

From the Chair -- Dr. John Greathouse

It has been an exciting year for the department as we continue to experience a trending increase in student numbers for our academic programs. The official enrollment headcount for Fall 2013 reflected a total of 269 majors. This was a 19% increase compared to the Fall 2012 enrollment data.



The largest jump in enrollment (29.3%) this year was in the Agricultural Business program that now has 119 majors. Animal Science majors (n=54) increased 28.6%, Beef Cattle Management numbers (n=24) increased 9.1%, and General Ag showed an 8.3% increase with 26 students. Enrollment numbers for Agronomy and Agricultural Education remained stable (n= 42 and 4 students, respectively) over the past year. With this growth we are approaching the department's record high enrollment of 276 majors that was reported in 1997!

At the beginning of the 2014 academic year we welcomed Garrett Steede to the department into the Livestock Judging Team Coach/ Agriculture Program Specialist position. Besides his responsibilities with the livestock judging program activities, Garrett teaches a section of

the introductory Animal Science class and multiple livestock selection & evaluation classes. He's also developed an Agricultural Communications and Public Relations class for the curriculum. In addition to supervising the University Farm sheep operation, Garrett also has organized a meats judging program to provide additional teaching and team competitive experiences for our students.

William Poland II, a senior animal science/pre-vet student from Ellis, was hired to manage the FHSU Dairy following the departures of Stephanie Eckroat and Shelly Vandiver this past summer. William has done an exceptional job stepping into this lead role and balancing these responsibilities with those of completing coursework in his academic degree program while targeting a spring graduation date.

William has been accepted into the Fall 2014 K-State vet school class, which means that he will vacate his position in the summer. Several factors will be taken into consideration over the next few months to determine the future of the dairy

operation on the University Farm. While this operation has a strong historical significance and provides access to key hands-on teaching activities, disrepair in and around the aging facility and a lack of modernization present key limitations to its future value and effectiveness as an instructional facility.

As time progresses and changes occur, we remain focused on providing our students with a strong undergraduate academic foundation in the key agriculture disciplines. We will continue to be progressive with our efforts to expose students to current and advancing technologies while emphasizing a business mindset that allows them to remain at the forefront of market competitiveness and possess the greatest potential for success in their future careers.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of the department's newsletter. Remember to check the FHSU Farm and Agriculture Department Facebook page to stay connected with the activities and events that take place throughout the year.

Rain Barrels Keep Rolling

This spring students in the Department of Agriculture Home Horticulture class will again be constructing rain barrels for use in the home

landscape. This service-learning project allows students to integrate community service activities into the academic curricula.



Students in the Home Horticulture Class built rain barrels for the community in Spring 2013.

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New Faculty -- Mr. Garrett Steede

Garrett Steede grew up in Lucedale, MS near the Mississippi gulf coast. He spent much of his time raising and showing Limousin cattle, market hogs, and market goats. He holds a B.S. in Animal and Dairy Sciences (2010) and an M.S. in Agricultural and Extension Education (2012) – both from Mississippi State University.

Garrett joined the Agriculture Department at Fort Hays State University in August of 2013 as the Livestock/Meat Judging Coach and Agriculture Program Specialist. Garrett competed on the Jones County Junior College livestock judging team in 2007 and then the livestock judging team at Mississippi State upon transferring. Garrett also competed on the meat judging team while at Mississippi State.

Garrett comes to FHSU after

serving as a temporary lecturer and co-coach for the Clemson University Livestock Judging Team in the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

Garrett teaches all of the livestock evaluation courses, the introductory Animal Science course, and has developed a new Agricultural Communications and Public Relations course which is being offered for the first time in spring 2014.

Additionally, he coordinates 4-H, FFA, and collegiate livestock judging events on campus and advises the FHSU Block and Bridle Club as well as Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Garrett has also taken over the responsibility of making the management decisions for the sheep division at the University Farm.

Outside of work, Garrett is spending much of his time trying to adjust

to the wind and the cold weather of western Kansas. He enjoys watching college football and baseball, especially his Mississippi State Bulldogs.



Barrels

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Since spring 2009 over 4,500 rain barrels have been constructed through this project. A rain barrel connects directly to the home's downspout and allows the rainwater coming off the roof to fill the barrel. Collecting rainwater and using it slowly on your landscape encourages infiltration, which helps prevent runoff of pollutants into local streams, creeks, and rivers. In the heat of the summer, nearly 40% of household water is used for outdoor watering.

The Home Horticulture class will be constructing barrels in cooperation with Stacie Minson, KSU Watershed Specialist. The cost is \$26 per barrel with up to four barrels available per household. The rain barrel event is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 from 5-7 pm at the Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center in Hays.

Please visit www.kcare.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=914 for a registration form.



A rain barrel allows a homeowner to collect rainwater for use in their landscape.

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Mr. Harland Werth - Crop/Shop Manager

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

Service-Learning Projects -- Dr. Jean Gleichsner

Fifteen students in the Home Horticulture course traveled to Camp Pawnee in Larned to assist with renovation of the camp by Larned Pride. FHSU students helped plant trees and flowers, install drip irrigation, mulch the site and paint playground equipment. Students installed a trellis and weed barrier at the community garden. Funding was provided by the Golden Belt Community Foundation.

Larned Pride was created in 2009 by a group of local citizens with a mission of creating a better environment and enhancing health for those in Pawnee County and the surrounding area. Camp Pawnee, a previous Boy Scout camp donated to the county, sits on 36 acres and is the perfect location for children and families to go and enjoy outside physical activity.

Eleven students in the Beef Cattle Production and Management course hosted the 5th Annual 'Beef – It's What's For Dinner' event on the FHSU campus to promote and educate the 250+ attendees about beef production. Numerous groups hosted additional booths about agriculture including Agronomy Club, Block and Bridle Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau and students in the Soil Fertility and Fertilizers course. Alumna Dana Pieper from Palco, KS moderated the activities. Ellis County Farm Bureau provided a beef hamburger and hotdog lunch. Funding was provided by the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.



2013 Beef Promotion Event (L to R): Frank Ringleman (Imperial, NE) and William Poland II (Ellis) serve samples of their favorite beef recipes.



2013 Home Horticulture Class – Front Row (L to R): Logan Mitchek (Kit Carson, CO), Bryn Benoit (Damar), Seth Thompson (Bogue), Emma Skinner (Belle Plaine), Macy McCurry (Burrton), Alisha Markle (Dallas, TX), Alan Bruggeman (Rexford), Kevin Elpers (Strasburg, CO), Sam Rork (Horton), and Clayton Johnson (Beeler), **Back Row (L to R):** Luke Schroeder (Colby), David Wood (Lewis), Michael Herbert (Dodge City), Abbey Rudd (Bucklin), and Ashley Montgomery (Hays).



Community Vineyard in Larned – Kneeling (L to R): Macy McCurry and Ashley Montgomery. **Standing (L to R):** Alisha Markle, Emma Skinner and Abbey Rudd.



Tree Planting at Camp Pawnee (L to R): Luke Schroeder, Logan Mitchek and Clayton Johnson.

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.

Ark River Bend Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society
Nicholas Reggeti – Wichita

Base Camp Leasing
Lindsey Wilson – Colby

Paul W. Boxberger
Chandra Devine – Seward

Department of Agriculture Endowed
Chandra Devine – Seward

Edward and Carolyn Scanlon Fund
Andrew Bixenman – Grainfield
Jason Cowan – Goodland
Gavin Mote – Sharon Springs
Casie Price – Mullinville
Anthony Schmidtberger – Victoria
Hannah Speer – Dighton

High Plains Farm Credit
Jacob Holcomb – Cunningham

Kansas Farm Bureau
Jared Helfrich – Wright
Julie Stoss – Olmitz

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Joseph Augustine – Hays

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Mary Eaton – Kinsley
Amber Elrod – Hays
Nathan Felder – Brownell
Jordan Fischer – Leoti
Hannah Gates – Yuma, CO
Shaun Gilbert – Rexford
Nicole Gerdes – Holdrege, NE
Wade Hawkinson – Hastings, NE
Chayenne Jackson – Merino, CO
MerleAnn Jaster – Concordia, MO
Garrett Kahrs – Franklin, NE
Lexi Kiniston – Ridgway, CO
Rachel Klein – Fort Collins, CO
Samantha Kysar – Lakin
Sarah Maddox – Geneseo
Rebekah Martin – Doniphan, NE
Jade Meinzer – Yoder, CO
Christina Munster – Calhan, CO
Caleb Nitsch – Burlington, CO
Jace Nordyke – Holly, CO
Jay Ostmeyer – Oakley
Paige Rebman – Republican City, NE
Jared Reiman – Lawrence, NE
Luke Renz – Superior, NE
Lucas Robison – Orleans, NE
Mykaela Smart – Frankfort
Tye Smith – Bartley, NE
Joel Stagemeyer – Cambridge, NE
Katelyn Sughroue – Bartley, NE
Samantha Tenpenny – Topeka
Tennille Ouellette – Yoder, CO
Harli Reser – Topeka
Nick Smith – Sharon Springs
Felicia VanCleave – Topeka
Lacey Ward – Superior, NE

Paul W. Boxberger Memorial
Chandra Devine – Seward

American Ag Credit
Ashley Knoll – Deerfield
Samantha Kysar – Lakin

Doug Palen Family
Luke Bellar – Howard
Jared Helfrich – Wright
Paige Rebman – Republican City, NE

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Mary Eaton – Kinsley

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Cheyenne Marrs – Fowler

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Joseph Aker – Abilene
Joseph Augustine – Hays
Zachary Brzon – Belleville
Alex Burgess – Sterling
Taylor Clausen – Glen Elder
Mason Eck – Sharon
Blaise Fountain – Wichita
William Poland II – Ellis
Phillip Nowak – Gorham
Nicholas Reggeti – Wichita
Courtney Schamberger – Hoxie
Anthony Schmidtberger – Victoria
Brian Seacat – Bucklin
Brent Stoss – Olmitz
Julie Stoss – Olmitz
Lindsey Underwood – Esbon
Brandon Warner – Haven
Lindsey Wilson – Colby
Dylan Woodward – Belleville

Charles and Lura Stuzman Memorial
Morgan Hammel – Clay Center

R. Guy Bemis Memorial
Amber Elrod – Hays

Albert Graf
William Poland II – Ellis

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 2013

Joey Augustine – Hays
 Andrew Bixenman – Grainfield
 Tayla Cannella – Calhan, CO
 Jason Cowan – Goodland
 Michael Davis – Hays
 Chandra Devine – Seward
 Billy Eldridge II – Great Bend
 Nathan Felder – Brownell
 Hannah Gates – Yuma, CO
 Shaun Gilbert – Rexford
 Jeremy Hacker – Wilson
 Jared Helfrich – Wright
 Madison Holland – Lacygne
 Rachel Klein – Fort Collins, CO
 Ashley Knoll – Deerfield
 Aleasha Krehbiel – Holcomb
 Cole Kumberg – Pratt
 Macy McCurry – Burrton
 Rochelle McGhee – Westphalia
 William Poland II – Ellis
 Erik Pracht – Council Grove
 Matt Railsback – Osage City
 Paige Rebman – Republican City, NE
 Curtis Satran – Ogallah
 Anthony Schmidtberger – Victoria
 Cammie Schmidtberger – Victoria
 Matthew Schneweis – Dodge City
 Emily Schneweis – Dodge City
 Tye Smith – Bartley, NE
 Hannah Speer – Dighton
 Jarred Stindt – Republic
 Julie Stoss – Olmitz
 Candee Vonlehe – Ness City
 Lacey Ward – Superior
 Audrey Werth – Hays
 Gregory Whisman – Palco
 Lindsey Wilson – Colby
 Kirk Woodruff – Ashland
 Eric Woodside – Prairie View

Fall 2013

Joey Augustine – Hays
 Andrew Bixenman – Grainfield
 Emily Braun – Salina
 Tayla Cannella – Calhan, CO
 Jason Cowan – Goodland
 Chandra Devine – Seward
 Nathan Felder – Brownell
 Thomas Frusher – Ness City
 Hannah Gates – Yuma, CO
 Shaun Gilbert – Rexford
 Jeremy Hacker – Wilson
 Garrett Kahrs – Franklin
 Ashley Knoll – Deerfield
 Samantha Kysar – Lakin
 Alisha Markle – Hays
 Cheyenne Marrs – Fowler
 Jennifer McGonegal – Castle Rock, CO
 Lindy McKinney – Greensburg
 Aaron Molleker – Marion
 Trisha Penning – Atchinson
 William Poland II – Ellis
 Cody Rehmer – Colby
 Anthony Schmidtberger – Victoria
 Cammie Schmidtberger – Victoria
 Nick Smith – Sharon Springs
 Hannah Speer – Dighton
 Julie Stoss – Olmitz
 Candee Vonlehe – Ness City
 Lacey Ward – Superior
 Lindsey Wilson – Colby
 Kirk Woodruff – Ashland
 Lauren Wright – Hays

Projects

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Eleven students in the Cereal, Fiber and Oil Crops course helped with the 3rd Annual SWIPE Out Hunger packaging event held in October on the FHSU campus. Over 60,000 meals were packaged for shipment to Rwanda and local use. Students also made a campus presentation on "Hunger Touches Everyone." Funding was provided by the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture and Kansas Campus Compact.



Pictured above: Emma Skinner (Belle Plaine), packages meals. Pictured below (L to R): Cole Mangers (Roseland, NE) and Cody Prosser (Scott City) load filled food boxes onto the truck.



SWIPE Out Hunger Crew (L to R): Brent Stoss (Olmitz), Joey Augustine (Hays), Victor E. Tiger, Jeff Jarvis (Phillipsburg), and Jarod Cahoj (McDonald).

Crops Judging Team -- Dr. Bob Stephenson

The Fort Hays State University Crops Judging Team competed in a contest held at Iowa State University in early February 2014. In April, they

will travel to Marysville, MO to compete in the North American Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) contest. Last

year's team was at Texas Tech University for the NACTA contest. The team is coached by Dr. Bob Stephenson.



2013-2014 Crops Judging Team
(L to R): Jason Cowan (Goodland), Hannah Speer (Dighton), and Joel Stagemeyer (Cambridge, NE).

Meat Judging Team

You read that right! FHSU is taking a little bit of a different route this year with their judging program. Mr. Steede came in to reestablish our judging program here at FHSU and he's taking a little different approach.

"Reestablishing a program can have some issues," said Steede. "Preconceived notions of how things worked with the previous coach and lack of recruiting livestock judging students are obstacles that have to be overcome in reestablishment."

What Steede found when he came to FHSU was a great interest in Livestock Judging in the freshman class but little interest from the upperclassmen. "Generally, students begin their judging career their junior year, so with so many freshmen interested, I was reluctant to run a livestock team with such young students. I felt it would be in their best interest to wait and not burn their eligibility."

Steede proposed to some of the freshmen the idea of waiting to judge livestock and instead judge meat in the 2014 season and they were all on board. "Meat judging is different from Livestock judging," said Steede.

"Meat judging is generally more straight forward, involves no oral reasons, but gives the students the opportunity to compete on the collegiate level."

FHSU will compete in the 2014 season in the "A division" of intercollegiate meat judging. The A division consists of colleges and universities that do not offer a degree or degree concentration in meat science.

"I really enjoyed my time judging meat, and to be honest, I was better at meat than livestock, said Steede."

This year's team will compete at the National Western, and NACTA meat judging contests this spring. In the fall they will compete in the Beef Empire Days contest in Garden City, American Royal, and the High Plains contest in Texas.

"I've always wanted to judge meat,



2013-2014 Meat Judging Team (L to R): Mackenzie Usher (Thorton, CO), Laura Brunk (St. Francis), Austen Reneau (Westminster, CO), Shelly Chambers (Agate, CO) and Hylie Dibbern (Grand Island, NE).

Rodeo Club -- Ms. Sam Tenpenny

The rodeo club is off to a great start for the 2013-2014 school year and rodeo season. With approximately 50 club members, 20 of which are traveling to and competing in Central Plains NIRA rodeos, this year's group is full of hardworking, dedicated and dynamic individuals.

The women's team is one of the best to come through FHSU's program in some time and should be strong contenders in the team title race. This year's men's team is younger and lacking some experience, but the talent is certainly there and we are expecting great things from them, as well. As promising as these young people are in the rodeo arena, they have witnessed just as much success in the classroom, with several having close to a 4.0 GPA. This indicates the order our kids have placed their priorities in, which is something, as coaches, we are very proud of achieving.

As the spring semester gets underway, so are our efforts to put together the annual Fort Hays State University NIRA rodeo, to be held at Doug Phillip Arena, April 18-19. This event is a huge undertaking with the majority of the work being done by the students. This will be a great learning experience that will benefit these kids the rest of their lives as they learn to set and work within budgets, recruit and sell sponsorships, prepare the grounds and produce the actual rodeo. We are anticipating nearly 3,000 contestants, alumni, fans and family members to travel from out-of-state to Hays over

the course of the weekend, with which comes a significant monetary gain to Ellis County. Over the years there have been several (eventual) World Champions that have competed in the FHSU rodeo. In addition to family-friendly, affordable entertainment, we can assure top-notch competition and several specialty events during the rodeo performances that all are sure to enjoy. Please make plans to attend the 49th Annual FHSU Rodeo and remember, FHSU students get in free!

The rodeo club would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. John Greathouse and the entire FHSU Agriculture Department for their continuous support and encourage-

ment. It takes a team to be successful and we have one of the best here at FHSU. Also, "Thank You" to the Student Government Association for their consideration of the rodeo club, as well as their time to make FHSU a great place to be. Last, but certainly not least, we want to say a huge "Thank You" to Dr. Ed Hammond for his years of outstanding service to the University and the FHSU Rodeo Club. We wish Dr. Hammond a great retirement and look forward to seeing him at our rodeo for years to come. Dr. Hammond, your invitation to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo is still on the table and we hope to see you and Mary in Las Vegas!



2013-2014 Rodeo Club Officers (L to R): Ty Rumford (Abbyville), President; Jessica Percival (Oxford, NE), Secretary; Ashley Fitzsimmons (Cunningham), Treasurer; and Willian Poland II (Superior, NE), Vice-President.

Livestock Association -- Mr. Garrett Steede

The Livestock Association is currently in a transition phase with Block and Bridle. Both organizations are advised by Mr. Garrett Steede.

Both organizations are essentially working towards the same goal of offering students who are interested in animal agriculture opportunities to be involved in it while in college.

At this point we are working to combine both organizations and work under just the Block and Bridle name. We will not be getting rid of the Swine Show Team or the Judging Team, they will just now be included under the Block and Bridle umbrella. This will better unify and simplify the running of both organizations.

Judging Team

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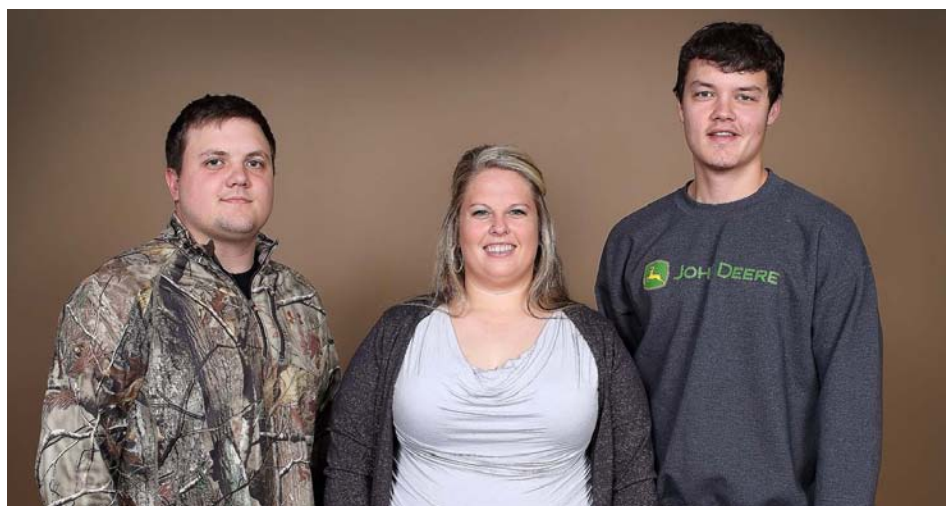
but didn't think I would ever have the opportunity to," said Shelly Chambers, a freshman member of the team.

"If all goes according to plan, we will be back to running a livestock team for 2015, but you never know though, this could be something new and very successful here at FHSU," said Steede.

Agronomy Club -- Dr. Bob Stephenson

The Agronomy Club had a great 2012-13 year and has several activities going on this year. Last spring the club took a trip to Denver which included a Denver Nugget basketball game.

The club has continued with their Eat Beef T-shirt sales, which has been a good fund raising activity. They teamed up with DTA on the annual Adopt a Mile highway cleanup, they completed a fundraiser with Mall-O-Ween and they had a Christmas dinner/social. The club is ordering hats, T-shirts and has a banner which they will be using for various events. In December they had several members help with Toys for Tots, making over 200 wooden tractors for needy children in the Hays community. They are planning a trip during the spring semester and attended the No-Till Conference in late January and learn more about



2013-2014 Agronomy Club Officers (L to R): Brandon Warner (Haven), Vice-President; Amelia Nickelson (Hill City), Secretary/Treasurer; and Joel Stagemeyer (Cambridge, NE) President.

various techniques and experiences with no-till. The club has 14 members and their advisor is Dr. Bob Stephenson. For information about

the club you can visit them on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/136329879765901/>.

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, Homecoming Banner Contest, calling incoming ag freshmen/transfers and the Christmas Angel Tree. The club hosted a Holiday Bowling Party.

Last spring the chapter held the 20th annual Ag Quiz Bowl. Participating teams tested their knowledge in the areas of agribusiness/economics, agronomy/horticulture, animal science, and general agriculture knowledge. Faculty members served as moderators. The team of Jeremy Hacker (Wilson) and Rebekah Martin (Doniphan, NE) was victorious.

The DTA chapter attended the 53rd National DTA Convention held in the spring at the University of Louisiana in Monroe, LA. Students participated in Ag Olympics and toured the Duck Commander Store.

Dr. Jean Gleichsner is serving as local and National Advisor. She has served as National Advisor in this role since spring 2003.



2013-2014 DTA Club Officers (L to R): Julie Stoss (Olmitz), Treasurer; Amber Elrod (Jacksonville, NC), Secretary; Hannah Gates (Yuma, CO), President; and Tayla Cannella (Calhan, CO), Vice-President.

Block & Bridle Club -- Ms. Morgan Hammel

Block and Bridle got off to great start for the 2013-2014 school year. Our new advisor is Garrett Steede. The club currently has 52 members.

Block and Bridle participated in the Back-to-School Picnic, Augustfest, and Oktoberfest/Homecoming. We had a booth during the Back-to-School Picnic to get our name out to potential new members, and that turned out to be a great success! We also held a BBQ and games during the second week of August.

Block and Bridle continued the tradition of participating in Oktoberfest and Homecoming activities. We sold T-shirts at Oktoberfest. For the parade, we partnered with Sunflower Clydesdales and had a wagon pulled by their horses.

This spring we are traveling to the National Convention at the University of Missouri and hosting both Ag Awareness and the Little International Showmanship Competition.



2013-2014 Block & Bridle Club Officers (L to R): Lacey Bowles (Lindsborg), Secretary; Aranda Stolz (Burlington, CO), Treasurer; Morgan Hammel, (Clay Center), Vice-President; and Robert Weber (Garden Plain), President.

Agribusiness Club -- Ms. Amelia Nickelson

This year the Agribusiness Club has 20 active members. All of these members share the common purpose to educate, promote, and actively support the agricultural industry. Each member has a goal of five hours of community service to go towards a club wide goal of 100 hours. The club members enjoy working toward hours as a group. A big activity the club completes is highway trash pick-up. One is held in the fall and then one in the spring. By participating in service projects throughout the year, members transform from college students to active members in their communities.

The Agribusiness Club members also have strong participation in group-sponsored events. A Lawn Mower Clinic fundraiser that was started two years ago will continue this spring. The event has been a huge success in the past and will continue for years to come. The money generated from this fundraiser goes back into the Club to provide members with the opportunity

to tour agricultural-based businesses. Last year the group tour included sites such as North Platte Feeders, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, and Tyson Foods. A trip is being planned for early April for the

current members. This tour allows members to visit with potential employers and to see different job opportunities.

Co-advisors are Mr. Mick Glaze and Dr. Craig Smith.



2013-2014 Agribusiness Club Officers (L to R): Amelia Nickelson (Hill City), President; Luke Bellar (Howard), Treasurer; Julie Stoss (Olmitz), Secretary; and Morgan Hammel (Clay Center), Vice-President.

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. The experiences often 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 2013 summer Practicum experience are pictured on the next several pages.



Jared Stegman (left) interned as a crop consultant with Crop Quest out of Dodge City, KS. He is pictured with his supervisor, Stan Schield.



Clem Fellhoelter (right) was employed as a crop scout with CHS in Colby, KS. His supervisor was Steve Burleigh.



Brooke Weber (right) is pictured with her supervisor, Bruce Williams. Her internship included training in the agronomy, petroleum, feed, and grain departments, as well as in the office at Rangeland Cooperatives, Inc. in Phillipsburg, KS.



Lydia Cole (left) is pictured with supervisor Caleb Fabrycky at the Cargill elevator location in WaKeeney, KS. Lydia’s internship included exposure to grain handling, grading, and marketing and elevator operations at three Cargill locations in NW Kansas.

Practicum

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Ryan Busboom (left) interned as a crop scout with Servi-Tech near Goodland, KS. Ryan's supervisor was Mike Wetter.

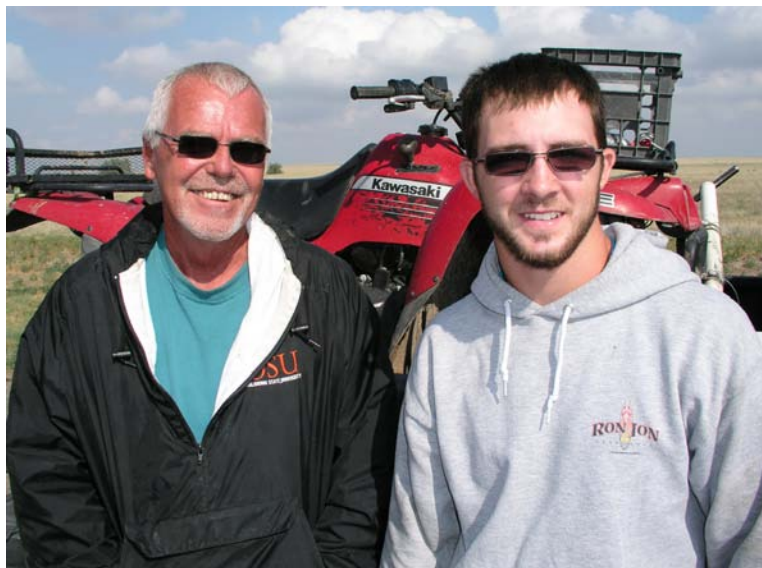


Pictured left: Logan Huxoll was a crop scout with CRA-GRO Crop Service, Inc. out of Arapahoe, NE. Logan (right) is pictured with his supervisor and owner, Craig Grove.



Mason Eck (left) worked as a crop scout with Production Advisory Service, Inc. near Sublette, KS. He is pictured with his supervisor, Dillon Shotton.

Jace Nordyke (right) worked as a crop scout with Fred Fisher of Crop Profits, LLC out of Garden City, KS.



Jacob Holcomb (right) interned as an equipment setup specialist with Precision Ag Solutions out of Pratt, KS. He is pictured with his supervisor and owner, Dave Houtwed.

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Kate Huschka (left) interned with Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS. She is pictured with her supervisor, Megan Page.



MerleAnn Jaster (left) traveled throughout the central region of the U.S. as a seed and agronomy advisor intern with Land O'Lakes-Winfield Solutions. Pictured with MerleAnn is Erik Tuttle, a seed and agronomy advisor at an Answer Plot location near Idalia, CO.



Pictured left: Blair Jones (left) interned at the CPS fertilizer and chemical facilities in Oakley and Colby, KS. He is pictured with supervisor, Bruce Halvorson.



Lucas Robison (right) interned at Central States Agronomics, Inc., as a crop scout out of Kearney, NE. Lucas is pictured with his supervisor and owner, Mark Kottmeyer.



Clinton Kershner (left) was a crop scouting intern with Servi-Tech near Imperial, NE. His supervisor was Clint Beiermann.

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Dakota Milner (right) interned with McGhee Land and Cattle near Welda, KS. Dakota is pictured with owner/supervisor Kendal McGhee.



David Murray (left) is pictured with supervisor, and FHSU alum, Shane Wurm. David interned as a Servi-Tech crop consultant in the Goodland, KS area.



Katherine Kimerer was a veterinary technician intern at Hays Veterinary Hospital in Hays, KS. She is pictured (right) with owner and supervisor, Dr. Steve Mosier.



Amelia Nickelson (right) worked as a sow farm intern in Guymon, OK with Seaboard Corporation. Pictured with Amelia is her supervisor Nicole Vasquez.



Pictured left: Julie Stoss (left) was an intern for Astra Bank out of Hays, KS. Pictured with Julie is Astra Bank's Vice-President/Regional Manager and FHSU alum, Tim Smith.

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Joey Augustine (right) worked as a Land O'Lakes-Winfield Solutions Answer Plot intern at multiple locations throughout Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska. Pictured with Joey is FHSU alum, Matt Peterson.

Cody Prosser was a crop breeding intern with Pioneer Hi-Bred International at their agronomy research facility near Garden City, KS. Cody (left) is pictured with his supervisor, Joni Griess.



Morgan Hammel (right), pictured with her supervisor Casey Richard, worked as an agronomy intern in Clay Center, KS for Farmway Coop, Inc.



Zar Ravitskiy (center left) and Riley Klitzke (center right) both interned for the agronomic firm Diamond Ag Research near Larned, KS. Their respective supervisors were Doug Nord (far left) and Pam Mitzner (far right).

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Brandon Warner (left) worked as a grain operations intern with MKC in Haven, KS. His supervisor was Jeff Jones.



Lacey Ward served as a merchandising intern with Gavilon at their grain facility in Catoosa, OK. Pictured with Lacey is her immediate supervisor and manager of the Port of Catoosa facility, John Goetting.



Curtis Satran (right) is pictured with Clay Hamil as a part-time employee at the FHSU Swine Division.



Dr. Brandon Weidenhaft, owner of Big Creek Veterinary Services, Hays, KS supervised Curtis Satran (left) in a part-time summer intern experience.



Pictured left: Cooperating supervisor and owner of Hillside Veterinary Clinic in Hays, KS, Dr. Michael Gaughan, worked with Curtis Satran (right) on a third part-time intern experience.



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From the College Dean -- Dr. Jeff Briggs

Thank you for your continued support of our academic programs. 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 the region that we serve. This has been a year of continued growth for the University and the announcement that President Hammond will be retiring at the end of the spring semester has created quite a buzz. The College of Health and Life Sciences has flourished under Dr. Hammond's leadership and is currently serving over 2,100 majors in its six academic departments. This represents a 27% increase over the past three years! Our programs are attractive to students who seek career opportunities in health and life sci-



ences and our family-friendly tuition makes us an institution of choice for students from the region and beyond. The Department of Agriculture has been a growth leader, serving nearly 270 majors this year, an 18% increase over the past three years. The Agricultural Business major has realized an enrollment increase of nearly 40% over this same time period!

Students realize that the Fort Hays State University experience is special. The College of Health and Life Sciences and the Department of Agriculture provides multiple opportunities for students to excel. There is a continued focus on creating an immersive/integrated learning environment that strives to provide students with meaningful learning experiences that bridge theory and practice. Through learning experiences that take the students from the classroom into the field, students can gain tangible professional and clinical expe-

rience as well as intangible skills such as critical thinking and teamwork. The Department of Agriculture has a long history of getting students involved in immersive learning projects, with staff, faculty and students involved in a host of service learning projects, active laboratory experiences as well as collaborating in the operational and decision making aspects of the university farm. These integrated activities define the learning environment that makes the Fort Hays State University experience special for our students.

For regular updates on accomplishments and activities within the college, please follow the College of Health and Life Sciences on Facebook at <http://www.fhsu.edu/chls/>. Just click on the Facebook link and become a fan. Again, thank you all for your support of the Department of Agriculture and Fort Hays State University!