I hope you enjoy our first issue of “Tails of Animal Sciences”. We will be publishing this newsletter on a monthly basis using our Animal Sciences email listserve and by posting on our home page. Our goal is to provide information that will be of interest to the Animal Sciences “family”. Our students, staff, and faculty are second to none. In the Tails of Animal Sciences, we will be sharing news of our accomplishments, news of upcoming events, and news about people who are joining or leaving the Animal Sciences Department. The newsletter will require your help and readership to be successful. Feel free to send me comments and suggestions to help us improve. It’s also ok to let us know if there are things about the newsletter that you appreciate! Submit your stories and information for publication in the newsletter to Jamie Evans (jrevans@illinois.edu).

Thanks for all you do in making this the best animal sciences department in the country!

Steve Loerch
Dairy Judging team

On September 29th, the 2014 National Collegiate Dairy Judging contest was held at World Dairy Expo in Madison WI. Team members Samatha Ropp, Brett Woker, Jessica Telgmann, and Dylan Reed were 5th overall and 9th in reasons out of 21 teams. Samantha Ropp was 14th in reasons over-all. Samantha Ropp and Brett Woker were All Americans placing in the top 25 individuals in the contest (15th and 17th, respectively). Brett Woker was 4th in overall placing’s in the contest. In the Brown Swiss breed, the team was 1st and Jessica Telgmann was high individual. The team placed 8th in Ayrshires, 6th in Guernsey’s, 8th in Jerseys with Samantha Ropp placing 9th, 8th in Milking Shorthorns, and 9th in Red and White Holsteins with Samatha Ropp placing 6th.

Student Recognition

Ashley DeGroot, a student working with Professor Ryan Dilger, successfully defended her M. S. thesis on "Efficacy of dietary guanidinoacetic acid in broiler chickens”.

Shaoyu Luan, a student working with Professor Cardoso, successfully defended his Ph. D. thesis on "Effects of Nutritional Strategies on Rumen Environment and Performance in Dairy Cows”. We wish Shaoyu success as he joins Diamod V. Mills in China.

Congratulations Shaoyu!
NEWS FROM DR. JUAN LOOR’S LAB:

♦ In July, Dr. Loor received the Zoetis Animal Physiology Award from ADSA.
♦ The following students completed their degrees:

PhD:  
Haji Akbar, currently post-doc in Human Nutrition and Food Science department  
Sonia Moisa, currently post-doc at Kansas State University  

MS:  
Saleh Alqarni, currently lecturer at Food Sciences and Agriculture department,  
King Saud University, Saudi Arabia  

♦ The following students joined the program:

PhD:  
Mario Vailati Riboni  

MS:  
Alea Agrawal, Abdulrahman Alharthi  

Visiting Scholars:  
Cong Li and Jianxin Zhao (China Ag. University, Beijing)  
Monica Duque (University of Antioquia, Colombia)  
Ahmed Salama (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)  
Omar Bulgari (University of Brescia, Italy)  

Our goal in Animal Sciences for this year’s Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD) is $12695.94. So far we are at $2960. If you gave last year, please login to the system at http://www.ccfd.illinois.edu/home and consider renewing or increasing your donation for this year! Contributions are taken out of your payroll earnings, so it truly couldn’t be easier to donate!

I had the pleasure of hearing a Special Olympics participant speak at our reporting meeting on Wednesday. I was inspired by his courage and I’m so glad that the Special Olympics has given him an outlet to display his unique abilities. He had several gold medals!

The great thing about the CCFD is that there are hundreds of charities to choose from when you choose to donate. Please make your pledge today! If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Redman (lredman@illinois.edu).
Congratulations to Sandra Rodriguez-Zas as she was named a recipient of the 2014 University Scholar Program. There were fourteen faculty members from among the three campuses of the University of Illinois. They were nominated and selected by their peers. University Scholars are recognized for exceptional achievements across the many fields of research fundamental to the University. The award acknowledges the excellence of their accomplishments while symbolizing the University’s commitment to fostering outstanding faculty.

Welcome Dr. Andrew Steelman

Dr. Steelman is originally from Newton North Carolina, a small town located on the western side of the piedmont region (about two hours west of Asheville and an hour north of Charlotte). He attended college at Gardner-Webb University where he majored in biology and minored in chemistry. Immediately after school he moved to Texas for graduate school where he obtained a Master’s degree in Biotechnology and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences. His wife (Samantha) is originally from Lexington Kentucky; they were married in San Antonio TX in 2006. They have a son, Ian, who is a little over a year old and a Bassett hound Barney who is eight years old. His extracurricular interests include brewing beer, cooking BBQ and running.
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### October 2014

**October 17**
- Deadline to drop a UG POT 1 course via Student Self-Service without grade of W
- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT 1 course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline to remove UG Incomplete grade from previous semester to prevent change to an F grade
- Deadline to elect credit-no credit or to change credit-no credit to regular grade basis in a UG POT 1 course
- Deadline to file intent to use the Campus Grade Replacement option in a UG POT 1 course
- Deadline for UG student to withdraw from Fall semester without grade of W
- Deadline for LAW students to drop a semester course without grade of W

**October 20**
- Priority registration Time Tickets (earliest registration times) for Spring 2015 available on Student Self-Service
- POT B courses begin (nontraditional courses may begin earlier or later)

**October 24**
- Deadline to add a UG POT B course
- Deadline to add a GRAD POT B course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline for all students to drop POT B course for refund if reducing assessment range

**October 31**
- Deadline to withdraw from the University and receive the minimum 40% pro-rata refund

### November 2014

**November 3**
- Priority registration for Spring 2015 begins

**November 7**
- Deadline to add GRAD POT B course via Department Office

**November 14**
- Deadline to drop a UG POT B course via Student Self-Service without a grade of W
- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT B course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline to elect credit-no credit or to change credit-no credit to regular grade basis in a UG POT B course
- Deadline to file intent to use the Campus Grade Replacement option in a UG POT B course
- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT 1 course without grade of W
- Deadline for GRAD students to elect credit/no-credit option for a GRAD POT 1 course or to change from credit/no-credit option to a regular grade
- Last day for GRAD students to withdraw from the term without a grade of W

**November 22 – 30**
- Fall Break

**November 24**
- Spring 2015 open registration begins for all except non-degree students