

From the Chair -- Dr. John Greathouse

One question commonly asked by potential students during departmental visits is "What can I do with a degree in agriculture?" It is a valid question that, when properly addressed, will provide some direction and assurance that options for a stable future await in a very diversified discipline focused on feeding and clothing a growing world population.

The latest USDA report of *Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in Food, Renewable Energy, and the Environment* projects an estimated 54,400 job openings will be available to individuals with a baccalaureate or higher degree in each of the years from 2010-2015. The majority of these positions will be in the business and science occupations followed by those in production agriculture and forestry. The remainder of positions will be in the education, communication, and government services areas.

Universities across the country that offer degrees in agriculture, life sciences, forestry, natural resources, and veterinary medicine are expected to provide approximately 29,300 qualified graduates annually to fill 55% of these positions. It is antici-

pated that individuals needed to fill the remaining 45% of these positions will come from disciplines in the biological sciences, engineering, health sciences, business, and communications fields.

Key social factors that will dictate actual job markets within this five year time-frame include: 1) macroeconomic conditions and retirements, 2) consumer preferences for nutritious and safe foods, 3) food, energy, and environment public policy choices, and 4) global market shifts in population, income, food, and energy.

Graduates from our departmental programs are highly competitive as compared with those from agriculture programs across the country as they seek employment in the career workforce. Annual placement data collected by the university's Career Services office confirms this observation. We anticipate this is a trend that will continue as we remain diligent with efforts to provide a high-quality, practical educational experience for those students who choose become a part of our program.

Ag Outlook Conference -- Mr. Mick Glaze

The 33rd Annual Agricultural Outlook Conference, sponsored by the Agriculture Department, was held on October 29, 2010, in the FHSU Memorial Union. Dr. Jeff Briggs, Dean of the College of Health and Life Sciences, gave the opening welcome to nearly 100 guests.

Andy Gottschalk, of R.J. O'Brien and Associates and HedgersEdge.com, LLC, Greenwood Village, CO, presented his grain and livestock outlook as well as opening remarks on the economy. He started by saying that growth in the economy will be slow at around two percent. Most of the Fed money is still in banks as lending remains tight. Andy noted that India's growth rate could soon overtake China's.

On the cattle side Gottschalk noted that long term world demand for meat protein should continue to grow driven by rising incomes, especially in China and Europe. There is no herd expansion in U.S., Mexico and Canada. The supply side of the cattle market projects to be bullish for the next two to three years.

Dr. William Wilson, from North Dakota State University, also on the

conference schedule, noted some interesting facts about our grain and food supply. Right now China is using all the soybeans they can buy. They could greatly expand their production if they would adopt U.S. technology. Russia is expanding their grain storage as well as their infrastructure. Overall we need to continue to increase grain production if we are going to keep up with the growing demand.

Sarah Hubbard, of Animal Agriculture Alliance, warned producers about some of the efforts from animal welfare activists. Groups such as HSUS, PETA, API, and CWF are trying real hard to put food livestock producers out of business. Producers need to implement animal care programs that will meet public scrutiny. They need to actively share their story. Know who the opposition is and respond appropriately. Make sure your voice is heard in the legislature. Finally, livestock producers need to join the Alliance or other producer group to promote and protect their industry.

It was a great conference. I hope you can join us next year.

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Cattlemen's Beef Board Appointment -- Dr. Brittany Howell



Faculty member Dr. Brittany Howell was recently named one of the new 40 appointments selected by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to

serve on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, or better known as the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB). Each CBB member is appointed from nominations

submitted by certified nominating organizations which represent beef and dairy producers in each state or region. In Kansas, this is the Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Dairy Council, Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Cattlemen's Association.

The CBB was established by Congress to carry out the Beef Promotion and Research Act program contained in the 1985 Farm Bill, with USDA overseeing the CBB and implementation of the Beef Act. Primary responsibilities of the CBB is to oversee collection of \$1-per-head on all cattle sold in the U.S. and \$1-

per-head equivalent on imported cattle, beef and beef products as well as approving the annual budget for its national checkoff-funded programs. Members serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses associated with CBB business. Dr. Howell will serve with 105 other members from across the United States for a three-year term. She also currently serves on the Kansas Beef Council. Further information concerning the Beef Board can be found on the website www.beefboard.org.

Ag Graduate Selected for Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium

Erica Wasson, who graduated in May 2010 in Agriculture with the Animal Science option, was selected to participate last May, 2010 in a relatively new program (began summer 2008) hosted by Texas A&M University and Clovis Community College called the Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium. This year's class was made up of 36 students who have a passion for the dairy industry from 12 universities across the United States. Erica worked at the FHSU Dairy for three years during school which fostered her love for the dairy industry. She grew up with beef cattle and horses and is from Baldwin, KS.

The SGPDC was created to specifically address the need to improve the availability of dairy science education at universities in the Southwest and to ensure the

growing dairy industry a well qualified pool of prospective employees for future employment. The students are selected based on specific criteria, including their interest in a career in large-herd dairy management. Erica greatly enjoyed attending the program and highly recommends it to any future students. When asked for comments on favorite aspects of the program, Erica responded "one of my favorites was the week spent with the vets. We were able to job shadow them traveling to the surrounding dairies and participate in their daily routine. The vets do a lot of preg checking and several displaced abomasum surgeries. They also shared with us presentations for client's employees on topics such as calving, milking, etc. These presentations included a calving school, milking school, etc. I

also enjoyed the week where we were taught heifer management. We visited several dairies to physically see how they were managed and to compare and contrast them to other dairies to view what worked and what didn't."

For more information on this program, refer to the website <http://sgpdct.tamu.edu/>.



Erica Wasson (Baldwin) participated in the 2010 Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium.

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DISPATCH is now available on-line at: www.fhsu.edu/agriculture/newsletter

Agriculture Scholarships

Departmental scholarships were awarded this year to freshmen, transfers, and continuing students majoring in agriculture. Scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of academic achievement and interest in agriculture.

Congratulations to each scholarship recipient, and a special thank you to the scholarship sponsors.

Anthony R. Legleiter Memorial

Ashley Montgomery - Hays

Roemer

Coby Baalman - Menlo
Lane Bruce - Argonia
Cassadie Copeland - Ford
Jared Cook - Gove
Wendy Dague - Washington
Sara Fox - Colby
Mason Gillespie - Grainfield
Dana Hillebrand - Norton
Danielle Kirby - Cimarron
Lanee Lausch - Scott City
Samantha McGuire - Pratt
Jake Renner - Pratt
Chelse Rondeau - Great Bend
Drew Stevenson - Selden
Cassandra Wasko - Hanston

Bill and Deniece Roth Family

Anna Friedrichs - Bremen

Ark River Bend Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society

Jake Fanshier - St. John

Department of Agriculture Endowed

Rebekah Martin - Hastings, NE

Edward and Carolyn Scanlon Fund

Cody Crossland - WaKeeney
Ashlee Dinges - Ness City
Nathan Felder - Brownell
Curtis Satran - Ogallah

High Plains Farm Credit

Kayla Jarvis - Phillipsburg

Midland Marketing

Nikki Brobst - Phillipsburg
Kyle Zimmerman - Schoenchen

Base Camp Leasing

Molly Nill - Strasburg, CO

Kansas Farm Bureau

Bruce Figger - Hudson
Shea Henderson - Levant

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Katey Nash - Cimarron

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Kelsey Bonifas - Blue Hill, NE
Callie Capraro - Grover, CO
Jennifer Daffer - Danbury, NE
Amber Friedrichs - Bremen
Anna Friedrichs - Bremen
Rachel Klein - Fort Collins, CO
Sarah Luedders - Hays
Jade Meinzer - Yoder, CO
Molly Nill - Strasburg, CO
Cole Pearson - Clearwater
William Poland - Ellis
Erik Pracht - Council Grove
Paige Rebman - Republican City, NE
Christine Roehrman - Dodge City
Samantha Tenpenny - Topeka
Tye Smith - Bartley, NE
Bradley Talkington - Matfield Green
Courtney Urbanec - Pender, NE
Kirk Woodruff - Ashland

Charles and Lura Stuzman Memorial

Carmon Crawford - Cambridge, NE
Bruce Figger - Hudson

Clifford and Rebecca Shauf Foundation

Justin Angleton - Ebson
Derrick Aufdemberge - Lincoln
Nikki Brobst - Stockton
Ryan Gasper - Tipton
Ryan Hoffman - Hoisington
Kayla Jarvis - Phillipsburg
Hannah Mayhew - Haviland
Corey Moomaw - Dighton
Jason Nelson - Formoso
Travis Panek - Cunningham
Colburn Patterson - Plainville
Aaron Roach - St. John
Katie Sharp - Newton
Adam Stegman - Spearville
Lane Underwood - Esbon
Kyle Zimmerman - Schoenchen

Norvan and Dorothy Harris Endowed

Bryce Allen - Argonia
Jared Stegman - Kinsley

Dean's Honor Roll

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll at FHSU a student must complete 12 or more credit hours with a GPA for that academic term of at least 3.6.

Congratulations to the following agriculture and agricultural business majors for obtaining such an honor.

Spring 2010

Bryce Allen - Argonia
Nikki Brobst - Stockton
Jared Cook - Gove
Nathan Felder - Brownell
Bruce Figger - Hudson
Shea Henderson - Levant
Jordyn Herman - Hill City
Ryan Hoffman - Hoisington
Michael Holton - Tonganoxie
Kayla Jarvis - Phillipsburg
Scott Johnston - Rexford
Mallory Kerns - Hays
Steve Leyerzapf - Hill City
Corey Moomaw - Dighton
Jared Nelson - Formoso
Molly Nill - Strasburg, CO
Erik Pracht - Council Grove
Christine Roehrman - Dodge City
Emily Schneweis - Ford
Andrew Wiechman - Scott City

Fall 2010

Justin Angleton - Esbon
Chance Bezona - Holly, CO
Lane Bruce - Argonia
Michael Davis - Palmdale, CA
Nathan Felder - Brownell
Bruce Figger - Hudson
Amber Friedrichs - Bremen
Anna Friedrichs - Bremen
Kayla Jarvis - Phillipsburg
Katelyn Keller - Ellis
Brandon Koehn - Hays
Travis Kuhn - Clarks, NE
Erin Montgomery - Guide Rock, NE
Corey Moomaw - Dighton
Molly Nill - Strasburg, CO
William Poland - Ellis
Erik Pracht - Council Grove
Aaron Roach - St. John
Christine Roehrman - Dodge City
Curtis Satran - Ogallah
Robyn Sellard - Bucklin
Samantha Tenpenny - Topeka
Lindsey Wilson - Colby

Livestock Judging Team -- Mr. Buddy Curry

This last year's 2010 Senior Livestock Team traveled to the National Western, Fort Worth, The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, Flint Hills Classic, Mid-America Judging Contest, American Royal, NACTA, and the Colorado State University Mock Contest. The team members on this team are representatives of Kansas and Nebraska. The team represented Fort Hays State University very well in their performances.

The 2011 Senior Team will consist of students from Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. They will be traveling to the National Western, Fort Worth, Dixieland Nationals, The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, NACTA, Flint Hills Classic, Mid-America, Colorado State University Mock Contest, American Royal, and NAILE.

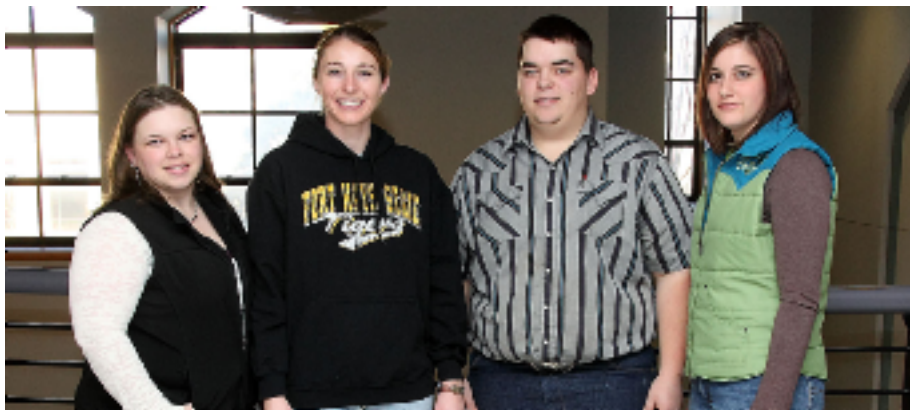
In the Spring 2011 we will have a Meat Animal Evaluation Team traveling to Oklahoma City which will consist of senior and sophomore students. This contest involves live animal grading, breeding stock evaluation, meat carcass grading, meat cut identification, and retail cut placings. This year's Freshman Team will be competing in the equine division of the NACTA contest held in April.

It is the goal of the Fort Hays State University Judging program to become recognized as one of the top judging programs in the nation and Mr. Curry believes that building a strong foundation is the key to

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Crops Judging Team

The Fort Hays State University Crops Judging Team came off a lean year with only two members: Joe Princ (Luray) and Chris Staub (St. John). The team participated in the NACTA Contest in April at El Reno, OK. This fall Bryce Allen (Argonia) and Ashley Howell (Frankfort) competed in the ASA Regional Crop Contest. The team is coached by Dr. Bob Stephenson.



2010 Senior Livestock Judging Team: (L to R): Jessica Schwartz (Hays), Kelsey Bonifas (Blue Hills, NE), Andrew Kleopfer (Hiawatha) and Dana Hillebrand (Norton). Not shown: Robyn Sellard (Bucklin) and Kelsey Wohletz (Highland).



2011 Senior Livestock Judging Team -- Front Row (L to R): Sara Fox (Burlington, CO), Dani Kirby (Cimarron), Chelsea Rondeau (Great Bend) and Stephen McIntyre (Lakewood, CO). **Back Row (L to R):** Jake Renner (Pratt), Evan Schluntz (Republican City), Joseph Penning (Atchinson) and Grady McMahon (Ayer, NE).



2010-2011 Freshmen Livestock Judging Team (L to R): Rachel Klein (Ft. Collins, CO), Kirk Woodruff (Ashland), Jade Meinzer (Yoder, CO) and Luke Terrell (Kirk, CO). Not pictured: Kilee Hutchison (Lakin), Sylvia Moore (Overton, NE), and Danielle Cooper (Overland Park).

Swine Show Team -- Mr. Brian Lockman

This is the second year for the Fort Hays State University Swine Show Team, and it has proven to be both an eventful and exciting year. The team started off the 2010-2011 year by traveling to the National Barrow Show in Austin, MN. We exhibited 3 York gilts, 1 York boar, 2 Landrace gilts, and 1 Landrace boar. We were very competitive in all of the classes shown and won the Reserve Grand Champion Landrace Boar. This was a huge achievement and really made us proud to be a part of the Show Team. At the sale we sold 6 of the 7 we exhibited with prices ranging from \$200 to \$1000 each.

After the National Barrow Show, the team readied for the Fall Classic. For this group of pigs the team chose to do a feeding trial by evaluating fat supplement top dresses on the feed. Before and after the 30-day trial, the pigs were scanned for back fat and loin depth. The results for feed consump-

tion, changes in back fat and loin depth, feed conversion, and cost analysis were very enlightening.

In November the team traveled to the Fall Classic in Duncan, OK, which proved to be our most challenging show. We took 20 weanlings to sell as show prospects and 8 head of breeding stock. We soon realized

that this was too many for one show, but everyone worked together and we persevered. Talking to breeders, seeing new products, and viewing over 4000 of the nation's best pigs at the show was definitely a great learning experience. We are preparing for Southwest Type Conference in Belton, TX (March 3-5).



2010-2011 Swine Show Team -- Front Row (L to R): Mr. Brian Lockman, Coach, Julie Werkowitch (Osawatomie), Gretchen Dietz (Hays), and John Godsey (Gaylord). **Back Row (L to R):** Jacob Wulfsuhle (Rossville), Matt Railsback (Osage City), and Erik Pracht (Council Grove).

Rodeo Club -- Ms. Kara Hackney

With a roster of more than 50 members, the FHSU Rodeo Club has grown immensely from its mere 14 members a few years ago. Its competing team has been traveling throughout the states of Kansas and Oklahoma representing the university at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's rodeos. Four rodeos into the season, the team has six left before the College National Finals Rodeo in June, which takes the top cowboys and cowgirls in each of the association's 11 regions.

The team currently has two members ranked in the Central Plains Region, in which it competes. Cody Pratt (Monte Vista, CO) is fourth in the steer wrestling standings. And given the fact that the top three students in each event qualify for the CNFR, Pratt is in a position to potentially make the trip this year.

Jordan Sammon (Plevna) is also in the regional standings, tied for 13th in bull riding. Although that is 10 places from making it to the CNFR, Sammons still has six rodeos left in the season to climb up the standings.

Pratt is also in his second year of serving as the region's student director, through which he assists the faculty director in representing the institutions and students of the Central Plains Region at board meetings. Pratt also brings equipment to the rodeos and handles award money and fines.

This year will mark the 45th annual FHSU rodeo, which will be April 15-17. Also during the rodeo, there will be a first-ever reunion for Rodeo Club alumni and friends.

"The FHSU alumni staff and a group of rodeo alumni have a lot of

great things planned," said Bronc Rumford, head coach. "We look to have a lot of alumni back here."

Beyond practices and rodeos, the club is currently working to raise money and gain sponsorship for its rodeo. If interested in doing so, contact Dr. Garry Brower, advisor, at 785-628-4366 or at gbrower@fhsu.edu; Rumford at 785-628-4689 or at cbrumford@fhsu.edu; or Ross Russell, assistant coach, at 785-628-4689 or at rdrussell@fhsu.edu. For more information on the alumni reunion, go to <http://www.facebook.com/FHSURodeoClubAlumni>.



2010-2011 Rodeo Club Officers (L to R): Ross Russell, Assistant Coach, Callie Capraro (Grover, CO), Vice-President; Jennifer Sherman (Brule, NE), Treasurer; Cole Pearson (Clearwater), President; Nikki Brobst (Stockton), Secretary; Kara Hackney (Hays), Media Coordinator; and Bronc Rumford, Coach.

Agronomy Club -- Dr. Bob Stephenson

The Agronomy Club has been busy this year and have several activities planned for the spring 2011 semester. In spring 2010 the club found a new fund raising project of chaperoning junior high dances in Hays. The club has already worked one dance in October and plans to work January through April. The fund raising venture has replaced the traditional Oktoberfest.

In other news, the club once again teamed up with Delta Tau Alpha (Agricultural Honor Society) this fall for their annual Adopt a Mile highway cleanup and enjoyed pizza afterwards.

Club members toured the Kansas City Board of Trade and the Midwest Research Institute in November.

Members recently helped with Toys for Tots on December 4th and they rang the bell for the Salvation Army as community service projects. They took time to socialize with a Christ-



2010-2011 Agronomy Club Officers (L to R): Dr. Bob Stephenson, Advisor; Andrew Wiechman (Scott City), Vice-President; Courtney Spangler (Valley Center), Treasurer; Ashley Montgomery (Hays), Secretary; and Chris Staub (St. John), President.

mas dinner and night out bowling before the end of the fall semester.

The group plans to attend a no-till conference in January and would also like to take another trip during the early spring semester. They plan to have guest speakers at club meetings,

help with the annual Big Creek cleanup, do highway cleanup again with DTA, have some fun with a putt-putt event, go bowling and top the year off with a spring social.

Block & Bridle Club -- Dr. Brittany Howell

The 2009-2010 school year was full of activity again for the FHSU Block and Bridle Club. The 2009-2010 officers were President, Paul Case, 2009, and Jared Grauerholz, 2010; Vice President, Jared Grauerholz, 2009, and Kelsey Bonifas, 2010; Secretary, Meagan Nelson and Treasurer, Lindsey Gordon. The year's activities included serving food for the annual FHSU Back to School Picnic, hosting the Northwest District FFA Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests, and providing demonstrations and information for children at Ag Awareness Day. We also had fun creating a float for the Homecoming parade and sold chances at winning a half of hog for the freezer at Oktoberfest.

Block and Bridle again hosted their Little International competition in the fall on October 17th, 2009. Great fun and competition for all, with Kasandra Huser, a freshman and daughter of alumni Kevin and Kathy(Leiker) Huser, winning the Overall Showman buckle. Little I Chairpersons in 2009 were Wendy

Dague and Grady McMahon. We really appreciate the participation and support that our alumni give us as we continue the Little I tradition.

A big highlight is always attending the National Block and Bridle Convention, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky on November 12-14, 2009. Nine club members (Erica Wasson, Wendy Dague, Kelsey Bonifas, Kari Castor, Katie Sharp, Chance Hobrock, Kasandra Huser, Jared Grauerholz and Sarah Darnall), along with club advisor Dr. Brittany Howell traveled to Louisville to listen to top

notch speakers. They got to tour exciting places such as Churchill Downs, Alltech Biotechnology, The Thoroughbred Center, Keeneland Race Course, purebred Angus breeder Akers Farm and much more. And of course, time was allotted to visit the North American Livestock Show.

A highlight of this year's activities is the planning of a Block and Bridle alumni reunion for the fall of 2011. A facebook page will be developed for communicating this event.



2010-2011 Block & Bridle Club Officers (L to R): Dr. Brittany Howell, Co-Advisor; Candice Wagstrom (North Platte, NE), Secretary; Kyla Bishop, (Leoti), President; Katie Sharp (Newton), Treasurer; and Amelia Nickelson (Penokee), Vice-President. Not pictured: Mr. Buddy Curry, Co-Advisor.

Delta Tau Alpha - Agriculture Honor Society -- Dr. Jean Gleichsner —

Over the past year, Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) has been very active both on- and off-campus. The chapter participated in a variety of activities including: the Adopt-A-Highway Program, Agriculture Freshmen Recruiting, and Homecoming Banner Contest. The

club again sponsored the Ag Quiz Bowl. The club hosted a joint Christmas Party with the Agronomy Club.

Last spring the chapter held the 17th annual Ag Quiz Bowl. Participating teams tested their knowledge in the areas of agribusiness/econom-

ics, agronomy/horticulture, animal science, and general agriculture knowledge. The team of Jordyn Herman (Hill City, NE), Michael Holton (Tonganoxie) and Steve Leyerzapf (Abilene, KS) was victorious.

The DTA chapter attended the 51st National DTA Convention held in the spring at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. Attendees toured the federal prison, a composting facility and were entertained by a hypnotist. The chapter competed in Ag Quiz Bowl and the Corbus Book Competition - a book of the chapter's activities. Our chapter placed second in the Corbus Book Competition and received a plaque with an accompanying \$50 award.

Dr. Jean Gleichsner has served as National Advisor since spring 2003.



2010-2011 DTA Club Officers (L to R): Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Advisor; Erin Montgomery (Guide Rock, NE), Treasurer; Jennifer Daffer (Danbury, NE), Vice-President; Amber Friedrichs (Bremen), President; and Kelsey Boniface (Blue Hill, NE), Secretary.

Agribusiness Club -- Mr. Mick Glaze —

This year the Agribusiness Club has expanded its opportunities to other members of the Agriculture Department. Currently, the club has 14 active members. The purpose of the club is to educate, promote, and actively support production agriculture.

The club is active in the community. Each member works to achieve 5 hours of community service toward our requirement of 20 hours of community service for the whole club. Many members do community service hours on their own time, but we have also done several community service hours as a club. Last year the club picked up trash along the highway and this year many club members have volunteered at Carrico Implement for the Antique Tractor Show and members will also be helping to wrap presents at Carrico during the holiday season.

In the spring of 2010, the club took two different trips touring agricultural based businesses in western Nebraska. The club visited with potential employers and other successful agricultural companies. Businesses visited included North

Platte Feeders, Tyson packing plant, Cash-Way distribution center, Monsanto Research Learning Center, Orthman Companies, and Chief Industries. This was a great way for club members to network with agricultural companies and see how many businesses are successful.

Last year, the club also had several guest speakers come to meetings to speak with the members about potential job opportunities for internships which can be very beneficial to the members. Guest speakers included Dan Meyerhoff from Natural

Resources Conservation Service and Jeff Mauler from Great Bend Co-op. The club also plans on having guest speakers come to future meetings.

By participating in service projects throughout the year, members will be able to transform from college students to active members in communities, an aspect of life that always has a positive outcome.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in club activities so members build strong skills in leadership and teamwork that can be used in the future.



2010-2011 Agribusiness Club Officers (L to R): Mr. Mick Glaze, Advisor; Anna Friedrichs (Bremen), President; Amber Friedrichs (Bremen), Vice-President; and Elizabeth Koch (Abilene), Secretary/Treasurer.

Agriculture Management Practicum -- Dr. John Greathouse

AGRI 316 – Agriculture Management Practicum is a course in which students participate in a supervised agricultural “internship” experience. A majority of our students enroll in the Practicum course during the summer semester with positions that typically offer full-time employment opportunities. Other students obtain part- or full-time employment positions during the fall or spring academic terms and complete the Practicum during the traditional

school year. The experiences typically are mutually beneficial to the cooperating employer, who may be seeking an individual to train for future employment needs, and to the students who gain valuable experience working in a chosen career field.

We welcome the interest and support of the cooperators and agencies who employ our Practicum students. Students and their respective employers who participated in a 2010 summer Practicum experience

are pictured on the next several pages. Additional non-pictured students who had a summer or fall internship during 2010 include: Robyn Sellard (Bucklin) who worked with Ryan Struss on Struss Farms near WaKeeney, Josh Adelhardt (Cunningham) who was supervised by FHSU alum, Brad Shank, at the Hays USDA-NRCS office, and Kelsie Zeigler (Natoma) who worked with FHSU alum, Mike Smith, with the cattle operation at Liberty Ranch near Codell.



Callie Capraro (Grover, CO) trained horses and helped with design of the annual production sale brochure at the Bashor Ranch owned by Beth (left) and Dave Bashor near Grover, CO.

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Livestock Judging

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reaching this goal by getting students involved in evaluation from the moment they step foot on campus as

freshmen and incorporating transfer students from two year institutions. FHSU is in an optimal

location to have superior evaluation teams, by being the center of such a diversified agriculture production area.



2011 Meat Animal Evaluation Team – Front Row (L to R): Kelsey Bonifas (Blue Hill, NE), Jessica Schwartz (Hays) and Dana Hillebrand (Norton). Back Row (L to R): Erik Pracht (Council Grove), Matt Railsback (Osage City), Andrew Kleopfer (Hiawatha) and Jacob Wulfkuhle (Rossville).

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Jennifer Daffer (Danbury, NE) worked as a crop scout and office helper with Ag Valley Coop in Indianola, NE. Jennifer is pictured with her primary supervisor, Billy Jones (left).



Pictured above: Nikki Brobst (Stockton, KS) worked with cattle and horses at Liberty Ranch near Codell under the supervision of FHSU alum Mike Smith (right).



Pictured above: Megan Ludwig (Sterling, KS) was employed as a student intern with Cal-Maine Foods (the largest producer and distributor of fresh shell eggs in the U.S) at their Chase, KS facility. Pictured with Megan is one of her supervisors, Jeremy Deen (left).

Pictured right: Nickie Weir (Courtland, KS) worked as a crop scout with Servi-Tech near York, NE. Nickie is pictured with Ryan Meister (left) who served as one of her supervisors.



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Pictured left: Jake Fanshier (St. John, KS) interned with Ag Valley Coop at their Edison, NE branch as a crop scout. Jake is pictured with his supervisor, Claude Taylor (right). Pictured right: Lanee Lausch (Scott City, KS) interned with the world's largest swine producer, Murphy-Brown LLC, at their company-owned farrowing facility near Elizabethtown, NC. Lanee is pictured with her supervisor Scott Shaver (right).



Pictured left: Brady Jeffery (Hill City, KS) was supervised by Jeremy Evans (left) as a crop consultant intern with Servi-Tech based out of Bucklin, KS.



Pictured right: Karen Holliday (Liberty, KS) worked as a veterinary assistant for Hillside Veterinary Clinic in Hays with Dr. Mike Gaughan (left).

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Shea Henderson (Levant, KS) interned with Farmers Bank and Trust in Atwood and at their branch locations in Brewster and Oberlin. Shea is pictured with her Brewster supervisor, Jon Eicher (left).



Pictured above left: Josie Brenner (Pratt, KS) interned as a general farm employee with H2O Farms near Macksville. Josie is pictured with Lowell Brenner (left) who assisted with her supervision. Pictured above right: Adam Stegman (Spearville, KS) scouted crops with his supervisor, Michael Bahr (left) with Tall Crop, Inc. out of Albert.



Chris Staub (St. John, KS) interned with Sun Opta Sunflower under the direction of Mike Bretz (left) and Larry Keller (right) in Goodland.

From the College Dean -- Dr. Jeff Briggs

It has been another outstanding year for the College of Health and Life Sciences as all departments have demonstrated continued excellence in instruction, scholarship, and service. Each academic unit has identified opportunities for development and innovation and has successfully taken on new challenges in an effort to extend the influence of Fort Hays State University academic programming. The University continues to grow, enrolling nearly 12,000 students through on-campus, virtual college, and international partnership programming. The College of Health and Life Sciences has grown as well, serving as home to nearly 1,700



majors across six departments and multiple academic programs. This growth is an important aspect of institutional sustainability in times of economic challenge across the state.

Many institutional initiatives are in progress and provide enhanced opportunities for student development. An increased emphasis on undergraduate student research, study abroad, writing intensive coursework, service learning, and internship/apprenticeships provides numerous opportunities for students to acquire experiences and enhanced skills that will allow for professional and personal success.

While recruitment continues to be a focus, a significant challenge for all of our programs is to increase our retention and persistence rates. We want to not only get students to campus, we want them to continue in their chosen academic programs

and earn a degree in a timely fashion. Many retention initiatives are in development and we hope to see an increase in student success. It takes the support of faculty and staff, current students, alumni, and other friends of the program to continue to meet the needs of our students and region that we serve. Through the continued support of so many, we have been able to provide a foundation for programming which enables our departments to provide leading edge preparation in our respective disciplines.

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