We hope you enjoy this issue of AG ECON NEWS! We have completed another very successful semester and academic school year.

We begin the issue with stories about five new scholarships offered to our students. What great news! We extend a hearty “thank you” to our alums, donors, and friends. We are blessed with outstanding students, and scholarships really make a difference in attracting and retaining the “best and the brightest”. We hope you enjoy the news regarding our recent scholarship and awards banquet plus stories on faculty, students, staff, and alums.

Please mark your calendar for November 9, 2012, when we will have our annual Rural Economic Outlook Conference here in Stillwater. The next day, November 10, Aggie-X will host a tailgate for alums and friends prior to the West Virginia football game.

I want to share a bit of departmental news with you. Beginning August 1, 2012, I will serve as Interim Dean and Vice President for Agriculture. Dean Bob Whitson will be stepping down at that time. Dr. Whitson has been a strong leader for our college and division—we wish him the very best and express our appreciation for his leadership. While I am in the interim dean’s role, Dr. Damona Doye will be the acting head for the Department of Agricultural Economics. I know Dr. Doye will do a great job. Please offer her your continued encouragement and support!

Donors provide for five new scholarships presented at Ag Econ/Aggie-X Banquet

Donors to the OSU Department of Agricultural Economics provided funding for five new scholarships this year.

These new scholarships brought the total number of scholarships presented at the 2011 Agricultural Economics Department and Aggie-X Club Scholarships and Awards Banquet to 103. These scholarships, totaling $92,950, were handed out to 70 students.

CoBank Scholarship

Dr. Clint Roush, CoBank Director, helped to develop this scholarship that is awarded to an Agricultural Economics or agribusiness major who is interested in a career in the farm credit system and/or cooperative sector.

Frank Robson Scholarship in Agribusiness

Mr. John Hughes honors Frank Robson with this scholarship that is awarded to a full-time Agricultural Economics student at OSU in CASNR with an emphasis on Farm and Ranch Management.

Oklahoma Chapter American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers

This scholarship is awarded to an Agricultural Economics junior or senior who graduated from an Oklahoma high school and who has completed or will take a 4000 level farm management course and/or a rural appraisal course.

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Ag Econ and Aggie-X Banquet News

Ag Econ students recognized for honors, awards, and activities at spring scholarships and awards banquet

Several ag econ students were recognized at the recent 2011 Agricultural Economics Department and Aggie-X Club Scholarships and Awards Banquet.

OSU Outstanding Seniors

Five ag econ students were honored for being selected as 2012 Outstanding Seniors of OSU by the Alumni Association.

- Jamie Andrews (agribusiness/pre-law, Edmond)
- Haley Baumgardner (agribusiness, Carrier)
- Randy Gordon (agribusiness/pre-law, Seiling)
- Blake Jackson (agribusiness/pre-law, Hartshorne)
- Carly Schnaithman (agribusiness, Garber)

These five individuals represent one-third or 33% of the 15 students selected. These students, plus Alice White (agribusiness and ag comm/ Belvue, Kansas) were previously named as Seniors of Significance for 2011-2012. (See related articles on page 7.)

Special Recognitions

Haley Baumgardner received the All-Around Senior - Campus Wide Activities and Academic Achievement - James S. Plaxico Award.

Sara Shepherd (ag econ/Clinton) received the Outstanding Senior - Scholastic Achievement Citation plus the Oklahoma Chapter of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Award for Outstanding

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Carly Schnaithman receives her certificate for Outstanding Academic Achievement and is congratulated by Dr. Porter, Dean Whitson, and Dr. James Trapp at the banquet. Carley was also honored as an OSU and CASNR outstanding senior.

Twenty-five seniors achieve 3.5 GPA or higher

Twenty-five graduating ag econ seniors were recognized at the banquet for Outstanding Academic Achievement for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

- Jamie Andrews (ag econ/El Reno)
- Haley Baumgardner
- Jerod Bomhak (ag econ/El Reno)
- Kody Briggs (agribusiness/Antlers)
- Mary Connolly (agribusiness/Stillwater)
- Susan Cope (ag econ, Ada)
- Caleb Davis (agribusiness/Fairview
- Hernando Duran (agribusiness/Texhoma)
- Kelsey Dutton (agribusiness/Limon, Colorado)
- Lindsey Forshee (agribusiness/Stillwater)
- Randy Gordon
- Elliott Hellwege (agribusiness/Kingfisher)
- Jeremy Henry (agribusiness/Sulphur Springs, AR)
- Blake Jackson
- Whitney Jeffrey
- Cole Lamson (Ag econ/Skiatook)
- Trent Lanie (agribusiness/Manchester)
- Trent Milacek (ag econ/Waukomis)
- Richard Moore (ag econ/Mounds)
- Kelsey Rogers (ag econ, Madill)
- Carly Schnaithman
- Sara Shepherd
- Katie Smithson (agribusiness/Oklahoma City)
- Alice White (agribusiness/Stillwater)
- Randi Williams (ag econ/Stillwater)
Appraiser - the L.A. Parcher Award.

**Whitney Jeffrey** (agribusiness/ Bells, Texas) was recognized for receiving the 2009-2010 Outstanding Senior Award from the Western Agricultural Economics Association

**Amalia Deines** (accounting, Shattuck) was honored for receiving the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers E.E. Huff Award for Outstanding Farm Manager.

**Jacy Alsup** (agribusiness/ Gravette, Arkansas) and **Caroline Bremer** were recognized as OSU Top Ten Freshmen Women for 2011-2012. (See story in Fall 2011 Ag Econ News.)

**Richard Moore** and **Shannon Watson** (ag econ/Osceola, Missouri) were honored as recipients of Matthew 25:40 Scholarships for 2011-2012. (See story in Fall 2011 Ag Econ News.)

**Aggie-X Awards**

Aggie-X scholarships for 2012-2013 went to the following students:

- **Suzanne Brooner** (animal science/Omaha, Nebraska)
- **Samantha Geis**
- **Jason Harris** (ag econ/Stillwater)
- **Kelsey James** (agribusiness/ Stillwater)
- **Laura Padgett** (ag econ/Crawfordville, Indiana)

Aggie-X awards for Outstanding New Members for 2011-2012 were presented to the following members:

- **Suzanne Brooner**
- **Samantha Geis**
- **Jason Harris**

### Banquet (Continued from page 2)

**Kelsey James**

**Kelsey Dutton** received the Aggie-X award for Outstanding Senior Member for 2011-2012.

The following Aggie-X seniors were presented:

- **Blake Jackson**
- **Kelsey Dutton**
- **Kelsey James**
- **Laura Padgett**

**CASNR Awards**

Several students were recognized for awards given at the CASNR awards event the evening before the banquet.

**Haley Baumgardner, Randy Gordon, Blake Jackson, and Carly Schnaithman** were named as outstanding seniors in the College of Agriculture for 2011-2012.

**Haley Baumgardner, Randy Gordon, and Blake Jackson** were also recognized as winners of the CASNR Dean LeCrone Award for Outstanding Seniors.

**Haley Baumgardner** was named Paul and Mary Hummer Outstanding Senior.

**Jacy Alsup** received the C.B. Browning Outstanding Freshman Award.

**Jamie Andrews** was honored as OSU Outstanding Senior and for Outstanding Academic Achievement at the banquet.

(left to right) Blake Jackson, Kaysie Fields, Randy Gordon, and Haley Baumgardner at the CASNR Awards banquet. Blake, Randy, and Haley were honored as OSU and CASNR outstanding seniors at the scholarship and awards banquet.
Ag econ alumni serve as readers

Four ag econ alumni served as readers during the academic scholarship presentations, reading the scholarships being presented and the recipients’ names and information.

Rick Davis, from Guthrie, graduated in 1983. He is Managing General Partner of Davis Farms, a family-owned, diversified farming operation located in Logan County. He is also a Managing General Partner of Dimmitt Hay, LLC, a hay production and supply company that serves Oklahoma and North Texas. Rick is a member of the OSU/A&M Board of Regents.

Joe Neal Hampton, from Waukomis, received his MS in 1979. He is President and Chief Executive Officer for the Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association, the Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association and the Oklahoma Seed Trade Association. He is a recipient of the OSU College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Clint Roush is a fourth generation farmer/rancher in Custer County where he produces wheat, alfalfa and feeder cattle. He received his PhD in 1978. He is on the Board of Directors for CoBank Agricultural Credit Bank, the Clinton Farmers Cooperative, and the Custer County Cattlemen’s Association. He is also on the advisory board for the Bill Fitzwater Endowed Cooperative Chair in the OSU ag econ department.

Keith Schwandt from Enid, received his BS in 1973. He serves as Executive Vice President of InterBank, and he is responsible for banking locations in Enid, Hennessey, and Guthrie. Keith is a member of the OSU Agriculture Dean’s Advisory Committee; the OSU Foundation Board of Governors; Integris Hospital of Enid Board of Directors; and he has served as Chairman of the Enid Chamber of Commerce and the Enid Development Alliance.

Scholarships (Continued from page 1)

Don and Linda Kloth Endowed Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

Dr. and Mrs. Don and Linda Kloth provide this scholarship that is awarded to a full-time student majoring in Agricultural Economics.

Aggie-X Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior with a 3.0 GPA or above and who is active in the Aggie-X Club. The scholarship is donated by the following individuals:

- Jared Boehs
- Derrick and Robyn Davies
- Bart and Karalyn Fischer
- Chris and Hannah Fryer
- Paul Goeringer
- Colby and Amy Hagerman
- Garret Long
- Justin and Winifred McConaghy
- Eric and Elise Stroud
- Whitney Yoder
Ag econ student Blake Jackson was named the 2012 OSU Student Employee of the Year, an award co-sponsored by the OSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and OSU Career Services. Haley Baumgardner was one of four finalists for the award. Also among the nominees were ag econ students Jamie Andrews and Kody Briggs and ag econ student worker Cynthia Hobbs. The students were honored at a ceremony in the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Each finalist received a gift basket worth $200 from various businesses in the Stillwater community, an orange business portfolio with an engraved plate, and special gifts donated from OSU Undergraduate Admissions. As the 2012 OSU Student Employee of the Year, Jackson was presented with a $500 check from the OSU Division of Student Affairs, floor seats to a men’s basketball game from OSU Athletics, and a framed picture. Both Blake and Haley were nominated by Dr. Shannon Ferrell. They were his research assistants for a grant project regarding wind energy leasing for rural landowners. Haley also serves as his teaching assistant.
Jason Harris named 2012 Agricultural Outlook Forum Winner by USDA

Jason Harris (ag econ, Oklahoma City) is one of 24 university students that were selected from across the country to attend USDA's 2012 Agricultural Outlook Forum. The finalists include students from Land-Grant, Hispanic-serving, and American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources institutions that are the recipients of corporate and USDA sponsorships aimed at promoting the education of the next generation of agriculturalists. Jason was selected based on his essay, “Agriculture as a Career,” and a recommendation from the dean. The forum is USDA's largest annual event and was held in February in Arlington, Virginia. According to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, “USDA’s Outlook Forum will celebrate USDA’s 150th anniversary, giving these students the opportunity to hear former Secretaries of Agriculture describe their visions for the future of agriculture. USDA welcomes the next generation to participate in the Forum so they might see opportunities to excel to even greater heights in their careers.”

Two students serve as legislative interns at capitol

Two ag econ students, Carly Schnaithman and Randy Gordon served as legislative interns during this Oklahoma Legislature session. Carly was on the House of Representatives side with Representative Richardson. Randy was on the Senate side with Senator Fields.

Both Carly and Randy are reported to have become quickly well known by everyone around the State Capitol and have made very good impressions.

Carly says that her time has been extremely rewarding. “I have had the opportunity to serve as the intern for Representative Phil Richardson, the chairman of the House Ag Committee. The unique thing about this internship is that every day is different. From taking minutes at committee meetings, to researching legislation, to speaking to youth organization, to attending numerous receptions and banquets with legislators; I continue to learn more about the legislative process each and every day.”

“This internship has definitely prepared me with the tools I need for my future career. It has polished up my extemporaneous speaking, showed me the value in networking, and most importantly taught me the importance of treating each constituent with respect.”

“I am very grateful to CASNR for allowing me the opportunity to have such a valuable learning experience.”

Randy states that “Having the opportunity to serve as the Oklahoma State Senate Agricultural Committee Legislative Intern on behalf of CASNR at OSU has fostered a once in a lifetime learning experience that has better prepared me for my future ambitions in serving as a public servant in our state.”

“Working directly for the interests of our agricultural community within the state of Oklahoma and seeing those interest directly intertwined within public policy has been an experience like no other. It is humbling and exceptionally a privilege to see those interests protected and promoted by members of the Senate Agricultural Committee.”

Two selected for Homecoming executive team

Two ag econ students have been named to the 2012 Homecoming Executive Team. Trindle Brueggen is the University Spirit/Artistic Design Executive; his committee coordinates the Sign Competition, Hester Street Painting, and the Theta Pond Orange decoration.

Samantha Geis has positions as Campus Life Executive, where she serves as the homecoming liaison for residential life and coordinates the Residential Life Bash and Orange Reflection, and Harvest Carnival Executive, where she coordinates the annual Harvest Carnival benefit, the Chili Cook Off, and the canned food drive for Harvest II. She is also in charge of the Eat for Pete campaign for Stillwater restaurants.

Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society inducts members

Three undergraduate ag econ students were part of 23 students inducted as members of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, by OSU’s Gamma Sigma Delta chapter. The society seeks to encourage high standards of scholarship and worthy achievements.

The following undergraduate students were inducted this spring:

- Haley Baumgardner
- Jace White (agribusiness, Cherokee)
- Justin Strate (agribusiness, Fairmont)

See page 9 for graduate ag econ inductees.
Jamie Rose Andrews has served as chair of the Student Government Association Sustainability Committee and as a CASNR student academic mentor. She has been involved in Alpha Delta Pi, Mortar Board and Alpha Zeta.

She has volunteered with the Real Cowboys Recycle tailgate recycling program, The Big Event, and Into the Streets.

Jamie was named a Wentz Research Scholar, a Student Employee of the Year nominee and semifinalist, a Dr. John W. Goodwin Endowed Agricultural Economics Scholar, a Women for OSU Student Philanthropist of the Year finalist, a Senior of Significance, and a Freshman Research Scholar.

She plans to attend law school in the fall.

Garrett Blake Jackson has served as chair of the Student Government Association Sustainability Committee and as a CASNR student academic mentor. She has been involved in Alpha Delta Pi, Mortar Board and Alpha Zeta.

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Carly Schnaithman has served as CASNR vice president of student affairs, Chi Omega vice president and alumnae relations director, state FFA reporter and Order of Omega treasurer. She has also been involved in Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Encounter.

Carly has volunteered with Toys to the Game, YMCA youth basketball, Student Alumni Board, Mortar Board, and service on the Student Government Association Sustainability Committee.

He has volunteered with Student Government Association Tailgate Recycling, Camp Cowboy, CASNR freshman orientation class, American Farmers and Ranchers state speech contest and St. John's Catholic Church. Blake was named a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a Morris and Stewart Udall Scholar, a CASNR legislative intern, a Top Ten Freshman Man, and the 2012 Student Employee of the year. He was also named to Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Blake plans to pursue a master’s in ag econ at OSU. He also plans to pursue a law degree in Oklahoma.

See photos on pages 2 and 3.
Hi everyone, I am Trindle Brueggen, and I am the 2012-2013 Aggie-X President. We held our election meeting March 6, 2012 and elected the 2012-2013 officer team: Gina Jackson, Educational Vice-President; Laura Padgett, Administrative Vice-President; Jason Harris, Assistant Administrative Vice-President; Caroline Bremer, Secretary/Reporter; and Kelsey James, Treasurer. We have the fortune of keeping our Advisors from last year, Dr. Derrell Peel and Dr. Brian Whitacre, as Co-Advisors for next year.

I am looking forward to next year with this officer team, as Laura and I are returning officers and the other new officers have already brought some great ideas forward to keeping Aggie-X successful.

Last year Aggie-X was active in CASNR, competing in the Dean’s Volleyball tournament and the CASNR Week dodge ball tournament and helping raise funds through a bake sale for Heifer International, which was the CASNR Week philanthropy. Through club efforts, we were able to award six scholarships this year, two to officers and four to new members.

We held our third annual alumni tailgate this last fall and served a whole hog; it was a great success. We will hold the next tailgate November 10, 2012, prior to the West Virginia football game. Aggie-X would like to invite all alumni, faculty, and staff to the tailgate cookout three hours before game time on the northeast side of Ag Hall.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the tailgate or the Aggie-X Club at (405)-834-9066 or trindlb@okstate.edu.

Trindle Brueggen
Aggie-X President

Plan to join the Aggie-X Club for their annual Tailgate on November 10 prior to the West Virginia football game.
Masters Student Ashley Jackson receives research award

Ashley Jackson (masters agribusiness, Perkins) was one of twelve women to receive a 2012 Research Award from the Women’s Faculty Council.
Ashley won her award for her research paper entitled “How Specialized is ‘too’ Specialized?, Outmigration and Industry Diversification in Nonmetropolitan Counties Across America.”
Ashley’s paper was based on her thesis research, which looks at the link between industry specialization and outmigration in nonmetropolitan counties. In particular, she looked at whether being “too specialized” in a particular industry could actually cause a decline in net migration in these rural areas.
Her results suggest that there are some definable thresholds that can have a positive or negative impact on migration rates.
Ashley’s advisor is Dr. Brian Whitacre, who says: “Ashley is a very deserving winner of this prestigious award. She has been an ideal grad student from Day 1 - she quickly moved from finding a topic that interested her to gathering the relevant data and learning the modeling techniques, and then on to writing up her research and presenting it. She is an extremely hard working student and I am very proud to be her advisor.”

Graduating students
A special hooding ceremony was held in Ag Hall in May to honor these students who have completed their degrees.

Spring 2012 PhD:
- Hung-Ju Chien, Taiwan
- Andrew Griffith, Tennessee
- John Mann, Oklahoma

Summer 2012 PhD:
- Hiren Bhavsar, India
- Brenna Ellison, Texas
- Maria Mejia, Mexico
- Laura Pedraza Robles, Mexico
- Angelica Serrano Paez, Mexico
- Mallory Vestal, Texas
- Brian Williams, Nebraska

Spring 2012 MS:
- Prasant Allaka, India
- Ashley Jackson, Kansas
- Ivica Janeski, Macedonia
- Kristen Kovalsly, Florida
- Dakota Moss, Oklahoma
- Kalyn Neal, Oklahoma
- Amanda Simpson, Arkansas
- Jeremy Walker, Oklahoma

Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society inducts members
Four graduate ag econ students were part of 24 students inducted as members of Gamma Sigma Delta. (See related story on page 6.) The following graduate students were inducted this spring:
- Lance Weaver (ag econ, Stillwater)
- Amanda Simpson (ag econ, Cave Spring, Arkansas)
- Stephen Schumacher (ag econ, Gainsville, Texas)
- Mallory Vestal (ag econ, Tulia, Texas)

Spring 2012 MAg:
- Erin White, Oklahoma

GSA Spring Picnic
Members of the Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association (GSA) braved the threat of storms to host its annual Spring Picnic in April. Fortunately, the storms waited until after graduate students, faculty, and staff gathered to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship at Couch Park in Stillwater.
Hooding ceremony features 24 ag econ graduates

Every seat was taken in 107 Ag Hall as friends and family gathered to see all 24 ag econ graduate students hooded by their advisors. See list of graduates on page 9.

Dr. Francis Epplin congratulates PhD graduate Andrew Griffith after his hooding.

M.S. graduate Amanda Simpson is hooded by Dr. Jody Campiche as Dr. Chung looks on. Dr. Chung is the graduate student coordinator and served as master of ceremonies for the hooding.

PhD graduates Maria Mejia and Laura Pedraza Robles look forward to the hooding ceremony.

Tesfaye Woldesenbet, M.S. graduate is hooded by Dr. Dave Shideler.
## Thesis and dissertation topics

### Fall 2011

**Thesis:**
- **Brandon Varner** - No-Till Versus Tilled Dryland Cotton, Grain Sorghum, and Wheat, and Breakeven Pasture Lease Rate for Dual-Purpose Winter Wheat

**Dissertations:**
- **Chris Boyer** - Agent-Based Common Value Auctions
- **Jong San Choi** - Economic Approach on Allocation Irrigation Water under Salinity based on Different Soils for Potential Irrigated Agriculture using EPIC Crop Model
- **Chaowana Phetcharat** - An Optimal Application of Swine Effluent in Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Determined By Baysian Stochastic Dynamic Programming
- **Emmanuel Tumusiime** - The Cost of Coexistence Between Bt Maize and Open Pollinated Maize Varieties in Lowland Coastal Kenya
- **Lianfan Su** - Three Essays on Cost and Benefit Analysis of Rice Post-Harvest Stored Insect Management Methods

### Spring 2012

**Theses:**
- **Prasant Allaka** - M.S. Formal Report - Estimation of Food Demand in India Based on Household Food Consumption Data – A Case of Odisha
- **Amadou Gouzaye** - The Value of Price Stabilization Policy for Cotton Producers in Burkina Faso
- **Ashley Jackson** - How Specialized is “too” Specialized?

**Outmigration and Industry Diversification in Nonmetropolitan Counties Across America**

**Ivica Janeski** - Long-Term Economic Impacts of USDA Water Infrastructure Investments in Oklahoma

**Kristen Kovalsky** - Do Consumers Really Know How Much They Are Willing To Pay?

**Dakota Moss** - Bio-Fuels in Oklahoma: Measuring the Economic Impacts of Switchgrass and Cellulosic Ethanol Production

**Kalyn Neal** - Fragmentation of Ownership and its Effect on Oklahoma Land Parcels

**Amanda Simpson** - Improving the Nutritional Quality at What Cost? The Economics of Reducing Sodium in Foods

**Jeremy Walker** - Valuing a Proposed Poultry Litter-to-Energy Processing Plant Using Real Options

**Graduate Non-Thesis (MAg):**
- **Erin White** - Program Evaluation and Financial Management with the Noble Foundation

**Dissertations:**
- **Hung-Ju Chien** - The Effects of Income, Endowment, and Risk Preference on Behavioral Anomalies
- **Andrew Griffith** - Production Economics of Potential Perennial and Annual Biomass Feedstocks
- **John Mann** - Essays on: 1. Insect Resistance and Costs in Stored Grain; 2. Undergraduate Student’s Preferences for College Courses, and the Characteristics of Students Selecting Online Courses; and 3. Developing a Composite Entrepreneurship Indicator as a Measure of Schumpeterian Activity
Dr. Francis Epplin (shown at right) was presented the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual meeting in February. Dr. Epplin has been at OSU in the ag econ department since 1979. He currently holds the Jean & Patsy Neustadt Chair in the department. Prior to assuming that chair in 2011, he had been the Charles A. Breedlove Professor since 2006. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Education and his M.S. in Agricultural Industries from Southern Illinois University. He holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Iowa State University. Dr. Epplin was honored as a teacher, an advisor, a researcher, a journal contributor, a committee member, and a department and university participant.

According to his nomination letter, “Dr. Epplin has lived the land-grant mission. He contributes to all three legs of the land grant triangle and his contributions are strengthened by the multidisciplinary facets of his work. He is the ultimate team member who enhances the impact of any team on which he participates.” “He has been involved in multidisciplinary grants totaling several million dollars. He has worked with the team that brought winter canola production to Oklahoma. He was working on biofuels long before it became trendy.”

Ag Econ faculty and students attend SAEA meeting

Ag econ faculty members and students were well represented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) annual meeting in February. According to department head Mike Woods, “The officers of this professional association expressed appreciation for the strong OSU participation by our graduate students. Our colleagues notice when we have a good showing, and this is very good exposure for our students.” Mike expressed his thanks to Derrell Peel and Dave Shideler for “wrangling” students and driving vans to the meetings.

• Dr. Francis Epplin received the SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award. (See story above.)
• Dr. Derrell Peel received the Extension Individual Program Award (See story on page 13.)
• Dr.’s Jody Campiche, Larry Sanders, Mike Dicks, and Rodney Jones received the Extension Team Award for their Farm Bill Education Program. (See story about their work in the Fall 2011 issue of the Ag Econ News.)
• Eleven Selected Papers were presented by faculty members or graduate students.
• One Invited Paper was presented by a moderator/organizer during the meetings.
• One Invited Paper was presented by a discussant during the meetings.
• One Organized Symposium was led by an organizer/moderator.
• Two Organized Symposiums were led by presenters.
• Two Posters were selected for presentation from our department.
• Dr. Derrell Peel coached three students during the Quiz Bowl competition. Quiz Bowl participants were Vance Sharp, Robert Parrish, and Trindle Brueggen.
• Dr. Bailey Norwood served as a member of the Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee
• Dr. Jayson Lusk serves as Director of the WAEA and serves on the JAAE Editorial Council.
• Dr. Damona Doye serves as Chair of C-FARE, the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics.
Facility News

Regents Professors honored for scholarly achievements

The position of Regents Professor is the most prestigious rank that can be attained in recognition of scholarly accomplishments by faculty in the OSU system. It recognizes faculty who have made important contributions to their discipline. Regents Professors are recognized nationally and internationally for their prominence in research, creativity, scholarship, and leadership in their disciplines.

The honorary title of Regents Professor is awarded to professors who have made outstanding contributions in their discipline through resident teaching, research, other scholarly activities, and extension or outreach activities at OSU. The title may also be awarded to a professor who is serving as a professorial faculty member at another comprehensive university. Professors appointed with this title are recognized on campus and at the national level for past and continuing scholarly accomplishments.

Evidence of their accomplishments includes their record of publication in nationally recognized journals, authorship of monographs, scholarly books, and/or textbooks, creative activities, and outstanding performance as classroom teachers.

Nominations for Regents Professors may be made by any tenured OSU faculty member, and the nomination must be seconded by another tenured faculty member. The nomination is presented to the department head, who submits the final recommendation to the dean.

A nomination packet is submitted to the Regents Professor Selection Committee for the final decision.

The ag econ faculty includes the following four professors who have been honored as Regents Professors at OSU:

- Wade Brorsen
  A. J. and Susan Jacques Chair
- Gerald Doeksen
- Damona Doye
  Sarkeys Professorship
- Shida Henneberry
  Donald and Cathey Humphreys Chair in International Studies

Faculty honored at Spring Banquet

At the scholarships and awards banquet, the Aggie-X Club announced the outstanding teacher and adviser recipients.

Dr. Notie Lansford received the outstanding teacher award, and Dr. Bailey Norwood received the outstanding advisor award.

Peel receives SAEA Extension Award

Dr. Derrell Peel received the Extension Individual Program Award at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) meeting in February.

Dr. Peel is currently the Charles Breedlove Professor in the ag econ department. He is also an Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (OCES), a position he has held since 1989.

The award recognizes his extension program, “Livestock marketing, Risk Management and Beef Industry Education.” His extension program includes traditional market outlook and risk management education efforts, for which he is widely recognized, as well as unique contributions in subjects such as stocker cattle production and marketing and international trade of cattle and beef.

He was honored for providing leadership in livestock marketing extension programs in Oklahoma as well as nationally through the Livestock Marketing Information Center.

Dr. Peel is said to continue to have a very active and successful extension livestock marketing program that has significant value and impact on livestock producers in Oklahoma, around the U.S., and in other countries.
Ten ag econ endowed faculty chairs and professors were recognized, along with the donors who have established those chairs and professorships, at a medallion ceremony held recently by DASNR.

A.J. and Susan Jacques Chair
The A.J. and Susan Jacques Chair encourages excellence in teaching and scholarship in the ag econ department at OSU. This chair, according to A.J. Jacques, provides a wonderful opportunity for him to honor two things that have made an impact on his life, agriculture and OSU. He received an ag econ degree from OSU in 1976. His wife, Susan, is a 1975 graduate with a degree in Arts and Sciences. They now reside in Woodward.

Wade Brorsen, a regents professor at OSU, holds the A.J. and Susan Jacques Chair. His research interests include econometrics, futures markets, and price analysis.

Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Endowed Chair
The Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Endowed Chair honors former Triangle Cooperative Service Company CEO Bill Fitzwater, who died unexpectedly in 1997 at the age of 45. More than 35 local cooperatives came together to create this position at Oklahoma State.

Phil Kenkel holds the Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Chair. He is widely recognized by academia, industry, and civic and state organizations for his expertise in the cooperative form of business.

Charles Breedlove Professorship in Agribusiness
Before his death in 1999, Charles Breedlove created the Charles Breedlove Professorship in Agribusiness to benefit rural Oklahoma and developing countries around the world.

Chanjin Chung, a native of Korea, came to OSU in 2002 and has served as a Charles Breedlove Professor since 2010. In addition to his work at OSU, he has held visiting professorships in Korea and Japan.

Derrell Peel is also a Charles Breedlove Professor. He is OSU’s Cooperative Extension livestock marketing specialist and a professor of agricultural economics. Peel’s extensive international experience is helping Oklahoma to compete in the global marketplace.

Charles B. Browning Endowed Professorship in Food Science
The Charles B. Browning Endowed Professorship in Food Science honors the former dean and director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, who was instrumental in creating the Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center. Food industry leaders, colleagues and friends established this professorship in 1997.

Rodney Holcomb has held the Charles B. Browning Professorship since 2004. He also serves as OSU’s representative on the Oklahoma Agricultural Enhancement and Diversification Board. His research interests include value-added manufacturing economics and market evaluation.

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Banquet (Continued from page 14)

Donald and Cathey Humphreys Chair in International Studies

The Donald and Cathey Humphreys Chair in International Studies was created in 2010. Don and Cathey established this chair to enhance international experience at OSU.

Shida Henneberry is a regents professor and her research interests include agricultural market development, food demand analysis, international trade, and development and teaching effectiveness.

Neustadt Chair in Agricultural Economics

Jean and Patsy Neustadt established the Neustadt Chair in Agricultural Economics in 1992. Jean passed away three years later and this chair carries on his legacy at the university he loved.

Francis Epplin holds the Neustadt Chair in Agricultural Economics. He joined OSU as a faculty member in the department of agricultural economics in 1979.

Sarkeys Distinguished Professorships in Agriculture

The Sarkeys Foundation and OSU have enjoyed an amazing partnership throughout the years.

Damona Doye with President Hargis

During that time, the Sarkeys Foundation has created three professorships in DASNR.

Damona Doye holds one of these professorships. She is a Regents Professor who serves as an OSU Cooperative Extension economist and farm management specialist.

Wes and Lou Watkins Endowed Chair in International Trade and Development

Wes and Lou Watkins are passionate people and two areas of passion for them include agriculture and international trade and development. In 2008, they established the Wes and Lou Watkins Endowed Chair in International Trade and Development in the School of International Studies to encourage excellence in these areas at OSU.

Mike Dicks has been a member of the OSU faculty since 1989 and holds the Wes and Lou Watkins Chair in International Trade and Development.

Willard Sparks Endowed Chair in Agriculture

Willard Sparks was a businessman and a respected community leader who devoted particular attention to supporting education, sports, and the arts. In 2001, he created the Willard Sparks Endowed Chair in Agriculture. He passed away in 2005, but this chair carries on his legacy.

Jayson Lusk holds the Willard Sparks Endowed Chair in Agriculture. He is recognized professionally as one of the nation's most influential and successful researchers in the area of applying experimental economic methods to issues in agribusiness. His research focuses on how preferences are constructed and decisions are made by consumers, farmers and agribusiness organizations.

(The descriptions and photos above were borrowed from the on-line article, “DASNR honors donors, faculty at medallion ceremony,” produced by the Oklahoma State University Foundation on their website.)
Joe Williams receives award from alma mater NMSU

Ag econ emeritus Dr. Joseph E. Williams received the 2011 Outstanding Alumni Award for the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business at New Mexico State University.

This award is given every year to an outstanding department alumnus. The award was presented during NMSU Homecoming Festivities last October.

At the presentation ceremony, each recipient was recognized with a biographical introduction. Dr. Williams completed his B.S. and M.S. degrees at NMSU in 1965 and 1967 respectively.

After serving as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army (1967-1969) he returned to NMSU as a Research Associate (1969-1971) working on the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project. He worked as an instructor at Iowa State University while completing his Ph.D. (1975).

Dr. Williams joined the ag econ faculty at OSU in 1975. He devoted 28 years to teaching and research, focusing on farm management courses/projects. He also served as Director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program for an additional eight years from 2002 until his retirement in 2010.

Dr. Williams’ true passion has always been teaching and advising students. He chaired the department undergraduate scholarship committee from 1990 through 2002. He is a recipient of teaching and advising awards at the department, college, university, and national levels.

He is well known in the ag econ department for his service and commitment to helping students succeed.

In the fall of 2002, Williams received the first CASNR Student Mentoring Award. During the recognition ceremony, Dr. Ed Miller, CASNR Associate Dean, said “Williams fits the prototype of who this award was supposed to honor.”

In 2010, a Study Room in Ag Hall was named for Joe Williams in honor of his incomparable service to students. (See story in the Fall 2011 issue of the Ag Econ News.)

He also has an endowed scholarship in his name that is awarded annually to an ag econ student who demonstrates academic excellence, exemplary integrity, ethics, initiative, and leadership conducive to an outstanding life and professional career.

When asked about why he is so committed to students and alums, Dr. Williams says, “I want to continue the trend started at NMSU by those who gave so much to me. They made a significant difference in my life. In reflection, I continue to appreciate their influence and how they truly ‘touched’ my life.”

He remembers how he arrived at NSMU in the fall of 1960 as “a young man scared to death and uncertain if and how he was going to make it through school.” Dr. Williams was faced with difficult times—without scholarships, student loans, or any other forms of financial monetary support. He worked his way through NMSU, working up to four part-time jobs simultaneously.

He states he will never forget the encouragement and support he received from several wonderful individuals in the NMSU and Las Cruces communities. It was this experience that established the framework for his future career.

(left to right) Dr. Joe Williams catches up with friends Coach Lou Henson (former NMSU Aggie and University of Illinois basketball coach) and Bradley Houston (Dr. Williams high school VoAg Teacher) at the NMSU awards ceremony.
Several faculty members and OCES staff members participated in the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service Conference held in January. The theme of the conference was Power of the Past—Force of the Future and featured an opening session keynote address by Lee Manzer of the OSU Spears School of Business. His presentation was called “Stories of the Past - Managing the Future.”

Another featured speaker was Stan Clark, owner of the Stan Clark Companies, who told the audience, “I Ain’t Never Had too Much Fun,” related to the creation and growth of the Eskimo Joe enterprises.

The following sessions featured the listed ag econ professors and extension staff at the conference:

**Current Issues in Beef Production Management and Economics**
- Dr. Jody Campiche
- Dr. Eric DeVuyst
- Dr. Damona Doye
- Dr. Shannon Ferrell
- Dr. Jayson Lusk
- Dr. Bailey Norwood
- Dr. Kellie Raper
- Dr. Derrell Peel
- Roger Sahs

**County Government Dollars: Where Do They Come From and Where Do They Go?**

**The Benefits of Training Fair Boards**
- Dr. Notie Lansford
- Ann Embree
- Sherri Schieffer
- Suzanne Grooms Spears

**Entrepreneurship: The Future of Rural Oklahoma?**

**Using Retail Trade Analysis to Support Extension and Prosper Your County**
- Dr. Dave Shideler

**Creativity and Engagement: An Exploration of Technology in Extension**
- Dr. Dave Shideler
- Dr. Brian Whitacre

**US Macroeconomic Trends and Their Impact on Oklahoma**
- Dr. Dave Shideler
- Dr. Larry Sanders

Nathan Anderson, Payne County Extension Educator, and Roger Sahs, ag econ extension, talk between sessions at the OCES Conference.

Prior to their session at the OCES conference, Dr. Larry Sanders and Dr. Dave Shideler visit with Suzette Barta, Payne County Extension Educator.

Notie Lansford, Program Leader of the County Training Program and Extension Specialist, visits with Charlotte Richert, Tulsa County Extension Educator, before his session at the OCES conference. Sherri Schieffer, Local Government Specialist, studies course materials in the background.
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County Training Program receives national award

A DVD, “County Government: Government Closest to the People,” developed by the County Training Program (CTP) won both the South Region and the National “Educational Technology - Team Award” at the NACDEP Conference.

The following people were involved in the development and production of this video:

- Dr. Notie Lansford, Program Leader, CTP (shown above (right) receiving award from Mike Wilcox, new president of NACDEP, and Stacey McCullough, Southern Region Representative)
- Ann Embree, Local Government Specialist, CTP
- Judy Rudin, Local Government Specialist, CTP
- Sherri Schieffer, Local Government Specialist, CTP
- Suzanne Grooms Spears, Local Government Specialist, CTP
- Jack Frye (Area Extension Specialist, Retired)
- Stan Ralstin (Area Extension Specialist, Retired)
- Brad Tipton (Extension Educator, Canadian County)
- Craig Woods (Sr. TV Production/Producer, AG COMM Services)

In addition to monies received through an extension grant for the video project, funding was also contributed by the County Officers and Deputies Association of Oklahoma (CODA) and the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO).

NACDEP is an organization dedicated to improving the visibility, coordination, professional status and resource base of community and economic development Extension programs and professionals.

Go to the CTP website, http://www.agecon.edu/ctp, for a link to view the video.

Mike Woods receives lifetime achievement award

The Southern Rural Development Center has honored Dr. Mike Woods, ag econ department head, as the 2012 recipient of the Bonnie Teater Community Development Educator Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award is presented for superior lifetime work by an individual who has made an important contribution to the Extension Community Development area.

Dr. Woods has more than 31 years of exemplary rural economic development experience. From 1981 to 2006, he was a state extension specialist at both Texas A&M and OSU, with concurrent teaching and research appointments for many of those years. He has served as department head since 2007, and in August, he will begin his tenure as OSU Interim Dean of DASNR and Vice President.

Dr. Woods was honored with this award for his “long, distinguished career spent making a difference in the economies of rural communities and in the lives of those he has taught and worked alongside.”

North Dakota State University Rural and Agribusiness Enterprise Development Specialist Glenn Muske, who calls Dr. Woods his mentor and advisor, says Woods’ “influence and impact on Extension’s community and economic development task have been substantial and will remain long lasting.”

Gerald Doeksen, the first recipient of the Bonnie Teater award, says he can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious award than Dr. Woods. “He has demonstrated better than anyone in the nation that economics can help local people, communities, and states make better decisions in delivering community services.”
Ag Econ staff members work with America’s greatest dog

Two ag econ staff members recently had the opportunity to work with the Greatest American Dog. Ann Embree and Suzanne Spears, Local Government Specialists with the County Training Program, presented a workshop for the County Treasurers Association of Oklahoma that featured Presley, Greatest American Dog, and his partner Travis Brorsen. Travis is a CASNR graduate and the nephew of ag econ professor Wade Brorsen. Travis and Presley have become an inspirational speaking duo since appearing on the CBS hit reality competition, Greatest American Dog and winning that competition. The workshop’s message was about team building and was based on the “PAWS” principle, which features being Positive; Always being assuring; motivating by knowing the Who, what, why of the relationship; and being Specific. The workshop participants also learned that “Team Building is Trust Building”, and it is important to “Know thyself by knowing: 1) the way you wag; 2) territorial issues; 3) where you put your nose,” and that “It takes two to shake.” Travis and Presley are also using their relationship-building message to reach young people. They have authored eight children’s books that have been developed into an early childhood curriculum that reinforces life skills, character development, and bully prevention. The two recently received “Innovator of the Year” honors from the Journal Record.

The County Training Program, an Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service program, provides training and technical assistance for county offices in Oklahoma.

Rhonda Ladd leaves Stillwater for new endeavors

Rhonda Ladd, who has served as an ag econ staff assistant for six years, resigned from OSU this month to move to Vici to be closer to her husband’s job and to both of their parents. Rhonda handled most of the department’s financial activities, including monthly payroll, grants and contracts, and departmental accounts.

Mike Woods, ag econ department head, says, “Rhonda Ladd has meant a great deal to our department. Our departmental grants and contracts have more than doubled over the past five years — Rhonda provided great staff support to our faculty members who pursued and received these grants! Rhonda was always timely in providing the budget information we needed to manage our programs most effectively. We wish her and her family well in their new phase of life.”

Gracie Teague (Boyd), ag econ IT programmer, recently "survived" the Spring 2012 B.A.L.A.N.C.E (Building a Lifestyle on Activity, Nutrition, Confidence, and Energy) 14-week program sponsored by the OSU Department of Campus Recreation and Wellness. And, congratulations on her recent marriage.
Described as the “rock” and the “go to person” for the ag econ department, Joyce Grizzle has become an extremely important, almost indispensible, part of the department.

She began work in the ag econ department in December of 1979, and she has served the department for over 32 years.

Joyce began her career as a secretary to Dr. Hardin and Cecil Maynard in extension. She became an administrative supervisor in 1982, and the department’s administrative assistant in 1997.

During her career, Joyce has worked directly for four department heads, Dr’s Osborn, Trapp, Barkema, and Woods, and two Interim department heads, Dr’s Ward and Schatzer.

According to Dr. Mike Woods, current department head, “It is very safe to say that on many occasions Joyce has assisted a new department head in conducting necessary and sensitive duties that have kept our academic unit on a steady track.”

Along with Joyce’s administrative assistant duties, she also maintains the foundation accounts, the department’s Current Research information System (CRIS), and the ag econ historical records.

Joyce’s job performance has been described as always being superior and reliable. She makes sure things get done, and she does it with an amazing ability to work with everyone in the department, college, and division.

Joyce says, “I get to work with everybody and it seems there is something new every day - and it is challenging.” She also says, “I enjoy working with the students. It is nice to get to know them and find out about them.”

Joyce is known for treating everyone with the same dignity and respect whether they are a student, staff member, faculty member, alum, parent, or an individual tax payer looking for assistance from the department.

Joyce was born and raised in Meeker. After high school, she married and moved to Auburn, Alabama, where she worked at Auburn University. Her son Jeff graduated from OSU with a history degree, and he now works in OSU Career Services. Joyce lives close to Jeff and his family, so she gets to see her granddaughter Annie (shown above) often.

Dr. James Trapp, former ag econ department head and current Associate Director of Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, says about Joyce, “Joyce is truly dedicated to her work and to the Agricultural Economics Department. That dedication causes her to work for the good of everyone in the department and to put her work and the department above herself. I don’t know of anyone who is able to work with so many people so effectively. Her experience is phenomenal. Chances are that if it needs to be done, Joyce has done it before at least once, if not many times.”

Ag Econ Emeritus Joe Williams remembers Joyce’s assistance to him, “Joyce demonstrates a very high level of professionalism, dedication, and loyalty to the department, students, faculty, and staff. She is often the last person to leave in the evening and when asked why, she states: “Someone might need something.” I, on more than one occasion, have been locked out of my office, needed a master key, or needed to send a fax after hours, and Joyce was the only person available to assist. She truly has the best interest of others in her heart as demonstrated by her actions and deeds.”

As an editorial comment, I know that anytime this editor needs to know anything about anybody or anything, past or present, Joyce has certainly become my “go to” person. And she always provides the information with a smile.
Alum Lance Embree remembers classmates and credits professors for helping him achieve his career goals

Ag econ alum Lance Embree graduated from Oklahoma State University in December of 1997, with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Agricultural Economics, with an option of Marketing and Business. Lance credits many of his professors for providing assistance and guiding him in his career path. “My advisor, Dr. Brian Adam,” he states “was extremely helpful in putting me on the correct path to finish my degree in a timely manner and always had time for questions and to offer support.”

He also remembers that “Dr. Robert Oehrtman, my Agricultural 101 (1114) instructor, had a very unique teaching style to differentiate among students, based on academic ability. One of his statements, that I think about very often was, ‘As broke as you are as college students, you have more disposable income to spend at your discretion today, than you will have at any other point of your life.’ He was right.”

“If you survived Ag 101,” Lance continues, “then you had confidence you would make it to graduation with an Ag Econ degree.”

Other professors that Lance says influenced his career while taking classes at OSU were Dr’s. Mapp, Trapp, Sanders, Williams, Schatzer, Kletke, and Tilley.

Lance remembers one classmate in particular from his school years, “I started and ended my college career with a good friend, Jaramie Karcher, Perry, who is also an ag econ graduate. I have many fond memories of studying, attending classes, and hunting and fishing with him while attending OSU. He is currently a farm loan manager with Farm Services Agency in Kingfisher.”

Lance encourages all current and future students “to stay in close contact with their advisor and know that the professors are there to help and support them as they study to gain the knowledge and skills they will need for their working career.”

“My philosophy,” he says, “is that you don’t have to start out ‘at the top’. Working your way up through the ranks is part of the process of ‘getting there’. As challenging as college is, I find the pressures and expectations of succeeding and staying there are much greater in the work force.”

Lance has been building a successful career since leaving OSU. “Upon graduation, I started my career with Johnston Enterprises in Enid. While at Johnston’s, I managed their crop consulting program for six years and was a location manager at Billings for two years.”

“While employed there, I was influenced, both personally and professionally, by people such as

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Ag Econ alumni Lance Embree with wife Rachel and sons Garrett (left) and Gage at home in Kansas.
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Lew Meibergen, Gene McVey, and Van Schuermann. My employment at Johnston Enterprises was fundamental in building the foundation to start my career.”

“I am currently a territory sales manager for Monsanto in south central Kansas. I represent DEKALB and Asgrow, the national seed lines for Monsanto.”

“My responsibilities are to support the DEKALB and Asgrow dealers and maintain sales volume and growth. In my five years of working at Monsanto, I have held various positions, such as trait and seed representative, territory agronomist, and currently, I am the territory sales manager.”

My territory includes six counties and six dealers that consist of several large cooperatives and independent retailers. I hold a Certified Crop Advisor license from Kansas.”

Lance has been married to Rachel for fourteen years and they have two children, Garrett, 9 years and Gage, 7 years. Garrett and Gage are active in football, wrestling, and soccer. Rachel has a degree in Business Administration, and this last year, obtained her second degree in Elementary Education.

Lance says, “The boys and I love to ride our dirt bikes and, as a family, we love to spend our summers camping and boating. We attend church at New Spring in Wichita, Kansas.”

Lance is the son of ag econ staff member Ann Embree, Local Government Specialist with the County Training Program. Ann says that she is very proud of what her son has accomplished in his career. She relates the story of how Lance first got started in agriculture when he began helping with the wheat harvest at the age of 13. She says, “The next year, Lance purchased his own combine, and later a grain truck. He cut wheat and maize until he came to OSU, including his time as a student at Northern Oklahoma College at Tonkawa.”

“Early on, he had to stay around his home town of Medford, because he wasn’t old enough to load the combine and drive the truck.”

“He would go on harvest from Texas to North Dakota with Delane Reimer Harvesting, also an OSU graduate, stopping off in Medford to cut with his own machine. When the time came to go to OSU, he sold the combine, and he had earned enough money to pay for completing his education at OSU.”

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**AGR honors ag econ alumni**

The Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Fraternity has selected Sean Kouplen, 1995 ag econ alum, to receive the AGR’s Grand Presidents Award for Professional Achievement. The award is presented to members under age 40 who have achieved outstanding success in their professional careers.

Sean is currently CEO at Regent Bank, where he has overseen the original acquisition of the Nowata-based bank, the opening of a second location in Tulsa, and the strategic growth and direction of the Bank. Sean recently authored a book entitled Out of the Blocks. He is involved with the Tulsa Chamber Small Business Council, Young President’s Organization, Riverfield Country Day School, Bixby Community Church and Junior Achievement Board of Directors.

Another ag econ alum Douglas Jackson (1973) of Enid has been named to the OSU AGR Pi Chapter Hall of Fame. While at OSU, he was named the 1973 Outstanding Male Graduate.

Doug continues to be involved with OSU and the Pi Chapter, serving on the Alumni Board and hosting members at his home.

AGR is a social/professional fraternity for young men pursuing any career related to the agriculture, food or fiber industries.

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**Alum designs alumni center case**

Cody Cramer, ag econ graduate and now a graduate assistant in agricultural communications, recently designed an OSU Alumni Center display case (shown at right) at the Conoco Phillips Alumni Center.

One of the items in the display case is the original charter for the Aggie Society, now known as the CASNR Student Council.

The charter will be displayed in the CASNR office when it is returned from the alumni center.
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Staff, faculty, and emerti gather for annual holiday lunch

(Left to right) Emeritus Dr. Ted Nelson, Dr. Joe Schatzer, emeritus Dr. Darrel Kletke, and Dr. Larry Sanders enjoy the Christmas luncheon at the Stillwater Country Club.

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The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service website can be accessed at http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/extension/.

Mark your calendars to attend this year’s Ag Econ Rural Economic Conference scheduled for November 9, 2012 in Stillwater.

Then stick around for the Aggie-X Tailgate on Saturday, November 10 before the West Virginia football game.

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