Alejandro has developed several tools for policy makers such as a risk matrix that comprises animal, environmental and economic science for ranking dairy farms for their highest risk of potential environmental contamination. Presently, Dr. La Manna is the lead scientist for assessment of the water footprint for the dairy industry in Uruguay. Alejandro and his wife Adriana, a Uruguayan native, have two sons Ignacio and Francisco and a daughter Federica.

**Dr. Marshall N. Streeter** was raised on a diversified livestock farm near New Windsor, Ill. He graduated from Black Hawk College – East Campus with an Associate of Science degree and completed his B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. Marshall’s graduate degrees in Animal Science (M.S.) and Animal Nutrition (Ph.D.) were obtained under the direction of Dr. Don Wagner at Oklahoma State University. Following graduation, he joined the faculty at the University of Georgia where he taught and conducted research for five years.

Marshall was recruited by Dr. David Yates into the animal health industry in 1994 where he has held technical service positions with six companies over the past 20 plus years. Currently, Marshall works with Merck Animal Health as a Senior Technical Services Manager. This position provides him the opportunity to regularly interact with nutritional consultants, university faculties, sales professionals, large feeding organizations, and many cattle producers throughout the US and Canada to address key issues facing today’s cattle feeding industry. Marshall, his wife, Jan, an OSU Ag Economics graduate, and their two daughters, Claire and Lauren, reside outside of Cheyenne, Wyo.

**Dr. Gary J. Vogel** was raised in Hereford, Texas where his family established roots as the cattle feeding industry was developing in the Texas Panhandle. Following graduation from Hereford High School, Gary obtained his B.S. in Animal Science from Texas Tech University in 1983. Dr. Vogel earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Nutrition from Oklahoma State University in 1985 and 1988, respectively, under the direction of Dr. Gerald Horn. Following graduation, Dr. Vogel worked as a feedlot nutritionist with Farr Better Feeds where he provided nutritional consultation for feedyards in the Texas panhandle. Dr. Vogel joined Elanco Animal Health in 1993 as a technical consultant and has been responsible for technical support, analytics, and post-approval research on Elanco's growth and efficiency improving cattle products. Results of his research have led to current industry recommendations on Rumensin, Tylan, and Optaflexx concerning optimal dose and duration of product use. Dr. Vogel currently serves as a technical advisor and is the manager of Elanco Animal Health’s Feedlot Technical Consulting team in Canyon, Texas. Dr. Vogel and his wife, LeAnne, have been married for 31 years and have two sons, Tyler and Jordan, and a daughter-in-law, Laci.

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**Graduate of Distinction Award**

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.

**Tom Kissee** grew up in Springfield, Mo. on the family farm. Upon graduation from high school, Tom attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. After two years at NEO, he chose to attend Oklahoma State University, majoring in Animal Science because of his passion for beef cattle production. After graduation from OSU in 1980, Tom married his OSU sweetheart, LuAnn Krenz, and returned home to raise club calves and Chi-Angus cattle. True to his roots, in 1995, Tom and LuAnn purchased their 1000 acre ranch near Mt. Vernon, Mo. and formed a registered Angus herd that grew into a highly successful operation. Today, the ranch functions as a 400 head commercial cow-calf operation. In 2001, Tom initiated the relocation, design and construction of the newest state-of-the-art livestock marketing facility in southwest Missouri. Today, Tom and his dad, along with their partners, market over 175,000 head of cattle annually through the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center. Tom and his wife, LuAnn, have two children. Daughter Kassi and husband Jeff Ward of Fairfield, California are parents of Tom and LuAnn’s grandchildren, Oliver and Harlan. Their son Weston and his wife Caitlin reside in Springfield, Mo.

**Joe Popplewell** grew up in Ponca City, Okla. He was an active 4-H and FFA member through his high school years and bought his first gilt at age 12. In 1988, Joe graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS in Animal Science and went to work in the equine industry. After spending a couple of years in the equine industry, Joe returned to OSU in 1991 to pursue a master’s degree. He graduated with a Master’s of Science degree in Animal Science in 1993. That same year Joe joined the team at PIC, an international swine genetics company. Joe’s work for PIC initially took him to North Carolina, then to the Panhandle of Oklahoma and ultimately to Hennessey, Okla. In 2000, Joe joined Seaboard Foods as an Operations Manager with responsibility for production facilities in NW Oklahoma including multiplication and AI centers for Seaboard.

Joe Popplewell is a leader in the pork industry, both in Oklahoma and nationally. Not only has he been a leader in the pork industry, but he has also
been willing to come back to OSU to help educate our students about the pork industry and with other events in the Animal Science Department! Joe and his wife Susie have two daughters, Emily, 25, and Karly, 22, and a son, Quinn, 15. They currently live in Stillwater.

Tyler Award

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

Dr. Chris Richards is an Associate Professor of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University. He serves as a state Extension Beef Cattle Specialist where his primary responsibilities are in stocker and feedlot cattle nutrition and management. Born and raised in Nebraska, Dr. Richards pursued his passion for beef cattle management in Animal Science by obtaining his A.S. from Northeastern Junior College, his B.S. from Texas A&M University, M.S. from the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. Prior to serving Oklahoma State University, Dr. Richards gained valuable teaching and research experience by serving as an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Richards’ Extension duties include developing statewide educational programs in beef cattle management and nutrition with emphasis on stocker and feedlot cattle enterprises. Research and graduate student mentoring is associated primarily with weaned calf nutrition and management. His efforts and innovative approach are reaching cattle producers in new and traditional formats across the United States. His impact as an outstanding departmental citizen is equally felt. When not tending to the many needs of his profession and contributing to the success of his fellow faculty, Dr. Richards and his wife, Tina, are avid sportsmen along with their two children, Marie and Colin.

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.

In 1985, Linda and Charlie Cline purchased the country acreage on which they planned to retire. Their “ranch” came with no horses, but one Saturday in 1986, Charlie convinced Linda to go with him to Dewey, Okla., to buy “a couple of geldings.” They came home with the 17 horses that established Char-Lin Ranch, now a renowned producer of registered Quarter Horses and Angus cattle. Char-Lin Ranch grew to more than 2,500 cattle and 300 horses. Their show horse operation has earned more than 200 World and Reserve World Championships.

Linda Cline memorialized her love, partnership and most of all her husband with a significant contribution toward a state-of-the-art, multimillion-dollar equine facility in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The new facility includes a teaching barn with stalls for foaling mares, a small indoor arena, classrooms, a conference room, feed and tack rooms, and a wash rack and treatment area. It provides space for classes, clinics, 4-H programs and other outreach opportunities. Neither Linda nor Charlie attended OSU, but they credit much of their success to the faculty’s willingness to visit their ranch, working with and teaching them. The Clines also loved the institution where their daughter, Amy, earned a journalism degree. The Clines’ son, Cary, has two daughters who are current OSU students.

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. – Justin Buchanan, from Norman, Okla. obtained his B.S. in Animal Science in 2010 and M.S. in Animal Breeding and Genetics in 2012 in the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Animal Breeding and Genetics along with graduate certificates in University Faculty Preparation and Bioinformatics under the supervision of Dr. Megan Rolf in the spring of 2015. He served as the instructor for ANSI 3433 Introduction to Animal Breeding for two semesters during his time as a Ph.D. student, and has mentored multiple students through Wentz and Niblack undergraduate research projects. Justin enjoys working with students and feels his time spent teaching has been one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences of his graduate education. After graduation, Justin and his wife Carmen moved to California where he accepted a position as a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Animal Science at the University of California, Davis. In the future, he would like to continue to be involved in research and teaching at the university level. Justin would also like to extend a sincere thank you to his wife, Carmen, and his advisers, Megan Rolf and Raluca Mateescu.

M.S. – Andrea English was raised in Sapulpa, Okla. by parents Steve and Brenda English. Andrea grew up playing competitive basketball, until being introduced to the livestock industry through FFA, where she began showing cattle, sheep, and hogs. She graduated from Sapulpa High School in 2009 and obtained an Associates in Science from Connors State College in 2012. In May of 2013, Andrea received her B.S. in Food Science from OSU. She began her graduate work in August of 2013, under the guidance of Dr. Ramanathan in Meat Science. Andrea’s research focus was on the effects of extended aging and packaging on dark cutting beef. She truly values the multiple opportunities she gained as a teaching assistant in Meat Science with Dr. Mafi, in Food Analysis, Food Chemistry and Fundamentals of Food Science with Dr. Ram. She also cherishes the time spent helping undergraduate and graduate students with multiple research projects. Andrea would like to give a special thank you to Drs. Ram, Mafi, and VanOverbeke for their immeasurable support and guidance throughout her Masters Degree while serving on her committee. She would like to especially thank her ever-encouraging family and fellow graduate students.
Seniors of Significance!
The Seniors of Significance Award, offered by the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association, recognizes students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and service to campus and community and have brought distinction to OSU. The Department of Animal Science is proud to have four Seniors of Significance for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Kaylen Baker, an animal science and agricultural communications major from Yukon, Okla., is the daughter of Les and Rhonda Baker. She is advised by Dr. Jerry Fitch and Dr. Shelly Sitton. “I knew I wanted to be involved in the agricultural industry, so it was a no brainer to choose Oklahoma State University,” said Kaylen. “CASNR is one of the best agricultural colleges in the nation, so it was an easy choice to become a Cowboy.”

Lindsay Vee King, animal science and agricultural communications major from Oakland, Neb., is the daughter of Terry and Sally King. Dr. Jennifer Hernandez Gifford is her academic advisor. “The very first time I stepped on campus I knew this was my home, as cliche as that sounds, it is true,” said Lindsay. “Being an out-of-state student, this was incredibly important. There is no other feeling in the world than finding where you belong. Not only has OSU proved to be America’s Brightest Orange, it has also shown me what it means to be driven, passionate and excited about the endless possibilities.”

Kalyn McKibben, an animal science and business major, is the daughter of Lyndon and Phyllis McKibben of Wyandotte, Okla. Dr. Daniel Stein is her academic advisor. “I chose OSU for their nationally acclaimed college of agriculture,” said Kalyn. “Thankfully, I found my home in the Animal Science Department!”

Mary Temple-Lee, the daughter of Mary Ann Temple-Lee and Kevin Lee, hails from Pauls Valley, Okla. She is an animal biotechnology and biochemistry and molecular biology major. Her academic advisor is Dr. Dan Stein. “Growing up in 4-H 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.”

Top 10 Freshmen Women
Courtney Mapes, an Animal Science major with a biotechnology option has been honored as one of the Top Ten Freshmen Women. Courtney is the daughter of Jeff and Michelle Mapes. She graduated from Alva High School in Alva, Okla., in 2014. Courtney’s love for Oklahoma State started when she attended her first Oklahoma State football game at the age of seven. With her involvement in FFA and 4-H combined with her farming background, she realized that OSU was a very probable choice for secondary education. The Department of Animal Science and her family solidified her decision to attend the same alma mater as her father.

Niblack Scholars
Two Animal Science students received an $8,000 scholarship from Niblack Research Scholars, an undergraduate research program funded by a gift from OSU alumnus Dr. John Niblack.

Alexis Gullic hails from Tulsa, Okla. The focus of Alexis’s research is to identify the mechanism by which WNT is inhibitory on FSH-mediated estrogen production. To accomplish this, she is investigating the intracellular signaling pathways that are affected by WNT signaling. “I chose OSU because it has a great animal science degree and the atmosphere of the entire campus is just amazing,” said Alexis. Alexis’s research mentors are Dr. Jennifer Hernandez Gifford and Belinda Gomez.

Hannah Paradis is from Corinna, Maine. She is working on research titled “Natural and Reliable Alternatives to Antibiotics” under Dr. Glenn Zhang. “I came to Oklahoma because I wanted to travel and experience living in another part of the country,” said Hannah. “I chose OSU though, because of the contagious school spirit and ‘small town’ feel that Stillwater offers. I guess you could say I just really wanted to be able to call myself a cowboy, and looking back, I am so glad that I did. Now that I know what a ‘poke’ is, I say ‘Go pokes!’ with pride.”

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the 2016 Gala be placed in the Purebred Beef Cattle Headquarters Renovation Fund for immediate use to fund needed repairs at that facility. Likewise, the ASAA has pledged to match the funds raised at the Gala in Mark’s honor up to $25,000 to be placed in the Purebred Beef Center Endowment for the perpetual funding of the facility as mentioned above. What an opportunity to kick these funds off in the right direction!

We are excited to honor the continuing legacy of Dr. Mark Johnson at the Gala this year. As a member of Mark’s 2000 Livestock Judging Team, I was thrilled when the Board chose him as the honoree. Dr. Johnson coached 22 teams, 4 National Championship Teams, and is a 7 time Coach of the Year. Dr. Johnson (or “Zane” as I prefer to call him) coached, advised, taught, and was a true friend to countless students. Dr. Johnson instilled in his teams a strong work ethic and encouraged us to think and judge smart. I encourage and challenge each of Mark’s 22 teams to be in full attendance at the Gala. Additionally, if your team has not purchased their arena team chairback yet, you will have the opportunity to purchase it as a group at the Gala or during the annual meeting at the Totusek arena.

We currently have nearly 500 Lifetime Members of the ASAA. If you are not a member of the ASAA, please consider filling out the form in this newsletter and returning it. If you are a member, please pass this newsletter to fellow alumni and encourage them to become a member. The ASAA provides a great opportunity to reconnect with alumni and give back to the department we all hold so dear to our hearts.

We hope to see everyone the weekend of April 1, 2016 at the Animal Science Alumni Weekend and especially the Gala. The weekend is packed full of great opportunities to catch up with old friends and alumni, and we look forward to your attendance. Until then, we encourage you to “Ride for the Brand” and “Go Pokes”.

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OSU Block & Bridle Hosts 96th Annual National Convention

Oklahoma State’s Block and Bridle Club hosted the 96th Annual National Convention on October 15-17, 2015 in Tulsa, Okla. 457 members from 37 institutions gathered for a weekend of professionalism, networking, and Animal Science education. They traveled around the state to tour Oklahoma State’s campus and farm units, Express Ranches, Pfeiffer Farms, Tyson, Head Country, and more. OSU Animal Science Faculty Dr. Sara Place, Dr. Megan Rolf, Dr. Udaya DeSilva, and Dr. Josh Payne along with other industry leaders held workshops to engage with members. OSU’s Block and Bridle club, led by committee chairmen Amanda Bacon and Alyx Hanson, began planning for the event last fall with the guidance of club advisor, Dr. Deb VanOverbeke. Hanson commented on Dean Coon and Dr. Rusk’s presence at the convention, “It was impressive to see the support we had from CASNR and the Department of Animal Science. We really set the bar high for conventions to come.” The Animal Science Alumni Association was a Gold Level Sponsor of the convention.
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Orlando, OK; Haley Seals, Wasco, CA; JT Hearn, DeLeon Spring, FL; KC Barnes, Porter, OK; Afton Sawyer, Paso Robles, CA; Ty Davis, Fort Worth, TX.

Macy Perry was also named a member of the first team “All-American” Meat Judging Team.

The OSU Meat Judging Team is coached by Dr. Gretchen Mafi, Morgan Neilson, and Wes Griffin. The team and coaches would like to thank all OSU administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni for the dedication and support of the meat judging program.

The team was 3rd overall at the Cargill Meat Solutions Contest; 1st specifications, 2nd lamb judging, 4th beef grading, 5th beef judging. Karisa Pfeiffer - 3rd high individual, 1st beef judging, 1st placings, 5th specifications. Chandler Steele - 10th high individual, 2nd lamb judging. Macy Perry - 1st specifications, 3rd beef grading. Haley Seals - 10th high individual alternates division.

The team was 3rd overall at the American Royal Contest; 1st specifications, 1st lamb judging, 1st placings, 3rd pork judging, 5th reasons. Macy Perry - 1st high individual, 1st specifications, 2nd placings, 4th pork judging, 5th beef judging. Karisa Pfeiffer - 10th high individual, 2nd specifications, 3rd lamb judging, 5th pork judging. Hannah Nelson - 1st lamb judging. KC Barnes - 7th high individual alternate division.

The team was 5th overall at the Eastern National Contest; 2nd beef grading. Macy Perry - 5th high individual, 1st beef grading. Hannah Nelson - 6th high individual alternates division. Haley Seals - 9th high individual alternates division.

The 2015 team also had the unique opportunity to travel to Australia and participate in the Australia Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition. The team finished as overall champions. More than 130 students from 11 Australian Universities and four international teams from the U.S., Japan, South Korea and Indonesia competed for the Roy McDonald Shield sponsored by Meat & Livestock Australia.

OSU finished first in primal and retail ID, pork judging, beef judging, and reasons/questions. Chandler Steele was high individual overall, 1st in reasons/questions and 1st in beef judging. KC Barnes was 1st in retail/primal ID and 1st in pork judging. Hannah Nelson was 2nd in pricing and placings. JT Hearn and Haley Seals, Wasco, CA also represented the team at the contest.

On the trip to Australia the students also had the opportunity to travel throughout the country. They spent a total of seventeen days in Australia and visited various segments of the industry. They visited the Rivalea, the largest vertically integrated swine operation. They also visited a cattle feedlot, Cargill beef processing facility and a lamb processing facility.

The 2016 team is beginning their judging career in the meat judging class. Currently, the team has 16 members: Julianna Albrecht, Howard, SD; Abigail Bechtold, Dixon, CA; Jamie Buchanan, Mustang, OK; Katie Friederichs, Walcott, IA; Samantha Gillespie, Belleville, MO; Michelle Helm, Geary, OK; Taylor Husz, Maryville, MO; Colton Kersey, Paso Robles, CA; Kemp Kuykendall, Roswell, NM; Amber Most, Skiatook, OK; Thomas Neal, Adair, OK; Taylor Neilson, Meeker, CO; Faith Onstot, Granger, TX; Hope Onstot, Granger, TX; Emily Rice, Farmington, MO; Chase Steele, Herald, CA. The team will begin in January 2016 at the National Western.

Front Row (L-R): Morgan Neilson (Coach), Karisa Pfeiffer, Afton Sawyer, Hannah Nelson, Chandler Steele, KC. Barnes, Dr. Gretchen Mafi (Coach)
Back Row (L-R): Wes Griffin (Coach), JT Hearn, Haley Seals, Macy Perry, Ty Davis, Dr. Steve Damron, Dr. Clint Rusk

Meat Animal Evaluation Team

The OSU Cowboys claimed the National Championship at the 2015 Meat Animal Evaluation Contest held in Stillwater, OK on March 31, 2015.

The OSU team also won the Market Animal Division, Meat Division, Cattle Division, Swine Division, Sheep Division and Communication Division. Additionally, the team placed 4th in the Breeding Animal Division. OSU’s total team score and their market animal division score were the all-time record high ever recorded in the 51-year history of the contest.

Blythe Graham (Crossville, TN) was the high individual overall, setting a new individual record score. She also set the record score for the market division, and was 5th in the swine, sheep and cattle divisions as well as 7th in the breeding division.

Audrey Zoeller (Boerne, TX) won the meats and cattle division. Samantha Anthony (Taneytown, MD) was 5th high individual overall, 6th in the market division, and 3rd in the sheep division. Elizabeth Nixon (Rapidan, VA) was 6th overall and 6th in the market division. Matt Walta (Kingfisher, OK) was 9th overall, 2nd in the market division, and 3rd in the swine division. Ethan Propp (Adair, OK) was 2nd in the beef division, 7th in the meats division, and 10th in the market division. Kyndal Reitzenstein (Kersey, CO) was 6th in the breeding division and 9th in the market division. Dyson Runyon (Madill, OK) was 2nd in the cattle division and 4th in the market division. Jessie Heidlage (Claremore, OK) was 3rd in the market division and 2nd in the sheep division. Wes Griffin (Tuttle, OK) was 7th in the market division. Chance Billups (Colcord, OK) was 2nd in the meats division. Macy Griswold (Perkins, OK) was 4th in the meats division. Kaylee Price (Allen, TX) was 5th in the meats division.

Other team members include: Ricky Burns (Flora, IN); Trent Ray (Abingdon, IL); and Lindsay Tasos (Madera, CA).

The team is coached by Drs. Blake Bloomberg and Gretchen Mafi. Assistant coaches are Morgan Neilson, Taylor Graham and Kelly Vierck.

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A block of rooms has been reserved for Animal Science alumni at the *Residence Inn by Marriott 405-707-0588, the Holiday Inn & Suites 405-372-2445, the Quality Inn 405-372-0800, the Wyndham Gardens 405-377-7010, the Microtel Inn 405-372-7100 and the Cimarron by Best Western 405-372-2878. Please specify “Animal Science” and make reservations by March 11. *The Residence Inn by Marriott is an advertising supporter of the ASAA.*
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Cash Bar and Heavy Hors d’oeuvres *Sponsored in part by Byford Auto Group
at 6:00 p.m., April 1 @ 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 Noon, April 2 @ the Totusek Arena
$15.00/each__________

Ticket(s) for Animal Science Banquet at 5:45 p.m., April 2 @ Wes Watkins Center
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$15.00/each__________
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Return to ANSI Banquet, Department of Animal Science, 101 Animal Science Bldg.,
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. 74078-6051 For further information, call 405-744-6062.
Graduate students Pushpinder Litt and Justin Brooks attended the International Association for Food Protection annual meeting July 25-28 in Portland, Ore. to present their research in the Developing Scientist Award Competition. The IAFP meeting was attended by over 3000 food safety experts from academia, government and industry from around the world.

For the Developing Scientist Award, IAFP-2015 selected ten finalists in all and the award was presented to the top three presenters. Pushpinder and Justin were among several hundred students competing for the Developing Young Scientist Award and were both chosen as finalists.

Pushpinder, a Food Science Ph.D. student, gave an oral presentation on her abstract, titled “Inhibition of Biofilm-Forming Shiga-Toxigenic Escherichia coli Using Bacteriophages Isolated from Beef Cattle Environment” at the meeting.

Justin, a Food Science M.S. student with a focus on Microbiology, gave a poster presentation on his abstract, titled “Evaluating the Re-Usability of Organic Sanitizers in Reducing Escherichia coli O157:H7 on Organic Leafy Greens.”

Pushpinder was selected as one of the top three presenters for the Developing Scientist Award and received 2nd place for her oral presentation, which came with a $1,000 reward. Both students are mentored by Dr. Divya Jaroni.

American Meat Science Association Awards

By Gretchen Mafi

The meat science faculty and students returned from the American Meat Science Association’s 69th RMC (Reciprocal Meat Conference) in Lincoln, Neb. after a very successful trip. The group had 10 abstracts presented as posters. Andrea English was selected to present her abstract in an oral session. Our students participated in the Iron Chef and the Quiz Bowl competition. Morgan Neilson was elected to the AMSA Student Board of Directors.

Shannon White of Perkins, Okla., received the AMSA Undergraduate Scholastic Achievement Award. Shannon graduated from OSU in May with a B.S. in Food Science and minor in Animal Science. Shannon accepted a position with Cargill Beef as a sales trainee and started work in August.

Kendra Wills of Enid, Okla., placed 2nd in the first ever RMC Undergraduate Research Poster Competition. Kendra’s abstract was titled “Use of RedoxSys to Measure Oxidation Reduction Potential in Beef”. Kendra began her M.S. in Meat Science with Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan in August.

Cashley Ahlberg Awarded Student Support Grant

Cashley Ahlberg was awarded the Walton-Berry Graduate Student Support Grant by the American Simmental Association. The award, which includes $3,000, was created to aid in professional development and success of young animal scientists by providing support for graduate student study. Cashley is working towards a Ph.D. in animal science with a focus on genetics. She is advised by Dr. Megan Rolf.

Alexandra Taylor Receives 2015 Research Award

Department of Animal Science Masters student Alexandra Taylor received a 2015 Research Award from the Women’s Faculty Council for her research titled “Evaluation of beef cattle well-being for climate adaptability and habituation to drought.” She received $500 as part of the award. Dr. Sara Place is Alexandra’s advisor.
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2015 Tulsa State Fair: Reserve Early Senior Bull Calf

2015 Tulsa State Fair: Open Show
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2015 Oklahoma Youth Expo: Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Exhibited by Catherine Stangl of Okarche, Okla.

2015 Tulsa State Fair: Reserve Champion Overall Suffolk Ewe – Champion Spring Ewe Lamb

2015 NJSA Western Regional in Turlock, Calif.: Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Exhibited by Alexis Hernandez of Colusa, Calif.

Brian Bendele and OSU Gun Shot – 2015 AQHA Reserve World Champion and OQHA Year End High Point Champion in Jr. Tie Down Roping.

In an effort to improve type in the Jersey herd at OSU, we recently purchased Sparkletini in the All-American sale held in Louisville, Ky. She had already been named Jr. Champion at the Illinois State Fair.
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