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THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Welcome to the spring 2020 edition of the Cowboy Economist published by the Department of Agricultural Economics. Our intent is to highlight key accomplishments and events over the past several months including news about students, faculty, and staff. This issue celebrates the people and relationships throughout the Department of Agricultural Economics.

All university employees were working from home when I took the reins from Joe Schatzer as department head. I am thankful for the great service Joe provided to the department throughout his time as interim department head. This department has built a reputation of excellence, and I look forward to working with our great team of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to build upon that strong foundation.

While COVID-19 made it impossible for us to hold the annual scholarship and awards banquet, we highlight our scholarship and award winners in this issue. We have many outstanding students and enjoy recognizing them for their hard work and dedication. Our award-winning students were recognized at the departmental, college and university levels. We hope you enjoy learning more about these accomplished students.

The joint program between China Agricultural University and the Department of Agricultural Economics continues to flourish. Traditionally, parents and university administrators travel from China to celebrate with the CAU/OSU graduates during commencement. While travel was not allowed this year, this issue highlights the students who had their OSU graduation medallions and diplomas shipped over 6,700 miles for their celebration.

We are thankful for all of our alumni and donors who help recognize the hard work of our students with scholarships. This issue names each of the scholarships, student recipients and intended focus of the scholarship. We are excited to share news of four new scholarships created this year through generous donors. We are grateful for our donors and their dedication to excellence.

Enjoy reading the updates from Aggie-X and Graduate Student Association. These groups of students are excellent representatives of the OSU Cowboy work ethic and dedication to student success. The future looks bright because of our students!

We hope you enjoy the issue!



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MEET OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD

Dr. Cheryl DeVuyst is selected as the new Department Head of the Agricultural Economics Department.



Advisor. Professor. Department head. These are just a few words that describe Dr. Cheryl DeVuyst who was recently named the first female department head in the Agricultural Economics Department since its establishment in 1924.

DeVuyst first came to OSU in 2008 and began her career as assistant dean of the then College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. She subsequently accepted a position with the OSU Provost. Upon return to the department, she was teaching and advising undergraduate students.

As Department head, she will continue to teach, as the instructor for the department's professional development class, as well as a section of an agricultural economics orientation course for incoming freshmen.

"Dr. DeVuyst has a fantastic background within the department and across other areas of administration within OSU that she brings to the department head's position," Dr. Joe Schatzer, interim department head, said. "She brings a true understanding of production agriculture and the economic aspects related to agriculture."

When announcing DeVuyst's selection, Thomas G. Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director for DASNR, said DeVuyst was an obvious choice to direct the department given her experience and leadership skills. In this position, DeVuyst will oversee a total of about 500 undergraduate and graduate students pursuing an agricultural economics related field of study.

DeVuyst said she is excited about the future of the department's development within the Ferguson College of Agriculture at OSU. "Working with students and helping them reach their potential is very rewarding," DeVuyst said. "The department has offered me the opportunity to build on my agricultural roots and work with cattle producers, agricultural education instructors, and youth throughout the state."

On becoming department head, she said, "I'm honored to lead a group of outstanding faculty as we continue to not only impact students and Oklahoma producers, but also the world food and fiber industries."

In addition, DeVuyst is also anxious to include department graduates in future endeavors. She said, "Leaders throughout Oklahoma have been trained in the agricultural economics department. I look forward to collaborating with our alumni as we build upon our foundation of excellence."

DeVuyst is well thought of by her students and advisees who have very positive things to say about her. There are a lot of exciting things in the future of the Department of Agricultural Economics.

FROM HER STUDENTS:

Tori Trimble | Agribusiness

"Dr. DeVuyst made it very possible and doable for me to graduate in three and a half years, maximizing my opportunities, and always encouraging me and pushing me to my full potential. She never puts the spotlight on herself, she always turns it towards others and goes out of her way to send an email or note to highlight one's achievements or accolades. She is so much more than a devoted academic advisor, professor, and now department head."

Ridge Hughbanks | Agribusiness Pre-Law

"Dr. DeVuyst has been one of my biggest supporters, greatest mentors, and true role-models during my time at Oklahoma State University. She is the embodiment of what the Ferguson College of Agriculture strives to be: strong of character, challenging with high standards, and treats her students like family. I am a better person after every interaction I have with Dr. DeVuyst."

Chesley Comstock | Agribusiness

"I have never met someone who has had the impact Dr. DeVuyst has had on me or this campus. I am thankful for the moments I have shared with her, and I cannot wait to watch her succeed in the best way possible as the new Agricultural Economics Department Head."

FERGUSON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE SENIORS OF DISTINCTION

Among the 20 Ferguson College of Agriculture Seniors of Distinction, six were a part of the Agricultural Economics Department. This also included the 2020 Louis and Betty Gardner Outstanding Senior Award.

Mckenzie Carvalho is an agribusiness and agricultural communications alumna from Maxwell, California. She is the daughter of David and Mary Carvalho. Mckenzie was selected as the Ferguson College of Agriculture 2020 Louis and Betty Gardner Outstanding Senior. The Louis and Betty Gardner Outstanding Senior Award is the highest honor a Ferguson College of Agriculture senior can receive from the college.

Carvalho was actively involved on campus with the Ferguson College of Agriculture Ambassador team, the Student Foundation, the Student Alumni Board, and the Mortar Board Honor Society. Among others, she was a member of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Encounter Class XVII and was a co-chair of the Oklahoma AgCredit Student Board of Directors.

“I always had very high hopes of what college would

look like,” Carvalho said. “I had no idea what to expect, and OSU was everything I ever dreamed it would be and more.”

During her time at OSU, Carvalho was honored as a Top 10 Freshman Woman, an OSU Alumni Association Senior of Significance, and a Ferguson College of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Scholar.

“For me, college was so much more than graduating. It was the relationships and connections I was able to build along the way,” Carvalho said.

Some of those connections

included working for Dr. Hagerman and Dr. Kenkel, who helped her develop a passion for research and assisted her with multiple publications and presentations.

“When deciding on a college, I knew if I went to OSU I would be surrounded by people who wanted me to do well and push me to be the best version of myself, and OSU did just that,” Carvalho said.

Upon graduation, Carvalho plans to obtain a Master of Science in agricultural economics and ultimately pursue a career in rural development.



Photo by Sierra Winters.



ALLISON WILTON | DEAN'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Allison Wilton came to OSU from small town Fort Sumner, NM to major in agribusiness. She served as a Career Liaison, Vice President of Collegiate Farm Bureau, and President of Collegiate FFA. Through Agriculture Future of America, Farm Bureau, and McKnight Leader Scholars, she has been able to represent OSU across the nation. She was also an intern for the American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. House of Representatives.



LEVI BAKER | SENIOR OF DISTINCTION

Levi Baker grew up in Blanchard, OK and graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in agricultural economics. He was a proud member of the FarmHouse Fraternity while at OSU and enjoys reading, movies, and basketball. Upon graduation, he plans to attend law school beginning in August. He plans to practice agricultural law, utilizing his life experiences and education to fight for individuals and agriculturists in rural America.



AUTUMN GREGG | SENIOR OF DISTINCTION

Autumn Gregg is from Fayetteville, AR and received degrees in both agribusiness and animal science with a pre-veterinary medicine option. Autumn has been involved in Alpha Zeta, Collegiate 4-H, Swine Club, and the Pre-Vet Club. Autumn has worked assisting Master's and PhD students on various research projects in both swine and poultry nutrition. She also tutored students in both the LASSO Tutoring Center and Academic Services for Student-Athletes.



JACOB SESTAK | SENIOR OF DISTINCTION

Jacob Sestak grew up on his family's farming and ranching operation near Prague, OK. Jacob was active in Alpha Zeta, Collegiate 4-H and the Ferguson College of Agriculture Career Liaisons. He was also a member of the OSU Collegiate Crops Judging Team. Jacob served as a teaching assistant as well as a tutor for the Statistics Department. He plans to continue his education and eventually receive a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, which he plans to use as a professor in agricultural economics.



HUNTER STARR | SENIOR OF DISTINCTION

Hunter Starr grew up on a small cow-calf operation in Forgan, OK and it was OSU or bust for him. His love for agriculture drove him to pursue a degree in agribusiness. He hoped to gain the most out of his time by getting involved in Student Council, Ambassadors, and other clubs within the college. His time at OSU allowed him to grow, gain new knowledge, and foster friendships that will last him a lifetime.

OSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING SENIOR

The OSU Alumni Association selected 16 students as Outstanding Seniors. Among them was Chesley Comstock, an agribusiness student within the Agricultural Economics Department.

Chesley Comstock is an agribusiness and agricultural communications alumna from Woodward, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Scott Comstock. Chesley was among 16 students selected as OSU Alumni Association Outstanding Seniors.

The OSU Alumni Association defines the Outstanding Senior award as one that “recognizes seniors who excelled through academic achievement; campus and community activities; academic, athletic or extra-curricular honors or awards; scholarships and work ethic during their time at OSU.”

Comstock enjoyed serving as a Ferguson College of Agriculture Ambassador and being a member of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Encounter Class XVII. She was also a part of a National Panhellenic Sorority as well as Alpha Zeta. Beyond her activities while on campus, Comstock served as the American Angus Association events and education intern.

“The Ferguson College of Agriculture provided me the most incredible opportunities, but more importantly I was surrounded by the most incredible faculty and supporters,” Comstock said.

She also traveled with the Animal and Food Science Department to New Zealand. She was able to expand her horizons with her peers and explore a part of the world she had never seen.

“I had no idea the community I would receive while at OSU. I was constantly reminded to reach for the stars and that I was



Photo by Halie Schovane.

capable of whatever I set my mind to. There are not enough words to express my sincere appreciation for those I met in and out of the Agricultural Economics Department,” Comstock said.

Upon graduation, Comstock chose to further her education at Oklahoma State University. She is the Ferguson College of Agriculture Prospective Student Services Graduate Teaching Assistant and is pursuing a Master of Science in agricultural communications.

CHINA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Listed are the 32 transfer students in the Department of Agricultural Economics May 2020 graduating class.

- Houlin (Maggie) Bao
- Yujie (Portia) Chen
- Zhidan (Jacinta) Fang
- Xiyu (Bella) Feng
- Hetian (Warren) Gao
- Ziting (Crystal) Guo
- Jiayang (Bryan) He
- Jiachen (Ezreal) Ji
- Tianlin (Edward) Jiang
- Jian (Cooper) Li
- Yuansong (James) Li
- Xinyu (Christine) Liang
- Hongqi (Lucas) Liu
- Mengying (Emma) Liu
- Peigen (Oscar) Mao
- Jiaqi (Ellen) Ni
- Jiangqing (Alvis) Shi
- Ziqian (Byron) Song
- Wei (Chris) Tao
- Yuqi (Alice) Tian
- Ningya (Shirley) Wang
- Shuyi (Eva) Wang
- Xintian (Mary) Wang
- Yujie (Doris) Wei
- Jialun (Aaron) Wu
- Zhaoyu (Paul) Yang
- Zixin (Cynthia) Yang
- Xiaofu (William) Yuan
- Huayue (Abby) Zhang
- Huitian (Laura) Zhang
- Lijie (Annie) Zhao
- Dongjin (Evangeline) Zhou

2020 DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year the Agricultural Economics Department awarded 127 scholarships totalling around \$129,475. Those recipients are listed below with the scholarship they received.

AEBI-COX AGR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded in memory of two agribusiness majors who were also active members of the AGR Fraternity.

Recipient: Luke Muller

AG ECON ALUMNI AND FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to students based on academic and leadership excellence.

Recipients: Abigail Anderson, Dalee Barrick, Carli Eubank and Hudson Horton

AGGIE-X ALUMNI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a student who is an active member of the Aggie-X Club.

Recipients: Ethan Attebery, Ross Greiten, Emma Hayhurst and Emily Heitschmidt

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS FACULTY UNDERGRADUATE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to outstanding students for academic performance.

Recipients: Bryce Fitzgerald, Hannah Kirby, Madelyn Owens, Yijia Sun and Songyaun Zheng

BANCFIRST OF STILLWATER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior from the bank's trade area interested in agricultural finance.

Recipient: Teresa Haddock

BETTY JO AND DANIEL D. BADGER SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership ability

Recipients: Yuqi Huang, Qin Wang, Wenxuan Yang, Weiqin Zhang and Songyaun Zheng

BILL PATRICK SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to an out-of-state student interested in finance and/or accounting who has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership ability.

Recipient: Russell Spurlock

BRIAN AND SARAH BETH LEEDY SALES SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to an agricultural economics or agribusiness student with an interest in a career in sales and has completed AGEC 3323.

Recipient: Thomas Purves

BRISCOE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded for leadership and academic excellence.

Recipients: Jillian Remington and Ethan Shirey

BUFFALO FEEDERS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to an agricultural economics or agribusiness student.

Recipients: Max Cosby, Leighton Dill, Katelyn Leibhart and Blaine Zander

BUNNY FRANZMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a student demonstrating excellence in academics and leadership activities.

Recipient: Emily Heitschmidt

BURRUSS FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student working his/her way through school.

Recipients: Ethan Attebery, Cabel Cox, Jaci Deitrick, Ridge Hughbanks, Caleb Hutson, Anna Kitzerow, Callie Lane, Brittany Lucio, Katherine Maher, Grant Ritter and Alicia Young

C.E. MASON MEMORIAL-AGGIE-X SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student who is active in the Aggie-X Club.

Recipient: Bree Taylor

CASEY TIPPENS DELANEY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IN AG ECON

This scholarship is awarded to a student planning to attend law school currently majoring in agricultural economics or agribusiness.

Recipient: Levi Henson

CENTENNIAL CLASS OF 1990 SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is sponsored by the 1990 class of Agricultural Economics graduates and is awarded for academic performance and development of leadership skills.

Recipient: Courtney Castello

CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership attributes.

Recipients: Abigail Anderson and Blaine Zander

D.B. AND LOTA JEFFREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded for academic excellence to a student from south central Oklahoma.

Recipient: Nathan Dethloff

DALE MINNICK AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This is an endowed scholarship for a western Oklahoma student demonstrating academic potential.

Recipient: Ridge Hughbanks

DAVIS FARMS SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded for demonstrating excellence in academic performance and leadership activities.

Recipient: Lindsey Jones

DIANE AND GERALD DOEKSEN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student at OSU and must be from Oklahoma who is interested in community outreach and service.

Recipient: Cheyenne Hale

DON AND LINDA KLOTH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student majoring in agricultural economics.

Recipient: Cade Jenlink

DR. JOHN W. GOODWIN ENDOWED AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated student leadership in campus activities and demonstrated good ethical standards and possesses a strong work ethic.

Recipient: Bret Barnard

DR. LEO V. BLAKLEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

This endowed scholarship is awarded to an agricultural economics student who excels in leadership and academics.

Recipients: Roy Grant and Rylee Zimmer

DR. STEVE AND MELISSA LUCAS PRE-VET SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a pre-vet student who is applying to and has high probability of being accepted to veterinary school.

Recipient: Natalie Kent

DR. WILLARD R. SPARKS AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to outstanding students to encourage the study of agricultural marketing and/or agribusiness.

Recipients: Matthew Abbate, Kylee Burris, Matthew Drendel and Erica Wiebe

DRUMMOND RANCH SCHOLARSHIP

Gentner Drummond of Tulsa sponsors this scholarship awarded for demonstrated excellence in academics and leadership.

Recipient: Callie Lane

FARM CREDIT OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA-PANHANDLE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student from the Oklahoma Panhandle for outstanding academic and leadership potential.

Recipient: Erica Wiebe

FRANK ROBSON SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRIBUSINESS (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student at OSU with an emphasis on Farm and Ranch Management.

Recipient: Toby Denny

FRYER-LONG SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURAL MARKETING

This scholarship is awarded to a student interested in continuing a career in production agriculture and/or grain merchandising.

Recipient: Seth Lintner

GEOFFREY P. AND HELEN COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student for demonstrated academic leadership and excellence.

Recipient: Mariah Carter

GUS PAGE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student interested in a career in agricultural marketing.

Recipient: Erin Dilger

HAI DARD. HAI DARY SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student in agricultural economics with an interest in international trade, selection will be given to students who graduated from a high school located outside the U.S.

Recipient: Jiawen Li

HENRY L. NJOO SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time agricultural economics student.

Recipient: Tianxin Zhang

HOUSTON AND LERA WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student interested in finance or law with demonstrated leadership ability and academic excellence.

Recipient: Corbin Paxton

INTERBANK SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student classified as a agricultural economics or finance junior who is an Oklahoma resident from Garfield, Kingfisher or Canadian County.

Recipient: Kalin Koechel

JACK AND PATRICIA MOUNT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a student participating in campus leadership activities, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence, and a strong desire to pursue a career in the agricultural economics field.

Recipients: Nicholas Scribner and Logan Westmoreland

JAMES A. AND HATTIE BARKER SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

This scholarship is awarded to a student studying agricultural economics.

Recipient: Thomas Purves

JAMES C. ATHERTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship sponsored by the family and friends of Jim Atherton is awarded for demonstrated excellence in academics and leadership.

Recipient: Sydney Miller

JAY AND CATHY ALBRIGHT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who has shown dedication, clear goals and objectives with respect to their education efforts.

Recipient: Steven Sawatzky

JEAN NEUSTADT SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS (ENDOWED)

These endowed scholarships funded by Jean and Patsy Neustadt are awarded to students with career interest in agribusiness and who have demonstrated academic excellence, exemplary integrity, and ethical standards.

Recipients: Anna Blasdel, Mariah Carter, Courtney Castello, Hudson Horton, Lindsey Jones, Callie Lane, Madelyn Owens, Halle Roper, Ethan Shirey and Lora Wright

JERRY JOHNSTON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Jerry Johnston of Braman, Oklahoma sponsor these scholarships awarded to outstanding students from North Central Oklahoma or from Cowley or Sumner counties in Kansas.

Recipient: Austin Reedy

JIM AND JACKIE PLAXICO SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Jim Plaxico sponsors this scholarship awarded for demonstrated leadership by a student having a career interest in agriculture.

Recipient: Mariah Carter

JO LYHENE FRANZMANN SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to students with a double major in agricultural economics and accounting.
Recipient: Anna Blasdel

JOSEPH E. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship funded by the family and friends of Joe Williams is awarded to students with a passion to succeed who has demonstrated excellence in work, academics, and leadership.
Recipients: Jaci Deitrick, Dalton Miller, Russell Spurlock and Wade Yoder

JUDY RUDIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND COMMUNICATIONS

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student in agricultural economics or agribusiness with an interest in communications. It is given in memory of Judy's daughter, Stephanie Rudin Drake, OSU graduate in accounting.
Recipients: Hannah Kirby and Addison Spicer

K.C. DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship, funded by the K. C. Davis family, is awarded to an outstanding student with an interest in farm management, agricultural finance, or commercial agriculture.
Recipient: Cade Jenlink

KEN AND KATHY STARKS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to an Oklahoma student interested in a career in banking.
Recipients: Nathan Dethloff, Ryli Powell and Cale Steadman

KIM & KATHRYN ANDERSON AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student in agricultural economics.
Recipients: Zachary Guy and Madelyn Owens

M.J. (GUY) AND MARTHA S. BIARD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a full-time student from southeast Oklahoma who is interested in community outreach and service and is a graduate of a high school located in one of the following counties: McCurtain, Choctaw, Pushmataha, Leflore, Latimer, Atoka, Bryan, Marshall, Johnston or Pittsburg.
Recipient: Carli Eubank

MAYNARD-STROUP SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maynard created this endowed scholarship awarded to an outstanding student for academic excellence and student leadership.
Recipient: Corbin Paxton

MONTIE AND BETTY BOX ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a sophomore agricultural economics major in good academic standing.
Recipient: Anthony Baumbach and Matthew Hansen

OKLAHOMA AGCREDIT AND FARM CREDIT OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding leadership qualities with an interest in agricultural finance.

Recipient: Cale Steadman

OKLAHOMA AGCREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to students demonstrating good academic ability and are planning to return to or enter the agricultural industry.

Recipients: Kaylee Brassfield, William Church, Hailea Hooten and Bree Taylor

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF FARM MANAGERS AND RURAL APPRAISERS SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

This endowed scholarship is awarded to a student 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.

Recipient: Karlee Belle Gholson

OKLAHOMA GRAIN & FEED ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to outstanding students interested in agribusiness, farm and ranch management, or marketing.

Recipients: Hudson Horton and Leslie Smith

P.E. HARRILL SCHOLARSHIP (ENDOWED)

These endowed scholarships funded by the P. E. Harrill Education and Research Fund are awarded based on academic performance and leadership skills.

Recipients: Grant Ritter and Truitt Taylor

PAUL MACKEY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded for demonstrated leadership in departmental and/or campus-wide organization(s) by serving as an officer of a fraternal, youth, education or service organization.

Recipient: Madison Vance

ROBERT L. OEHRMAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated leadership activities within their community, academic, or religious affiliations during high school and/or college, participation in ag econ student activities such as academic bowl, marketing competitions, or the Aggie-X Club.

Recipient: Rachel Miller

STEVE AND SUSAN CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (ENDOWED)

This scholarship is awarded to a student for academic and leadership excellence.

Recipient: Kalin Koechel

TIPPENS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded for excellence in academics and leadership.

Recipient: Ashley Howard

VIOLETTE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Ross Love and is awarded to an outstanding student with a demonstrated record of continuous public/community/church service.

Recipient: Leslie Smith

WEDEL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Wedel Family sponsors this scholarship awarded to a student demonstrating academic excellence who is actively involved in departmental club(s).

Recipient: Lora Wright

WILLIAM S. MAY SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURAL FINANCE (ENDOWED)

These endowed scholarships are awarded to outstanding students for academic achievement and demonstrated leadership to encourage careers in agricultural finance.

Recipients: Garrett Clark, Yunfei Fan and Xinying Wang

NEW DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

There were two new scholarships to award to students within the Agricultural Economics Department.

CASEY TIPPENS DELANEY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Awarded to a student planning to attend law school currently majoring in agricultural economics or agribusiness.

Donor: Casey Tippens Delaney

BUFFALO FEEDERS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to an agricultural economics or agribusiness student.

Donor: Tom Fanning

AGGIE-X UPDATE

Aggie-X started the spring speaker series with OSU Agricultural Economics alumnus Mr. Scott Biggs. Scott is Oklahoma's State Executive Director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency. He spoke with us about internship and full-time employment opportunities with USDA. It was great to hear his perspectives and insights. Although we had other speakers and events planned for the remainder of the spring, we were unable to follow through due to the effects of COVID-19.

Prior to campus moving fully online, the Aggie-X Club elected officers for the 2020-2021 year at the March meeting. The new officers for the upcoming year are: Russell Spurlock, President; Ross Greiten, Educational Vice President; Bret Barnard, Administrative Vice President; Bree Taylor, Treasurer; Tom Purves, Secretary/Reporter; and Fallon Griffin and Cabel Cox, Student Council Representatives. I am confident in all the new officers and am excited to see what they have in store for the club.

In addition to our club leadership changes, our department leadership has also changed from last year. Dr. Joe Schatzer has done an excellent job as interim head of the department over the past year, and we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Cheryl DeVuyst as our new department head.

Even though we were not able to celebrate the success of our club, students, and faculty at the annual Department of Agricultural Economics scholarship banquet in April, these accomplishments did not go unnoticed. We are so

thankful for the generous donors and their continued support of our students, faculty, and staff. Thank you to the faculty and staff for your consistent hard work. You all have such an impact on Aggie-X and the students of the department.

Recently, the Aggie-X club started back the tradition of taking an annual spring trip to learn more about agriculture and agribusiness as well as celebrate our accomplishments over the year. Unfortunately, we were unable to take our 2020 trip, yet we are optimistic that we will be able to continue this upcoming spring with our plans for a 2021 trip.

The fall 2020 semester will be unique, yet we are hopeful that Aggie-X and the department will be able to create an atmosphere that is a positive experience for everyone. The club will be adding a virtual aspect to our meetings to accommodate the safety of our members. We hope this allows Aggie-X to grow and gives us opportunities to bring in speakers from outside of the area that would otherwise not be able to travel to our campus.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, one of the officers, or our advisors if you have any questions, would like more details on club activities, or would like to speak and/or sponsor one of our meetings or events. Thank you for the continued support of Aggie-X and the Agricultural Economics Department.



Russell Spurlock
2020-2021 Aggie-X President

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

While the spring semester was pivoted in a different direction than expected, the Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association managed to accomplish a few items.

Our newest faculty member, Courtney Bir, visited with us about her research program and opportunities for graduate student collaboration. GSA met with Ferguson College of Agriculture Career Services staff to provide input on how to better serve graduate students with career preparation and development programming.

Five graduate students were elected into leadership roles for the 2020-2021 academic year. Whoi Cho will serve as president, Tori Marshall as

vice president, Katie Welch as secretary, Abby ShalekBriski as treasurer, and Chellie Hogan as social coordinator.

Even though social events were canceled this spring, GSA looks forward to continuing our traditions of international dinner and welcome back night at Eskimo Joe's in the coming year.

We would like to congratulate all our spring and summer 2020 graduates and wish them nothing but success in the next chapter of their lives.

Go Pokes!



Logan Britton
2019-2020 GSA President

The Department of Agricultural Economics would like to congratulate Logan Britton on the following awards:

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Teaching, Learning, and Communications Section, Graduate Student Teaching Award (one awardee)

As graduate students are the teachers of tomorrow, the TLC has chosen to sponsor this award to recognize and encourage graduate students who excel in teaching agricultural or applied economics courses. Mr. Britton was nominated by Dr. Kellie Raper and the departmental awards committee. He was also the first OSU student to win this award in its nine-year existence.

North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, Graduate Student Teaching Award (several awardees)

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward NACTA graduate student members who are involved in classroom instruction who excel as teachers in the agricultural disciplines. To qualify for the award, a graduate student must have been involved in classroom teaching for a minimum of one year. Criteria included in the evaluation are the graduate student's teaching philosophy, statement of support from supervising faculty, evaluations submitted by students and an administrative officer, a self-evaluation, involvement in teaching outside and a description of the candidate's specific teaching involvement. He was nominated by Dr. Cheryl DeVuyst and was the second OSU agricultural economics graduate student to win the award.

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