



GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

*The Honor Society of Agriculture
Tennessee Chapter*

THE UNIVERSITY of
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Fall 2006 Newsletter

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GSD Award Nominations Are Due Soon!

A very important function of our UT Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta is recognition of fellow faculty who strive for excellence.

On November 9 at 6:00 in Hollingsworth Auditorium GSD will host the Fall awards banquet where deserving faculty will be recognized for Team, Teaching, Extension, and Research awards. However, each of you play an important role in this process--without nominations from fellow faculty it is possible that some awards may not be given. In addition to faculty awards, nominations will also be accepted for Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture and Alumni Award of Merit. It is our responsibility to nominate deserving faculty and alumni, in this way we promote excellence and reward those individuals who give that extra little bit.

The GSD executive committee encourages you to find qualified people within your departments and within the Institute and nominate them for the awards mentioned above. Nomination materials are posted on the GSD website (<http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/gsd/>).

Please submit all nominations to the GSD Awards Committee, c/o Susan Hamilton, Office of the Dean, 125 Morgan Hall before the close of business on Friday, October 20.

Faculty & Staff Nomination Time!

It is time again for faculty and staff nominations to Gamma Sigma Delta.

The primary criteria are that the person has demonstrated academic excellence worthy of recognition by Gamma Sigma Delta.

If you would like to nominate a faculty member, please contact Hank Kattesh in 201b BAS (974-7250, hkattesh@utk.edu). The appropriate nomination form will be sent to you.

Additional membership information is available on our website.

Fall Awards and Initiation Banquet Set for November 9

On Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 pm in Hollingsworth Auditorium the Tennessee Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta will hold its annual Fall Initiation Banquet. Faculty, staff, and undergraduate and graduate students will be initiated as members of our Gamma Sigma Delta chapter. Our speaker is Dr. Joe DiPietro, UTIA Vice-President.

The banquet will be catered by the Entertainers. Tickets information will be available soon.

Please mark November 9 on your calendar. See you at the banquet.



Congratulations to Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 Award Winners

Research Award

Dr. F. Neal Schrick, Animal Science

Teaching Award

Dr. Arnold Saxton, Animal Science

Extension Award

Dr. Glenn Conaster, Animal Science

Team Award

The Master Beef Producer Program Team
consisting of 14 UT Extension faculty and staff

Outstanding Freshman Award

Lindsay Denice Harper, Animal Science
Seth Marshall Kiser, Animal Science

Outstanding Sophomore Award

Tosha Jeffers, Animal Science
Emily Anne Uselton, Animal Science

Outstanding Junior Award

Robert Alexander Hull, Environmental & Soil
Science Science

College of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Student Merit First Year Award

Leeah Rae Chew
Nicole Elizabeth Geyer
Rebecca Ellen Nichols

College of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Student Merit Second Year Award

Lacey Ann Davis

College of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Student Merit Third Year Award

Stephanie Hosford Davis

Outstanding CASNR Student

Tera Bunch, Agricultural Science – Agricultural
Education

Outstanding College of Veterinary Medicine Student

Kara L. Watson

GSD Celebrates 100 Years During Conclave Hosted by OSU

The 2006 International Conclave was held June 24-26 at The Ohio State University where 100 years of Gamma Sigma Delta will be celebrated.

The Tennessee Chapter was represented by Mike Smith and John Riley.

Project Ideas

Do you know of an activity that would be a great project for Gamma Sigma Delta to carry out or assist with? Fundraisers, Food Drives, Serving as 4-H Event Judges, Host a Booth at Open House/Ag Day, Sponsor CASNR Award or Scholarship, etc...

If you would like to submit a project idea, please contact Carrie Fritz in 325c Morgan Hall (974-4830, cfritz@utk.edu).

Real Science in the 6-12 Classroom

This enrichment project will reach out to disadvantaged schools in Tennessee which is ranked 49 out of 50 states in educational test scores and opportunities for young people.

The science of agriculture is often misunderstood by the majority of young people who have no farm background. This program will also provide the opportunity to share with young people about the exciting job opportunities which are available in the field of agriculture. Gamma Sigma Delta, as the honor society of Agriculture, is the ideal society to inform the next generation of agricultural scientists about these opportunities.

To find out more on Dr. Ann Draughon's Enrichment Grant report visit the 'News' page on the GSD website.



2006-2007 GSD Committees

Executive Committee:

Mike Smith, President
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Emily Gray, ANR, Historian
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Emily Tipton, AS, (ex-officio)
David Golden, FST
Bob Auge, PS
Carrie Fritz, AEE
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Neal Eash, BESS

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Theresa Cooper, ANR

Publicity Committee:

Patty McDaniels, Mkt. & Comm., Chair
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Chuck Denney, Mkt. & Comm.

Membership Dues

Believe it or not it is time to pay our Gamma Sigma Delta membership dues for the 2006-2007 year.

Chapter membership dues are **\$10.00** and should be paid by **October 19, 2006**.

Dues should be sent directly to William E. Hart in 306 Ag Engineering. Checks are preferable and should be made payable to Gamma Sigma Delta.

2006-2007 Dates of Importance

October 19	Fall Lunch Business Meeting Dues Should be Paid By
October 20	Award Nominations Due
November 9	Fall Reception and Initiation
February 20	Spring Lunch Business Meeting
April 12	Spring Business Meeting, Reception and Initiation

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