



# NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE

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## **Aggie Alumni Day is June 26**

By NCTA Dean Larry Gossen, Ph.D.

This summer, Aggie graduates and friends will convene Saturday, June 26 for a unique gathering of classmates and friends at the campus of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The “double” reunion of the Aggie Alumni Association features a 50-year recognition for the Classes of 1970 and 1971.

After postponement of 2020 events due to the COVID pandemic, Aggie Alumni decided to highlight honor classes in 5-year increments, beginning in '70 and '71.

The gathering will be a daytime event, with a noon luncheon at the NCTA Student Activity Center (old gym also known as The Barn). Come and join us!

“We have so much to celebrate, with the ability to gather again in larger groups and celebrate the long history of our alma mater,” says Ann Ramm Bruntz, Class of '71, who is president of the Aggie Alumni Association. “After a year of few public events across the state, I’m really looking forward to seeing my UNSTA classmates and friends of NCTA.”

Ann and her husband, David, will be celebrating 50 years since their graduation from the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture. The two met as college students in Curtis.

A native of Stuart, Nebraska, Ann Ramm studied veterinary technology at UNSTA. David Bruntz of Friend, Nebraska, also in the Class of '71, earned his associate degree in production agriculture. The pair graduated in May and were married that fall so, indeed, this year of 2021 has extra significance for them.

The gathering of June 26 will be enjoyable for me, as well, since it will be the first time I have opportunity to meet many of the alumni.

June 15 marks my first-year anniversary as NCTA’s new dean. Fay and I have met several alumni in the past year. I, too, look forward to having in-person conversations, and sharing the hospitality of our beautiful campus.

### **Gathering friends**

The Aggie Alumni Association represents college graduates from UNSTA and NCTA, as well as the high school alumni from the Nebraska School of Agriculture and University of Nebraska School of Agriculture.

For those unfamiliar with the school and campus, it was founded by the Nebraska Legislature and started construction in 1912 as a regional high school. Primarily, it served grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> for students from counties or towns without high schools. NSA opened its doors at Agriculture Hall in September 1913.



*Aggie Alumni Association UNSTA Class of '71 graduates Ann Ramm Bruntz and David Bruntz, of Friend, and NCTA Dean Larry Gossen announce Aggie Alumni Day is Saturday, June 26. (Josi Arnold / NCTA Photo)*

Currently, we communicate with nearly 4,500 individuals on our mailing list. These are a combination of college and high school graduates. Recently, I authored my first NCTA Dean's Newsletter sent to alumni and partners and it was received in most mailboxes last week. Did you receive yours?

We know it's difficult to keep current mailing data in any sector, even with our largely agricultural base. So, if you are reading this and did not receive a newsletter, please know that we do our best to reach you.

Find the most recent newsletter on the Aggie Alumni Page at <https://ncta.unl.edu/aggie-alumni>.

At the website is a convenient form to update your contact information so that I can stay in touch with you. To request a printed newsletter and gain further details about June 26 Alumni Day, email [mcrawford@unl.edu](mailto:mcrawford@unl.edu).

All alumni and NCTA friends are invited to attend. The Aggie Alumni board and officers are finalizing details and will post those at the web site. Please save the date of Saturday, June 26 for Aggie Alumni Day. I hope to meet you in Curtis!

*Part of the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a two-year institution with a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology and related industries. NCTA is known for its affordable tuition, high job-placement rate for its graduates, and for the success of student teams in competitive activities including crops judging, ranch horse events, livestock judging, shotgun sports, stock dog trials, and intercollegiate rodeo. The college is consistently ranked as one of the best two-year schools in the nation.*

**NCTA Events:**

April 2-4: Punchy in Pink Spring Roundup Open & Collegiate Horse Show, McCook

April 12: NCTA Discovery Day

April 17-18: Stock Dog Trials, Stockville

April 17-18: Jeanne Mueller Barrel Racing Clinic, LTC

April 20: NCTA New Student Enrollment

May 5: NCTA Awards Night, Ed Center auditorium

May 6: NCTA Graduation, 1:30 p.m., Ag Hall outside

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