

## 100 Year Celebration Schedule of Events

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Friday August 9th

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Feed and Cowboy Poet  
(Lucky Chuck's Wagon and poet R. P. Smith)

Saturday August 10th

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch

6:00 - 8:15 - Silent Auction

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

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Prime Rib Banquet

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. - Program

8:15 - 8:30 p.m. - R. P. Smith

8:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Live Auction

9:00 - Midnight - Dance with DJ and cash bar

Saturday Activities

Quiz Bowl

Ground Rodeo Events - LTC Arena

Campus tour: Test plots, farm, pasture, etc.

Yard Games

Sunday August 11th

7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast



First Senior Class, 1915.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

29 Second Semester Finals

30 Second Semester Finals

May

1 Second Semester Finals

1 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony at  
5:00 p.m.

1 Graduation Practice for Graduates 5:30 p.m.

1 Graduation Picnic 6:00 p.m.

1 NCTA Awards Night at 7:00 p.m.

2 Spring Plant Sale at 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2 Graduation Ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

2 Residence Halls close for Summer at 5 p.m.

6 4-H Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

13 4-H Sheep and Swine Tagging at 5:30 p.m.

14 NCTA Community Advisory Meeting  
7:00p.m.

27 Memorial Day (NCTA Offices Closed)

To add an event, contact Eric Reed at ereed2@unl.edu

## Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. I need a beach.
2. I take #1 back. It's a want, not a need.
3. People do the darndest things under stress.
4. How come new eyeglasses always hurt your nose or ears?
5. By the looks of a few new haircuts on campus, some guys are expecting warm weather. Soon.
6. When you don't consider others, don't expect any consideration in return.
7. Facebook could seriously ruin your life. Be cautious of images and postings. Seriously.
8. If you think you have it figured out, you're wrong. You may have done some figuring, but it's not done. Ever.
9. Thinking our dog's new low calorie, bean supplement diet is a mistake. I'm running out of Fabreeze.
10. Make the effort to understand.



Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

# AGGIE UP!



## NCTA to Celebrate 100 Years in August



Construction of Ag Hall, 1912. The Nebraska School of Agriculture opened its doors on September 9, 1913.

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**See staff for  
available positions!**

Family and friends of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture are invited to a 3-day celebration commemorating a hundred years of "Ag Education." The celebration will run Friday, August 9, to Sunday, August 11, and will feature activities, dances, live and silent auctions, the cowboy poet R. P. Smith, and a Saturday banquet with Ken Rahjes, agriculture specialist for U.S. Representative for Nebraska Adrian Smith serving as Master of Ceremonies. Other banquet speakers will include Dr. Ronnie Green, Vice President and Harlan Vice Chancellor of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL; NCTA Dean Dr. Ron Rosati; and NCTA Alumni President Dave Bruntz. Presentations will be made for Alumni Achievement Award, Alumni Service Award, Honorary Life Membership Award, and Distinguished Legacy Award.

Information on costs and housing can be obtained by contacting Catherine Hauptman at 308-367-5222 or [Chauptman4@unl.edu](mailto:Chauptman4@unl.edu).

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# NCTA Newcomers

By Amanda Castle, *Editor*



While students are taking their finals and packing up to go home for the summer, there are others on campus that are just getting started. Recently, NCTA welcomed two newcomers.

The two mares, that have been watched by NCTA students, gave birth two great looking foals. Making a great new addition to the campus horse herd, the foals will most likely be introduced into colt starting classes in the next few years.

The mares and their colts can be found near the LTC Arena.



Photos by Amanda Castle.

## Vet Tech Wall of Fame



Be sure to check out the Veterinary Technology Division's Wall of Fame in the Vet Tech building. The wall honors top student performers in the exit exams required for a degree in the Veterinary Technology option.

Over the period of four days, veterinary technician students take 18 written exams and 7 practical exams. This year 26 students took the exit exams and 19 passed. This prepares those students to take the veterinary technician national exam to become licensed veterinary technicians. Along with passing the exit exams, students must graduate with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Those who did not pass the exams have the opportunity to return to NCTA and re-take the exit exams next year.

# Ranch Horse Team Members Compete at Nationals

By Dayna Cayer



From the left: Roy Cole, Katelyn Sughroue with Bunny, Dayna Cayer with Blackjack, Chelsea Harders with Jesse.

Last week the NCTA Ranch Horse Team went to Abilene, Texas, for the Collegiate American Stock Horse Nationals. Katelyn Sughroue, Chelsea Harders, and Dayna Cayer were the team members that went, along with their coach, Roy Cole, and assistance coach, Judy Bowmaster-Cole.

Twenty-one non-pro riders, thirty-five limited non-pro riders, and forty-three novice riders attended the event. Sughroue, Harders, and Cayer were in the novice group. The events were Western Pleasure, Reining, Trail, and Working Cow. The other colleges that attended the event include Texas A&M, Texas Tech, New Mexico State University, Missouri State University, CSU, Tarelton State University, Clarendon College, North East College (CO), Sam Houston University, and Sul Russ University.

Cayer placed 37th in reining, 26th in western pleasure, and 35th in Trail. Harders' and Sughroue's results were not available. It was the first time all three girls went down to the event, and they are had a lot of fun. Harders said she can't wait to go again next year. I had a lot fun and I think everybody should experience it because you really do learn a lot.

# Horticulture Club Celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day



The NCTA Horticulture Club planted a tree for Arbor Day and Earth Day on the NCTA campus. From left: Jenna Hill, Melanie Cadwallader, Chris Lutz, Mark McClain, and instructor Tee Bush

Earth Day and Arbor Day were celebrated by the NCTA Horticulture Club on Friday, April 26 with a tree planting.

The tree of choice was a Butterflies Magnolia (*Magnolia acuminata* 'Butterflies'). Each year the Horticulture Club plants one or more trees to honor these holidays and increase the diversity of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum affiliate site hosted by the NCTA campus.

**College Tips:**  
*Don't forget your friends after graduation or during the summer.*

## Graduates Participating in the Spring Ceremony

From the Office of Students Services:

On Wednesday, May 1, at 5:00 p.m. there will be a PTK Initiation held at the Education Center. Also, there will be a graduation practice held at the Curtis Memorial Community Center at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and be at the graduation practice promptly at 5:30 so we can do a quick run through. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a picnic at "The Barn." This is for students, faculty, staff and their immediate family. The awards program will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center.

Individual pictures of students receiving their diplomas will be included in your diploma packet, compliments of NCTA.



Graduation will begin at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at the Curtis Memorial Community Center. Please meet at 1:00 on the west side of the Community Center for line up. A reception will be held in the Community Center following graduation.

Graduation is a formals event and the college asks that each graduate dress accordingly. Official protocol for caps and gowns is that nothing can be worn on the outside of the cap or gown except Honor Cords or a PTK stole. No flowers, pins, ribbons, etc.

You will need to go through the checkout process, which can be done April 29-May 2. Check out sheets may be obtained from your Advisor or the Student Services Office. If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Luke.

**"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God."**

Psalm 20: 4, 5

## Aggies Speak Out

*What are your plans for the summer?*

Andy Nickell: Almena, Kansas



"My plans for this summer are working and hanging out with my friends. Hopefully, we get a little more rain this summer as well."

Blake Hodson: Farnam, Nebraska



"This summer I will be showing at lamb shows around the state of Nebraska, and working at my Uncle's ranch near Maywood, Nebraska."

Dakota Sage: Valentine, Nebraska



"I will be starting out on my new adventures. This summer I will be working for a ranch in Norden and do some saddle-bronc riding on the side."

Jesse Bookout: Olathe, Colorado



"This summer I am going to stay and continue to work at North Platte Livestock Feeders. I will also be going to ranch rodeos with some of the guys I work with from the feedlot."

Mattea Huelsman: Winona, Kansas:



"My plans are to go home and work; also to hang out with family and friends and ride horses. My family is also planning to attend the Cheyenne Frontier Days."

## Tips for Upcoming Sophomores and Transfer Students

By Megan Streweler, Staff Writer

1. Make sure you have passed any prerequisite classes for classes next fall or spring. It never hurts to check Blackboard one more time to be sure.
2. Double-check with your advisors that you are signed up for all of your classes that you are supposed to take next fall.
3. Update your resume with any new skills you have gained or job experience.
4. Figure out your finances for next fall and spring semester.
5. Fill out your FAFSA and keep on applying for scholarships. There are tons of scholarships out there for students continuing their college education and reaching for that four-year degree.
6. If you don't have any plans this summer, get a part-time job and start saving money for next year. You never know when that little slush fund will come in handy.
7. Make sure you have your housing figured out. Don't wait until the last minute to talk to your landlord or residence housing manager to figure this stuff out.
8. Research the school and town you are moving to so you can check out what they have available for possible part-time jobs and fun activities to participate in.
9. Recap on your goals and make sure you are still on track to attaining those goals.
10. This summer...remember to relax! You made it two more semesters of college. Enjoy the summer break and good luck to all of you!

Sources: hercampus.com, flickriver.com.

**"To have talent is no credit to its owner; what man can't help he should get neither credit nor blame for—it's not his fault."**

**Charles M. Russell, a couple months before his death**

## 84 to Receive Degrees and Certificates in May 2 Ceremony

NCTA will award 84 degrees and certificates this spring. The ceremony will take place Thursday, May 2, in the Curtis Community Center. This will be the first time in years the ceremony will not be held in front of Ag Hall.

Of the 84 degrees and certificates, 10 are in Agribusiness Management, 35 in Agriculture Production, 8 in Horticulture, and 31 in Veterinary Technology. Graduating students represent Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, South Dakota, and Washington.

Send your NCTA-related photos, articles, and ideas to Amanda Castle at [openann08@yahoo.com](mailto:openann08@yahoo.com).

### NCTA Horticulture Club

DATE: APRIL 27 & MAY 2

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: NCTA GREENHOUSE

Annuals  
Perennials  
Herbs  
Vegetable Plants  
Houseplants

Hanging baskets & containers available for custom designs!

#### Prices:

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## Amanda's Column: "These Ties Run Deep"

Opinion by Amanda Castle, *Editor*



As I sat down to write my last column for Aggie Up, many thoughts began to flood my mind. I thought of all the days I spent at this place and

how things have changed since the beginning. One thing I have to say about it, if only the walls of NCTA could talk, boy would they have a lot to say.

Throughout my experience here at NCTA, I have met a lot of different kinds of people. There are people that I have grown close to and people that I have gained a friendship with. There are people that I share a common thread with as we both have the same roots and have shared good times.

Coming to NCTA two years, and starting my new adventure as a freshman in college, I soon realized that all the students coming here for the first time was facing the same fears, same challenges and same risks as me. For some of us, it was too much or it wasn't the right thing, so we said goodbye to new-found friends.

Spending four semesters with someone can really drive a friendship to a different level. Even the closest of relationships are tested as you are put through trivial times, close bearings, home-sickness, and financial hardships. You truly see someone and what they are made of when times get rough. Stress on top of that just makes for the perfect storm at times.

As students, we learn each other and each other's situations. Some of us have better situations than others, or so we think. We all know that one person that seems to have it all, and another person who has to work for everything they have. That one person that has their school paid for and another person that has no time for fun because they have to work after classes and on the weekends. At college, it is expected to have strong work ethics and earning your keep. Maybe that's something we all have in common, because that is something usually taught on the farm or ranch.

In high school, being in FFA and wearing your boots was considered "uncool" or at least it was at my high school. When I first came to NCTA though I knew I would no longer be considered an outsider. I



The Rodeo House Crew.

have met a bunch of really great people, ranging from South Dakota to Nebraska to Kansas. I am sure there are a lot more people as well to be met. I hope though that when graduation comes and goes, and we all enter into the new stage of our lives, it won't be a goodbye to all these great people, but a see you later.

In life, we meet new people every day, whether or not we continue to maintain that relationship is up to us. It is important to venture from home, meet new people and see what the world has to offer. By meeting new people we can learn what other's face as challenges, learn new trades of ranching and farming and make future business opportunities.

Students of NCTA, as graduation nears for some of us, we will end one journey and begin another.

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## Amanda's Column Continued

Opinion by Amanda Castle, *Editor*

er, paths will separate, and we will move on. Yet again, we are faced with some of the same fears and excitements. For some it is entering into the "real world", others it is continuing on with their educations and some of us don't know what our next step is. A fear of change, a fear of what is beyond us in the great unknown, but excitement and eagerness is found to be tied up in all of that fear.

Never forget these times spent at NCTA. The knowledge learned, the countless hours of studying and preparing for exams, the frustration and questioning of decisions that had to be made, and the fun times are all small parts that brought us to this moment in time. So, for me NCTA will always have a special place in my heart. It is a place I came to find answers, not only in the books, but in life. My sister said goodbye to this world here, and I said hello to the "outside" world here. Some would say it would be too hard, some said that I should go somewhere that has bigger things to offer, but I said, "I want to finish her dream and begin my own."

When the day comes, the day we all have been waiting for, and I walk across the stage and earn my degree, don't be mistaken, I am walking for two.

## Spring Finals Breakfast

It has been a long standing tradition at NCTA to host a Finals Week Breakfast the Sunday of finals week and this semester was no different. Faculty and staff gathered April 28 to prepare and serve pancakes, sausage, fresh fruits and ice cream at the NCTA Cafeteria from 8:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m. Students enjoyed some deliciously made food while asking faculty questions about their finals, spending time with friends and saying good bye to one another as they also prepare to leave school for the summer or for good.



## Thoughts from an M&M Jar: "Making Dreams Come True"

Opinion by Megan Streweler, *Staff Writer*



In August of 2008, my boots first stepped on this campus. I was young and green to the ways of the world. I remember feeling ten feet tall and bulletproof.

Nothing could bring me down. I was majoring in Agriculture Production systems with an emphasis in Beef Production. Then, life happened.

I needed to get a job to start paying bills and part-time wasn't cutting it. I quit school and started working for an insurance company. After three years of the daily grinding routine of being stuck at a job that paid, but I knew I couldn't live the life I wanted. I made the hardest decision of my life and thank goodness I had my family and my fiancé supporting me all the way. I quit my job and started school searching once more. I looked at several colleges and I knew I wanted to complete my associates degree in agriculture and wouldn't you know it, I came back to NCTA. I loved the atmosphere and the teachers. I loved that I was a part of a family down here and not just a number. It's what brought me back to this campus.

When I was in high school, I remember thinking that UNL was for snobs that had gobs of money to spend. I guess you should never say never because here I am getting ready to move down to Lincoln next fall to get my bachelor's degree in Ag Business and a minor in ruminant nutrition.

I am usually the type of person that has a set schedule, and I have every detail ironed out. When I came back to NCTA, after my three-year break, I knew I just wanted to get my associates and finish something I had started. Now I have dreams of possibly going after a master's degree and I know it's an attainable dream. I guess there is something to be said for doing something that a lot of people told me couldn't be done. There is something to be said for making your own dreams come true and not waiting for them to happen.