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NCTA Aggies Class of 2020

CURTIS, Neb. – Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture students honored May 7 in a virtual commencement ceremony were presented by NCTA Interim Dean Kelly Bruns. Associate of science, associate of applied science, and program certificates were conferred by University of Nebraska Vice President Mike Boehm.

Academic highlights noted by NCTA Associate Dean Jennifer McConville included 37 of the 105 students graduating with honors, with 18 as members of the academic honorary Phi Theta Kappa.

Valedictorian Alexis Penna graduated summa cum laude in animal science with a perfect 4.0. She owns and operates a diversified farm in Holley, New York. While attending NCTA, Penna was a campus resident hall assistant, active in Women in Ag and Aggie Rodeo.

Class salutatorian Dalton Keller of Torrington, Wyoming, also majored in animal science, along with completing a 1-year certificate in irrigation technology. He farms in a family diversified operation, raising beef cattle and crops.

The virtual graduation ceremony and awards program is stored at: <https://ncta.unl.edu/2020>. Each graduate has a customized, recorded message by one of their professors.

Academic Awards are signified by Φ = Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member

*** Summa Cum Laude—Gold—4.0 CGPA

** Magna Cum Laude—Silver—3.75 - 3.99 CGPA

* Cum Laude—White—3.5—3.74 CGPA

Associate Degrees

Agribusiness Management Systems

Burwell - KayLee Rasmussen

Gothenburg - Kristofer Junker

Sargent - Jackson Taylor

Shelby - Grant Romshek

Wilcox - Paige Twohig** Φ

Fort Collins, Colo. – Mariah Mulvey*

Prairie View, Kan. – Damian Wellman

Eltopia, Wash. – Jarrod Tuttle**

Agricultural Production Systems

Axtell - Amy Lammers

Ayr: Trenton Schumm

Beatrice: Cari Howell** Φ

Beaver Crossing: Andrew Cast

Bridgeport: Kohltin Lund*

Burwell: KayLee Rasmussen

Cambridge: Kayla Mues*Φ
Cozad: Tucker Bartlett
Cozad: Emmaly Wright
Creighton: Ted Fanta
Curtis: Nathan Lashley
Doniphan: Sarah Fitzgerald*, Nicholas Krzykowski
Elsie: Madisyn Cutler
Gothenburg: Chase Callahan, Jocelyn Kennicutt**Φ, Jonathan Lauer, Korbin Moore
Heartwell: Dalton Olsen
Hershey: Clayton Monheiser**
Imperial: Cade Francis*
Juniata: David Jelken
Kearney: Madalyn Anderson
Kenesaw: Samuel Schukei*
Laurel: Aurora Urwiler*Φ
Lewellen: Blake McCormick*
Lexington: Darcy Ramos Stewart*
Lincoln: Madison Schnase
Mullen: Jaci Edis, Matthew Stichka*, Samuel Vinton
Nenzel: Courtney Galloway
Omaha: Harrison Wegener
Palmyra: Anna Whyman**Φ
Papillion: Emily Giese*
Pierce: Quentin Anderson
Sargent: Samuel Brown
Scottsbluff: Ethan Aschenbrenner**Φ, Tyler Aschenbrenner
Shelby: Grant Romshek
Spalding: Anna Esch
Stanton: Amanda Schmidt*Φ
Sutherland: Emily Kammerer*Φ
Tekamah: Cory Leonard
Utica: Harlee Barth
Wallace: Maisie Kennicutt
Weeping Water: Rylee Ehmke
Weston: Francis Holley
Wilcox: Paige Twohig**Φ

Pine, Colo.: Shelby Dismuke*
Alton, Kan.: Adrianna Boland
Norton, Kan.: Emily Riley**Φ
Otis, Kan.: Clade Anderson
Phillipsburg, Kan.: Morgan Wagner, Ashley Wells
Prairie View, Kan.: Damian Wellman
Wakeeney, Kan.: Brady Mattke
Wellsville, Mo.: Bradley Slavens
Holley, N.Y.: Alexis Penna***Φ Valedictorian
Adamsville, Ohio: Garrett Lapp
Redfield, S.D.: Trever Muellenberg
Torrington, Wyo.: Dalton Keller** Salutatorian

Veterinary Technology Systems

Alliance: Chloe Herrera
Brunswick: Brittany Pellatz
Fairfield: Hannah Friend
Fremont: Kaylee Ness
Friend: Breauna Derr
Geneva: Rachelle Uldrich
Genoa: Christina Starkey
Gothenburg: Lexi Simants
Haigler: Angela Crouse**Φ
Harvard: Brianna Schuck**Φ
Hastings: Jenna Garver**
Hooper: Rebecca Robertson
Lexington: Emily Hubbell**
Lincoln: Sierra Bogle
McCook: Brenleigh Daum
North Bend: Katrina Murray
North Platte: Krista Albers**Φ, Christopher Brooks
Omaha: Rosa Jurado, McKenna Schmidt, Jacqueline Sjulín*Φ
Scotia: Rachel Thompson
Springview: Ashley Connell**
Sterling: Sydney Goracke Φ
Superior: Samantha Gray*Φ
Wahoo: Shawn Barger
Wauneta: Jayden Ingold
Waverly: Joli Brown*
West Point: Kiley Guenther
Wood River: Taylor Lambrecht*Φ

McDonald, Kan.: Alexandra Hazuka**
Norton, Kan.: Kaytie Henrickson*
Burlington, Colo.: Martina Janousek
Laurel, Md.: Keegan Jones
Sidney, Mont: Megan Greenwood
St. Croix Falls, Wis.: Erica Lumsden*

Certificates

Agribusiness Management Systems

Tekamah: Cory Leonard
Phillipsburg, Kan.: Ashley Wells

Agriculture Production Systems

Mullen: Jaci Edis

Agricultural Chemical Application

Imperial: Cade Francis

Equine Management Training

Hastings, Minn.: Rose Siebenaler

Irrigation Technology

Beaver Crossing: Andrew Cast
Torrington, Wyo.: Dalton Keller

Agricultural Welding

Redfield, S.D.: Trever Muellenberg

Animal Care

Friend: Breana Derr
Hastings: Jenna Garver
Hooper: Rebecca Robertson
North Platte: Krista Albers
Springview: Ashley Connell
Norton, Kan.: Kaytie Henrickson

Part of the University of Nebraska system, NCTA 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 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.



A collection of images from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture greeted viewers on May 7 to kick off the digital commencement for NCTA graduates.

Online article: <https://go.unl.edu/g6x9>

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