



GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

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GSD Award Nomination Deadline Approaching!

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

On November 15 at 6:30 in 156/157 Plant Bio Technology Building, 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.

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 19**.

Not Bronze. Not Silver. But Gold!

On behalf of the more than 110,000 members initiated into GSD since 1905, and its executive committee, congratulations were given to the UT Chapter on the selection as a 2007 Gold Chapter.

This award is in recognition of the activities and accomplishments of our UT Chapter during the 2006-2007 academic year. Only five chapters are recognized each year with this designation.

To read about the Chapter's 2006-2007 activities and events, be sure to check out our annual report posted on the GSD website!

2007-2008 Dates of Importance

October 4	Fall Lunch Business Meeting
October 19	Dues Should be Paid By
October 19	Award Nominations Due
November 15	Fall Banquet and Initiation
February 21	Spring Lunch Business Meeting
April 10	Spring Business Meeting, Reception and Initiation

Remember to visit Gamma Sigma Delta
on the web at

<http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/gsd/>



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 15

On Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in 156/157 Plant Bio Technology Building, 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 will be Dr. Caula Beyl, Dean of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Additional banquet information, such as ticket cost and caterer, will be available soon.

Please mark November 15 on your calendar. See you at the banquet.

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).

GSD Project Report: Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement

Submitted by David Golden

The Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURCA) is sponsored by the UTK Office of Research and the UTK Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. The event provides opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in research and the development of creative products under the direction of a faculty mentor. EURCA participants present their works during the annual EURCA competition, held in the University Center. Students, as individuals or as groups of two or more, enter their projects into competition within one of several divisional units. CASNR students enter competition in either the Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (ASNR) or Engineering (Biosystems Engineering students) divisions.

Three years ago, the UT Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta embarked on a new effort to encourage CASNR students to participate in the EURCA competition. GSD made a commitment to provide a \$50 cash award to the first 10 CASNR students (or student groups) to indicate their intent to participate in either the ASNR or Engineering division competition, with the requirement that entrants carry their projects through to the competition. Additionally, GSD provides a \$100 cash award to the division winners in both the CASNR and Engineering divisions. For 2007, CASNR had 13 entries (10 ASNR, 3 Engineering), comprised of 16 students. There were two ASNR winners (Valerie Friedman, Plant Sciences; Andrea Moodhart, Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries) and the Engineering division winner was also a CASNR entry (Tammy Cheung, Clint Head, Curtis Million, and Adam Smith, Biosystems Engineering).

Membership Dues

Believe it or not it is time to pay our Gamma Sigma Delta membership dues for the 2007-2008 year. Chapter membership dues are **\$10.00** and should be paid by **October 19, 2007**.

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.



Congratulations to Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 Award Winners

Research Award

Dr. Kurt Lamour, EPP

Teaching Award

Dr. Neal Eash, BESS

Extension Award

Dr. Doyle G. Meadows, AS

Team Award

Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment
Program Project Team. Included 17 members from
UTIA.

Outstanding Freshman Award

Amber Bowling, Animal Science
Vanessa Hale, Animal Science

Outstanding Sophomore Award

Kelly Louise Grimes, Animal Science
Lindsay Harper, Animal Science
Seth Kiser, Animal Science
Brittnee Morgan, Ag and Extension Education
Michael Petty, Plant Sciences

Outstanding Junior Award

Emily Anne Uselton, Animal Science

College of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Student Merit First Year Award

Kelly Jean Elshoff

College of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Student Merit Second Year Award

Laurel Beck Danner

College of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Student Merit Third Year Award

Lisa Maria Grupka

Outstanding CASNR Student

Emily Anne Uselton, Animal Science

Outstanding CASNR Graduate Student

Joshua Yuan, Plant Sciences

Outstanding College of Veterinary Medicine Student

Lisa Maria Grupka-Ogle

2007-2008 GSD Committees

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Do you have ideas or suggestion for our
GSD newsletter?

If so, please forward them to
Ms. Emily L. Tipton at etipton@utk.edu.

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