UNSTA-NCTA Alumni Awards

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Middle row: Rex Hoffman, Henderson; Dick Brader, Glenville; David Bruntz, Friend; Daveta Brader, Glenville; Rod Lockhorn, Sidney; and Ann Ramm Bruntz, Friend.

Front row: Chuck Wrede, O'Neill; Doug Suitor, Pratt, Kansas; Harlow Hill, Wauneta; Roberta.

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Treasurer: Taylor Rossenbach, 2014 APS

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Parents salute seven NCTA faculty

Parents taking note of the influence and guidance provided to their sons and daughters while away at college recently recognized seven faculty members from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Parent Association awarded certificates of merit for the 2016 academic year to Ricky Barrier-White, Terry G. Bel, Judy Easley-Clark, Terri Eshue, Glen Johnson, Dan Stahl, and Jerry Sundquist.

In January, several of the instructors were selected by the presenter in Lincoln when NCTA Dean Ron Rosati received the NCTA’s banquet presentation.

Rosati said, “The caring, compassionate, and resourceful leadership consistently demonstrated by NCTA faculty has not gone unnoticed by our students and their families.”

Several first and second-generation alumni or students of NCTA faculty members who have made a significant difference in their son or daughter’s life, contributed to the program. The student or faculty recommends the professor who has made a difference in his or her life.

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture alumni association is an affiliate chapter of the Aggie Alumni Association.

Aggie Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Cash in hand, Tiffany Jolicoeur, an UNLTA alumnus from 1986, is a veterinarian technology student at UNL. She is involved with the UNLTA student club, serves on the student council, and is a member of the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association.

Cash also volunteers at the Star Theater and supports the Nebraska alumni chapter of the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center. Cash plans to return to his home community and find employment as a veterinarian technician.

Cash serves as an ag production student and works part-time at the University of Nebraska. He also volunteers at the Star Theater and supports the Nebraska alumni chapter of the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center.

Cash would like to continue his education at a four-year institute in the Animal Sciences and Industry program.

The Alumni Association would like to continue to grow their scholarship program and welcome more money into the endowment. It’s a vital program to support the best learning environment for Nebraska residents and out-of-state students.

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A 12” x 12” glass tile can include your logo or photo for a $1,000 contribution. Thanks for your generosity!

NCTA launches dairy program

NCTA teamed with South Dakota State University to offer a dairy production program in Nebraska. The curriculum was introduced at the Nebraska State Dairy Association convention in 2012.

Curt-Rowe Cobb and Doug Smith, chairman of the NCTA Agriculture and Education Division, were invited to outline the new statewide academic program at the dairy meeting which drew producers and allied industries, said Sue John-son, NCTA executive director.

The program involves 10 credit hours of courses, labs, and practical hands-on experience in dairy production and animal management,” said Smith. “Our university courses in Lincoln and Curtis do not include on-farm dairy hands-on the pre-service industry. Here for Nebraska residents and some out-of-state students.”

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture offers an on-farm dairy science at Curtis and at the South Dakota State University dairy program at Brookings (SDSU) photo.)

Classes will begin Fall 2017, with three semesters of coursework at NCTA-Curtis, and one semester at Brookings, SD, where the SDSU Dairy Science department includes dairy production with a commercial scale dairy herd, along with dairy science and processing programs.

“We are proud to announce the new dairy production program at the Nebraska State Dairy Association convention,” said Rod Johnson, NSDA executive director.

“NCTA is very grateful to the dairy industry,” Johnson said. “Our dairy farmers are constantly looking for employees who have specialized training and the ability to care for dairy cattle at any stage of the production cycle.”

NCTA is a rapidly growing college students to move to major dairy production, Smith said. A partnership between NCTA and South Dakota State University was developed last year.

The program’s objectives are to provide students with courses in dairy science at both the University of Nebraska and the South Dakota State University dairy program at Brookings (SDSU) photo.

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Brick It!

Legacy Wall Tile

Professor Terry Jo (Jackson) Beir
Devoted, passionate educator/mentor
UNL/NSU 1998-2017

The NCTA Alumni Association invites you to purchase a brick for the Legacy Wall, to be placed on the east side of IL Hall and will be installed later this spring. Brick sizes are 4” x 8” and 8” x 8” and can include your name or photo for a $250 contribution.

Thanks for your generosity!
Greetings from campus! This year Nebraska is celebrating 150 years of statehood and NCTA has been providing educational services for Nebraskans for 103 of those 150 years. We are proud of this heritage and are excited about the future! Here are some highlights:

- McKenzie, from Friend, Neb., will begin classes this fall and graduate in 2021. Kellie and Stan Sholes are both happy and walking now! Some of the best experiences have been the most challenging including patients crashing, infections in dehydrated calves and puppies! You never really know how prepared you are until the inevitable happens!
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- Agronomy Professor Brad Ramsdale, PhD, was selected to receive a Holling Family Teaching Award.
- The NCTA Agricultural Education program was named Nebraska’s Outstanding Post-Secondary Education Program.
- Where are they now? — Wade Shippe
- My name is Wade Shippe and I have spent the last 3 years living and working in Curtis. After growing up on a dairy farm in north central Ohio, and upon production from high school, I decided to join the United States Marine Corp. One thing that surprised me was how good of a teacher I was and how much I appreciated my own college career. During my time at NCTA, I really enjoy the area, the people, and the rural culture.
- I am employed in the local community as the Assistant Vice President/Ag Leader at Western Nebraska Dairy. My normal day involves a variety of working with the agriculture community in every aspect of farming. I believe the experience gained from NCTA has been instrumental in pursuit of my career and current position in which I am able to have an impact in agriculture, both local and statewide.

Sholes (left) and Beals (right).

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NCTA unveils new image identity

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Thank you!

NCTA alumni Jake and Lacey Haskell recently contributed funds along with the Outback Stock Dog Association for new kennels on campus. Once constructed, kennels will be made available to members of the NCTA Stock Dog Team.
Where are they now?

I’ve been married for two years and have two of the best four-legged fur babies anyone could ask for! I currently live in Nebraska, helped build B-17 bombers during WWII as a “Rosie the Riveter” in Burbank, California; traveled to more than 150 countries; and am now a member of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association. When I’m not sanitizing calf’s tibia’s, reading a large number of bovine semen evaluations and most of the fecals! My most rewarding experiences have been the most challenging including patients crashing, the deaths of beloved calves and puppies! You never really know how prepared you are until the inevitable happens!

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Annual Alumni Membership Fee per Alumnus:

Menu: Petite sirloin, pork loin, garlic

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*Please bring an item with you for the silent auction*

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Former students and friends of Jo Bek of Curtis surprised the animal science professor with a customized plaque for the NCTA Leg-
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Guests arrive and are seated by Cristy, center.

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The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture alumni have grown more than 140 registrants. The largest contingent was the Class of ’71 from the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture (UNSTA), with 21 graduates.

High school alumni from the first institution, the Nebraska School of Agricul- ture, included two graduates of 42 and more than a dozen from the Class of 46 with the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture.

Despite experiencing four name changes and merging of secondary, post-secondary education, the agricultural college has always been home for the Curtis Aggies. A new campus which had been completed on the college’s former site in Curtis was officially opened in 1950. The old farm was used to provide power and water for the new campus.

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Seven NCTA faculty were recently recognized by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Parent’s Association for outstanding ... Standing (from left) is Dan Stehlik, Tee Bush, Dean Rosati, Alan Taylor, and Glenn Jackson, DVM. (Hauptman/NCTA photo)
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2017 Spring Commencement
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Dean’s Note from Ron Rosati

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