



# Four Ag Econ graduates honored as outstanding alumni

## WAEA recognizes three outstanding Ag Econ alumni

Three alumni of the Agricultural Economics Department at Oklahoma State University were recognized as outstanding alumni at the annual meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA).

Ken Starks, Regional Executive Vice President of BancFirst, Karen Taylor, Senior Relationship Manager of Farm Credit Canada, and Mark Teague, Chief Credit and Chief Operating Officer for Barri Financial Group, were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Farm Foundation.

### Ken Starks

Starks, a native Oklahoman, earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University.

Starks has served as a bank president, a commercial lender, an agricultural loan officer, a trust officer, and more

during his nearly 30-year banking career. He is currently responsible for the supervision of nine BancFirst branch locations throughout northeastern Oklahoma.

His longstanding record of community service includes leadership roles with the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce and Stillwater Education Foundation, among others.

Starks has served OSU in many capacities throughout the years. He has been an active member of the Foundation Board of Governors and Athletic Council, and he has served on the DASNR Dean's Advisory Council since 1997.

He is a former member of the division's Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, where he served as an OSU Cooperative Extension area farm management specialist from 1978-79.

Ken and his wife Kathy have three children, all of whom also attended or currently attend OSU: Kendra, Loren, and Jared.

### Karen Taylor

Karen Taylor was born and raised on a hog and beef farm in British Columbia and Alberta in Western Canada. She was a member of horse and beef 4-H for 12 years.

Her university education includes a bachelor's degree in business economics from the University of Saskatchewan, a MBA in agribusiness from the University of Guelph, and a PhD in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University.

After working for the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and as a Beef Economist for a research centre in Saskatchewan, she now works for Farm Credit Canada in Langley, British Columbia. Her position as a Senior Relationship Manager involves providing financing solutions for large agricultural producers, food processors, and commercial agribusinesses.

Taylor is married and lives in Langley with her husband, two horses, and two dogs.

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*(Above left) Kellie Raper, OSU representative on the WAEA Council (left) and Mike Woods, Agricultural Economics Department Head (right) congratulate Mark Teague and Karen Taylor and (above right) Kellie Raper congratulates Ken Starks on their selection as outstanding alumni in the field of agricultural and resource economics by WAEA at their 2010 meeting.*

## Mark Teague

Mark Teague earned his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University.

He is currently employed at Barri Financial Group in Houston, Texas, where he serves as the Chief Credit and Chief Operating Officer. These company officer duties include oversight of all lending programs and company financial performance.

Barri Financial Group is dedicated to serving the Hispanic community with a full range of financial services.

Prior to that, Teague was the National Manager for the Collections Center of Excellence for Toyota Financial Services. He led a team of 15 professionals and was responsible for portfolio credit policies, collections strategies, operations fiscal year planning, and associate performance metrics and incentives on a \$61 billion auto loan and lease portfolio.

Teague is well-known for creativity and strong problem solving and communication skills throughout the industry.

Prior to joining Toyota Financial Services in 2003, Teague was the Vice President of Portfolio Strategy Team, Risk Management, and Marketing for Metris Companies in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Teague has also spearheaded the Portfolio and Business Modeling team for Sears Roebuck and Co.

Teague considers professional development to be an integral part of career excellence and while at Toyota, participated in the Toyota Financial Services Great Managers Program, Sigma Six Quality Program, and various other leadership development programs.



*Doug Tippens (center), 2010 distinguished DASNR alumnus, was honored at a reception held by the Department of Agricultural Economics. Shown above with Dr. Mike Woods, department head, and Dean Robert Whitson, vice president, dean and director of DASNR, Tippens received accolades and heard remembrances from faculty members and guests. Tippens was also honored by DASNR during OSU Homecoming activities.*

## Doug Tippens honored by DASNR as distinguished alumnus for 2010

Doug Tippens is one of three DASNR alumni selected as 2010 distinguished alumni. He is a 1976 graduate of Oklahoma State University when he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics. He then earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1982.

According to Robert E. Whitson, vice president, dean, and director of DASNR, "The successes of each (honoree) stand as a testament to the positive influence our graduates can and do have in their chosen career fields and in their communities. They embody a standard of sustained excellence to be held in the highest regard."

Tippens currently serves as president and chief operating officer of Bank of Commerce,

Tippens is one of Oklahoma's Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching delegates. CARET's mission is to enhance national support and understanding of the land-grant university system.

A member of the OSU Board of Regents from 1992 to 1997, Tippens has served as chairman of the Oklahoma Bankers Association, a member of the board for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City-Oklahoma City Branch, and as a member of the El Reno City Council.

As chair of the Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, Mr. Tippens served as an official dignitary at the 1996 groundbreaking ceremonies for what is now the OSU Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center, accepting the \$16.2 million facility and its mission of service on behalf of state residents.

### ***Damona Doye selected for Sarkeys Distinguished Professorship***

Damona Doye, Extension Economist and Regents Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, has been selected to fill the Sarkeys Distinguished Professorship in Agricultural Sciences in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Dr. Doye has been a member of the department and a farm management extension economist since 1986. She was selected as a Regents Professor in 2004.

Dr. Doye has become widely known and respected in the field of agricultural economics. She recently served as a board member of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), the primary national association of agricultural economists. She is also a board member of the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE), a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the ability of agricultural economists to contribute to private and public sector decision making on issues important to agricultural, rural, environmental, food safety, and other related societal issues. She has served as president of the AAEA Extension Section and president of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association.

Other ventures of Dr. Doye include the Master Cattleman program, Quicken workshops, IFMAPS, enterprise budgets, educational programs for women in agriculture, farm transitions conferences, and other extension efforts.



### ***Derrell Peel appointed to Charles Breedlove Professorship***

Derrell Peel, Professor and Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist in the Agricultural Economics Department, has been appointed to the Charles Breedlove Professorship in Agribusiness.

Dr. Peel joined the Ag Econ faculty in 1989 with a 100 percent extension appointment until 1997 when he took on a 25 percent teaching responsibility. Throughout his career, he has developed and maintained an active, multi-dimensional extension program in the livestock marketing area, both national and internationally. He has been recognized for his work with numerous extension awards including the Western Agricultural Economics Association Extension Career Award that he received at their 2010 meeting this summer.

Service by Dr. Peel in the industry has included representing Oklahoma on the Technical Advisory Committee of the Livestock Marketing Information Center since 1989 and serving as vice chair, chair, and past chair of that organization. He has a long list of presentations, publications, print, radio,

television, and video contributions, and research grants.

Dr. Peel is co-developer and presenter of the Fed Cattle Market Simulator (FCMS), popularly known as the Packer-Feeder Game. Besides being used exclusively in Oklahoma for classroom and extension teaching, the FCMS has been adopted and used in several other states for teaching and extension programming.



## ***Shida Henneberry receives AAEA Distinguished Teaching Award***

Shida Henneberry, Department of Agricultural Economics professor of international trade policy, received the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association's Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award at the annual conference this summer.

Dr. Henneberry has been teaching in the department since 1984, and she specializes primarily in international trade policy and market development courses. She is highly committed to teaching excellence and to enhancing the academic lives of graduate students in all disciplines. She has played an active role in educating the local and global communities through her face-to-face, online, study abroad, and global graduate-level courses. She also taught a six-week course in 2009 at the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute.

During her 26 year professional career at OSU, Dr. Henneberry has served as the major adviser to 70 graduate students and 18 visiting scholars. She has also served on 56 graduate committees. She is currently the graduate program coordinator for the department and serves as the interim director of the Master of International Agriculture program.

She has been instrumental in pioneering the outreach and online education in the department. The size of her online courses have quadrupled since their inception two years ago. For the first time in the college, Dr. Henneberry made her international markets and trade class global by connecting digitally to another university classroom in Azerbaijan. Another testament to Shida's dedication to education are her publications on teaching, including an award winning article in the NACTA Journal.

Dr. Henneberry served as president of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars for 2009-2010, and is currently serving her second year as the chair of the department's graduate recruitment and admissions committee.

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## ***Jayson Lusk honored for excellence in research by OSU Regents and by DASNR***

Jayson Lusk, professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair in the Agricultural Economics Department, was recently recognized for his excellence in research with the Regents Distinguished Research Award for 2010.

His award statement notes, "Lusk is among the most prominent scholars working on the economics of food consumption and policy. He is editor of the Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Food Consumption and Policy, and co-author of the undergraduate textbook, *Agricultural Marketing*. He sits on the editorial boards of six international scientific journals and serves on the executive committees of two agricultural economics associations."

Dr. Lusk has also received the Sarkeys Award in Honor of Elmo Baumann, presented by the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to recognize distinctive contributions to the agriculture industry.

Dr. Lusk has been a faculty member in the department since 2005. Along with publishing over 100 articles for peer reviewed journals, he has authored two books and has two additional books forthcoming. He is widely known for his research on experimental auctions, and he is a recognized scholar on consumer preferences, consumer demand, and willingness to pay. He has made significant contributions in the area of livestock marketing.

Dr. Lusk's published works have been cited more than 550 times since 2000, and has garnered more citations than any other individual for articles published in agricultural economics journals since 2001.

In addition to his publications, Dr. Lusk has made numerous invited presentations both nationally and internationally.



### ***Joe Williams honored as Outstanding Board Member in Oklahoma***

Joe Williams, professor emeritus in the agricultural economics department and Meridian Technology Center (MTC) Board Member, was honored as the Outstanding Board Member by the Oklahoma Association of Technology Centers.

“Receiving this recognition is a great honor for me, Dr. Williams said. “For six years, it has been a privilege to represent the stakeholders of my district. Being a part of the MTC Board of Education continues to be a rewarding experience.”

Dr. Williams has also served on the MTC Foundation Board of Directors.

### ***Eric DeVuyst teaches Vo-Ag class to high school ag teachers***

Eric DeVuyst, associate professor in the department, taught Farm Business Planning, the first of a series of classes about agricultural economics to high school ag teachers from across the state this summer. The goal, Dr. DeVuyst says, is to educate these teachers



*Eric DeVuyst assists a high school ag teacher in the Vo-Ag course this summer.*

about the department and its degree programs and to provide curriculum to enhance high school students’ understanding of ag econ principles.

### ***Ag Econ Grandparent University class features FARRM Game***

Dr’s Kim Anderson, J. C. Hobbs, Eric DeVuyst, assisted by Gracie Teague, taught the FARRM Game to a class of four grandparents and six grandchildren as part of the OSU Alumni Grandparent University agribusiness degree program this past summer.

For the second year, young students and their grandparents used the computer game to virtually manage a 1, 280-acre wheat, sorghum, cotton, and stocker farm and ranch.

Grandparent University provides an opportunity for young people to experience life on a college campus from staying in dorm rooms to attending classes in their “major.”

### ***Faculty attend AAEA/WAEA joint meetings***

Agricultural economics faculty members were well represented at the joint meetings of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and the Western Agriculture Economics Association (WAEA) this past summer.

- Seven AAEA poster presentations
- Two moderators, two organizers, two discussants, and twelve presentations for AAEA selected papers and track sessions.
- One moderator and two presentations for AAEA organized symposium sessions
- One AAEA invited paper session presentation
- Chair (Bailey Norwood) of Distinguished Teaching AAEA Committee
- Co-Chair (Clem Ward) of Outstanding Choices Article AAEA Committee
- Committee member (Jayson Lusk) of Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award WAEA Committee
- Chair (Kim Anderson) of Undergraduate Teaching Award WAEA Committee “major.”

See stories on pages 4 and 5 regarding faculty honors at the AAEA and WAEA meetings.



*Kim Anderson explains the results of a computation in the FAARM Game to grandchildren and grandparents at Grandparent University.*

### Graduate students at AAEA and WAEA

Ag Econ students were honored at the joint meetings of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and the Western Agriculture Economics Association (WAEA) this past summer.

Mallory Vestal, Tulia, Texas (agricultural economics) received third place in the AAEA Graduate Student Section Awards - Graduate Student Extension Competition.

In addition, two teams competed in the AAEA graduate student case study competition, coached by Chanjin Chung.

### Spring Graduates

Two additional graduates not listed in the Spring 2010 newsletter are Amanda Hill, MS, and Mary Wilson, MS.

### New graduate students fall 2010

The following are new graduate students in the ag econ graduate program this fall:

- Prasant Allaka, India, MS
- Christopher Baker, Oklahoma MS
- Jay Bessinger, Oklahoma MS
- Theophilus Depona, Burkina Faso, PhD
- Suling Duan, China, MS
- Monika Ghimire, Nepal, MS
- Amadou Gouzaye, Niger, MS
- Ivica Janeski, Macdonia, MS
- Ashley Jackson, Kansas, MS
- Kristen Kovalsky, Florida, MS
- Linda Johnson, Oklahoma, MA
- Brandon McFadden, Arkansas, PhD
- Dakota Moss, Oklahoma, MS

- Kalyne Neal, Oklahoma, MS
- Amanda Simpson, Arkansas, MS University of Arkansas
- Li Niu, China, MS
- Frederic Ouedraogo, Burkina Faso, MS
- Jeremy Walker, Oklahoma, MS
- Lance Weaver, Texas, MS
- Agus Widarjono, Indonesia, Ph.D.
- Tesfaye Woldesenbet, Ethiopia, MS

The annual fall graduate student reception was held August 27 to welcome new graduate students to the department. According to Anna Whitney, Student Services Specialist, "This event also helps the departmental faculty, staff and current graduate students begin to recognize new names and faces. We have 21 new graduate students and 66 total graduate students for Fall 2010."



Ag Econ graduate students (left to right) Eyosiyas Tegegne, Emmanuel Tumusiime, Zakou Amadou, Andrew Griffith, Chris Boyer (holding a flower that was placed at the memorial), Maria Mejia, Brian Williams, Angelica Serrano Paez, and Chris Zakrywicz paid a visit to the OSU Cowboy Memorial while in Colorado attending the AAEA/WAEA joint meetings this summer.

### Two Ag Econ students selected to top freshmen lists

Two agricultural economics students were selected by OSU's Motar Board as a top ten freshmen man and woman.

Shannon Watson, Osceola, Missouri (agricultural economics/agricultural communication) and Clark Bixler, Waynoka (agricultural economics) were honored in ceremonies at the Tulsa football game.

"I am honored to have been selected as a Top 10 Freshman Woman for the university," Shannon says, "and to represent the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the Agricultural Economics department. I am extremely grateful to those who have supported and assisted me in my reaching my goals, as I know my successes have been due to a multitude of people helping me accomplish them."

"Being selected as a Top 10 Freshman man is a great honor to me," Clark states. "It is really humbling to think about all the people who put in so much time to help me get to this point in my life and to be able to receive such a prestigious award as a Top 10 Freshman."

### Students win honors at AAEA/WAEA

Agricultural Economics undergraduate students were honored at the AAEA/WAEA meeting. Johnna Rushin, Yukon (agricultural economics/accounting) won second place in the AAEA Undergraduate Student Section Awards research paper competition.

Kayln Neal, Oklahoma City (agricultural economics) was named WAEA outstanding senior.

In addition, two teams competed in the undergraduate academic bowl coached by Dr. Darrell Peel.



*Dr. Joe Schatzer, undergraduate adviser/coordinator, congratulates Shannon Watson and Clark Bixler for being named as a top ten freshman man and woman.*

### Randi Williams interviews OSU alumnus

Randi Williams, Spiro (Agribusiness/Finance) recently went far out of her way to satisfy a requirement for Dr. Woods' Professional Career Development class; over 1500 miles in fact as she traveled to New York City to interview ag econ alumnus Jerry Stritzke, President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Coach, Inc.

Stritzke graduated from OSU in 1982 with a BS in Agricultural Economics. He later received his JurisDoctrate from OU.

Williams became interested in interviewing Stritzke after hearing President Burns Hargis talk about him at the Spring Banquet.

Stritzke was previously the COO and co-leader of Victoria's Secret, where he was responsible for combining the separate catalog with the stores.

Williams said, "He was so nice. It is so neat that he has such a high profile position and yet how nice it was to sit down and talk with him because he is just a small-town Oklahoma guy."

The purpose of the class assignment was to get an idea of the job opportunities possible with an ag econ degree.



*Randi Williams stands with Jerry Stritzke in front of the Coach building in New York City after interviewing him for an ag econ class assignment.*



# Ag Econ students lead Homecoming activities

Three ag econ students served on the 2010 OSU Homecoming executive team.

**Jordan Brockhaus**, Tuttle senior majoring in agribusiness was this year's executive director and was also responsible for the spirit rally and for communications and public relations.

Jordan states, "I am extremely excited about the week of Homecoming and watching the streets fill up with 70,000 people on Friday night with families and alumni.

My position is to help carry out the planning and execution process of the events of Homecoming. It takes a lot of people and manpower to put on an event of this size. I appreciate all of the help from each and every person who takes time to carry this event out."

**Cody Cramer**, Norman senior majoring in agribusiness marketing, was the executive team member responsible for the walkaround event and for getting high school bands to attend the "Sea of Orange" homecoming parade.



Cody says, "my main focus is Walkaround. Walkaround brings over 60,000 alumni back to this University. Viewing the Greek House Decorations, the Residential Halls floats, and the orange glow throughout campus is an experience not to miss."

According to Cody, one of the most exciting pre-game homecoming events is the

homecoming and hoops pep rally, when "Gallagher-Iba Arena is packed with students and alumni alike, all wearing orange and truly living up to the name, "The Rowdiest Arena in the Country!"

**Sarah Fry**, Omega senior majoring in agribusiness, was in charge of the Harvest Carnival and Chili Cook-Off and the community involvement committees.

She says, "Homecoming is such an amazing tradition here at OSU for students and alumni. I feel lucky



to be a part of the group of students that make our Homecoming celebration possible each year."

She enjoys working with the community events because "Harvest Carnival is a great way for families in the community to participate in OSU's Homecoming, while raising canned goods for the local canned food drive, Harvest II. Also, The student organizations and living groups on campus do a fantastic job creating fun and exciting games for children from the Stillwater community to enjoy."

According to the OSU Homecoming website,

"America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration' is orchestrated by the OSU Alumni Association Homecoming Executive Team. These student volunteers are selected after a rigorous application and interview process each January. They are responsible for planning and coordinating every Homecoming event along with the Homecoming Steering committees."



## Homecoming Royalty

Wyatt Swinford (Okemah, agribusiness pre-law) was crowned OSU homecoming king for 2010 at the Nebraska football game.

For three years now, agricultural economics students have ruled homecoming as king: Austin Horn in 2008, Tyler Powell in 2009, and Swinford this year.

Another ag econ student, Coby Smith, (Guthrie, agribusiness), was also selected as a homecoming king candidate



in the 2010 Homecoming Royalty Court.

Selection for the homecoming court is based on scholastic excellence, campus activities, and a genuine desire to represent OSU and the OSU Alumni Association as an ambassador.



## President's Letter

Aggie-X continues to uphold tradition by having its annual Back-2-School Bash and annual alumni tailgate.

On September 7th, 2010, the club braved short rain showers and had another successful Back-2-School Bash. Dr. Peel cooked up hot dogs and hamburgers for students, staff and faculty. Numerous games of washers were played, and multiple areas and even majors were represented.

Despite the minor weather setback, the kind words from the staff and faculty were a great way to get students energized not only for the club but also for the upcoming semester and year.

As for an update on Aggie-X in general, officers represented the club at the annual College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Round-up for freshmen and transfer students, and we had our first club

meeting on October 5, 2010. New members were eager to discuss some exciting philanthropy opportunities as well as meet new faces.

We were lucky to have the meeting sponsored by Bartlett & Co. of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Clayton Smith, a recent agricultural economics alumnus, kindly gave students a brief overview of the privately held grain merchandising company; he was also able to provide real world experiences that certainly made every student think about their ongoing or future job hunts.

Currently, members have been busy participating in activities for Homecoming. Aggie-X has a strong reputation to uphold after winning 1st place in the window decorating contest last year

Committees are in full swing planning the annual Agricultural Economics banquet and a club ski trip and even playing some intramural volleyball. The quiz bowl team has even doubled in size! It is certainly an exciting thing to see so

many students becoming so involved in many different areas.

Lastly, alumni, don't forget the Rural Economic Outlook conference will also be held November 4th and 5th! It is certainly a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of rural economies.

Afterwards, we are eager to invite everyone to the 3rd annual Aggie-X tailgate on November 6, 2010. The Tailgate will begin 3 hours prior to kickoff, anticipating an afternoon kickoff. We will be set up on the Northeast corner of Ag Hall, by the intersection of Farm Road and Monroe Avenue.

All alumni are invited and encouraged to swing by and grab a bite to eat, socialize with fellow alumni, faculty, staff and students, and even possibly win an OSU door prize as the OSU cowboys take on the Baylor Bears. I look forward to meeting each of you!

Johnna Rushin

See page 12 for more Aggie-X photos.



Aggie-X officers for 2010-2011 pose by Boomer Lake at the Aggie-X Back-2-School Bash this fall. (left to right) Charlie Slough, administrative vice president; Johnna Rushin, president; Brette Gollihare, treasurer; Dr. Derrell Peel, senior adviser; Courtney Pinkerton, education vice president; Makayla Krick, assistant administrative vice president; and Jeremy McCasland, secretary/reporter. Not shown is Dr. Brian Adam, junior adviser.



Dr. Derrell Peel checks on his roasting pig in the smoker at the 2009 Aggie-X tailgate event. The tailgate will be November 6 this year on the northeast corner of Ag Hall at Farm Road and Monroe Avenue.

### Staff member receives scholarship award

Lisa Brown, an administrative support assistant in the ag econ department and a senior agricultural communications student, received the 2010 Forrest Bassford Student Award given by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and the Livestock Publications Council. Brown was presented a \$2,000 scholarship and a plaque during the Ag Media Summit (AMS) held in St. Paul, MN, in July.

A native of Keenesburg, Colorado, Brown is an active member of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. She has also served as an agricultural ambassador for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at OSU to promote post secondary education to high

school students.

Brown was an editorial intern for the High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal during the summer of 2009. Throughout the internship, she served as public relation's correspondent for the award-winning "All Aboard Wheat Harvest" program, in which she managed social networking efforts, edited daily blog posts, interviewed growers, communicated with state wheat association personnel, and designed the weekly two-page, full-color spread. She also wrote three feature articles, including one cover story.

Brown is a member of the County Training Program team, an extension program of the ag econ department.



*Bob Giblin, Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health food industry communications manager, presents Lisa Brown the Student Bassford Award.*

### County Training staff recognized by NACDEP

Members of the County Government Personnel Training Program (CTP) were nominated for awards recently presented at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) conference in Minneapolis.

Members of CTP received the Southern Region Excellence in Teamwork award. This award encourages and recognizes outstanding Extension programs or projects conducted by a team that demonstrates effective performance and significant results at community, area, state or multi-state levels.

Team members are Notie Lansford, OCES extension economist and professor; Judy Rudin, local government communications specialist; Ann Embree, Karin Ragsdale, Sherri Schieffer, Suzanne Grooms Spears, and Sonya Tutten, local government specialists.

Some of the members also received the Southern Region Education

Piece award. This award recognizes outstanding efforts for materials that educate through accurate and concise information.

CTP is a program in the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services. The purpose of CTP is training of county government officers and their employees with several resources including short-courses, handbooks, and technical assistance to help execute their duties in an efficient and professional manner.

### Staff member completes OSU Ambassador Program

Kareta Casey, senior administrative support assistant in the ag econ department, recently completed the Ambassador Program, an OSU Human Resources Training Certificate Program.

This program is designed to meet the development needs of front-line employees who serve as ambassadors for Oklahoma State

### Ag Econ staff represented at annual OSU 4H Roundup

Four Ag Econ staff members participated in the OSU 4H Roundup this summer.

Judy Rudin, communications specialist; Gracie Teague, programmer/systems analyst; and Cynthia Hobbs, student worker in the IT Department, presented a workshop on "Using PowerPoint for Presentations."

Roger Sahs, assistant extension specialist, presented a workshop on "Make or Save \$\$\$ Using Enterprise Budget Software."

Over 900 4-H members and advisors came from all over Oklahoma for this year's Roundup.

University.

Kareta took 32 hours of human resources' workshops to complete the program.

The majority of the information, Kareta says, was very helpful and dealt primarily with interacting with people on campus, including students and visitors.

Kareta has been in the department for almost four years and works with Drs. Damona Doye, Shannon Ferrell, and Wade Brorsen.

### Department faculty host annual fall picnic

Agricultural economics faculty members hosted graduate students, staff, and emeriti faculty and staff at the annual fall picnic at Lake Carl Blackwell in September. The main course was a roasted pig accompanied by side dishes and desserts provided by faculty members.

Emeriti and families attending the picnic were Earlene Shreiner, Clem and Mimi Ward, Ted and Gerri Nelson, Kim and Kathryn Anderson, Raleigh and Betty Jobes, Sue and Joe Williams, Gordon and Jane Sloggett, and Pat and Sam Schaeffer.



Graduate students visit at the departmental picnic at Lake Carl Blackwell.



Emeriti, staff, and graduate students line up for the buffet at the departmental picnic.



Dr. Shannon Ferrell cuts up the roasted pig for the picnic buffet, and Brian Adam and Mary Woods help with the preparations.

### Aggie-X Back-2-School Bash



(left to right) Aaron McNeal, Charlie Slough, Andrew Greer, Paula Smithheisler, Cole Lamson, and Ryan Barnett enjoy the Aggie-X Back-2-School Bash held in September at Boomer Lake.

### Aggie-X Homecoming Decoration



The front door of Ag Hall features the Aggie-X Club homecoming decorations.

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