

February 2015

March 1st marks the one-year anniversary of my return to the U of I. Time flies when exciting things are happening! I continue to be amazed at what our faculty, staff, and students accomplish. At the ACES faculty meeting on February 6, we recognized Drs. Walt Hurley, Sandra Rodriguez-Zas, Kelly Swanson, Juan Llor, and Ryan Dilger for prestigious teaching and research awards they received last year. I did some digging last week and discovered that our graduate students received 15 awards last year at national meetings. Our students authored or co-authored over 220 journal publications last year. This is a remarkable example the teaching and research missions of Animal Sciences at Illinois. Our discoveries contribute to food security domestically and internationally. Our successes in this realm should be shared widely. The College of ACES is building on this theme of socially acceptable, environmentally sustainable food production with the new International Food Security Initiative. You will be hearing much more on this topic in the months ahead. This weekend, we will host the Illinois Beef Association for "Beef and Beyond". This event is an excellent opportunity to reflect on where we have come from, and the potential that lies ahead. When I was a Ph.D. student at the University of Illinois 35 years ago, steers on my research project gained 3.0 lbs/day and it took 7 lbs of feed to put on a pound of gain. Drs. Tara Felix and Dan Shike just finished a trial at the ANSC Beef Unit where the cattle gained 4.2 lbs/day with a conversion of 5.3 lbs of feed/lb of gain. Amazing progress in U. S. beef production explains why we have one-third as many cows as Brazil, yet we produce the same tonnage of beef annually. I would be remiss if I neglected to mention other areas where the Department of Animal Sciences meets societal needs. A good example of this is our Companion Animal Biology and Humane Education program. Dr. Amy Fischer shared with me last week that enrollment in our CABHE classes has more than doubled in the last two years. This year, more than 2,000 students will take classes in our CABHE program. Teaching, Research, and Extension; it's what we do. I can't wait to see what we accomplish in the year ahead!

Steve



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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS DAIRY JUDGING TEAM PLACED THIRD IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Team members Samantha Ropp, Jessica Telgmann, Brett Woker, and Dylan Reed competed at the 2015 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth Texas on January 18, 2015, placing **third** overall out of 15 teams. Ropp was seventh individual overall. The team was third and Telgmann was eleventh in reasons. As a team they placed third in Holsteins, fifth in Brown Swiss and fourth in Jerseys overall. Woker was sixth individual in Jerseys.

These four individuals ended their judging career at the top of the contests they participated in by placing **sixth** at the All-American contest at Harrisburg PA, **fifth** at the National Collegiate contest at World dairy Expo, **third** at the Southwestern Exposition at Fort Worth TX, and **first at the North American International** at Louisville, KY.



RESULTS FROM ACADEMIC QUADRATHLON

Thanks to each of you for dedicating your evenings to judging the Academic Quadrathlon Oral Presentation. I hope that y'all enjoyed the experience and will agree to do it again in a few years. The last phase of the three-day competition took place Thursday, January 29, 2015 and an overall winner has been determined. Team 6 will represent the department in the competition at Midwest Animal Science in Des Moines. Complete results are below along with a list of all team members.

Thanks again for your involvement with this great opportunity for our AnSci students. According to Crystal one of the teams is already excited about next year's competition.

Debra Hagstrom



	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6
LAB	3	2	6	4	5	1
WRITTEN	6	1	4	3	5	2
ORAL	3	6	2	5	4	1
QUIZ BOWL	1	3	4	5	6	2
POINTS ACCRUED	13	12	16	17	20	6
FINAL RANKING	3RD	2ND	4TH	5TH	6TH	1ST
	Team Members	Team Members	Team Members	Team Members	Team Members	Team Members
	Courtney Schu-	Molly McGhee	Ashley Domeracki	Ethan Stites	Amanda Bardeau	Buddy Haas
	Taylor Wolfer	Dylan Reed	Abigail Rundbom	Heather Winkelman	Alexander Patsavas	Brandi Burton
	Elaine Richardson	Logan Douglas	Tess Tucker	Taylor Gunia	Jessie Kordas	Taylor Rietveld
	Tessa Cowser	Kendal Shimmin	Jeni Bergles	Maci Oelschlager	Katie Havighorst	Carlle Kalebich

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Momal Sharif, a student working with Professor Miller, successfully defended her M. S. thesis on "Re-Localization of SNARE Proteins in Mouse Sperm Prior to the Acrosome Reaction".

We wish Momal success as she pursues a Ph.D. degree with Dr. Miller.

Congratulations Momal!

Cassandra Skenandore, a student of Professor Cardoso, has been invited to attend the USDA's Agricultural Outlook Forum on February 2015 in Arlington, Virginia.

During her visit, Cassandra will have the opportunity to meet with the Chairman for the Outlook Forum and other USDA staff, visit the USDA/Agricultural Research Service Beltsville Research Center, and participate in the forum.

We wish Cassandra a memorable experience and appreciate her representation of the Department of Animal Sciences at Illinois.

Congratulations Cassandra!

NEW GRAD STUDENTS SPRING 2015

<u>Student</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Ivan Ansia Vazquez	Drackley
Molly Baldes	Kline
Fernanda Batistel	Loor
Pedro Vilela Carvalho	Felix
Bailey Harsh	Boler
Jessica Hernandez	Steelman
Jennifer Johnson	Kukekova
Chloe Long	Felix
Lidia Sbaraini Arend	Knox
Kaylin Sharp	Drackley
Nathaniel Stas	Ellis
Katherine Vande Pol	Ellis
Maegan Weatherly	Cardoso

Faculty Updates



Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Dilger for being selected as a recipient of the 2015 College Faculty Award for Excellence in Research. He will be honored at the College awards banquet on Monday, April 13, 2015.



Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Rodriguez-Zas for being selected as a recipient of the 2015 Senior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research. She will be honored at the College awards banquet on Monday, April 13, 2015.

ACADEMIC DEADLINES

Spring 2015 Academic Deadlines

February 2015

February 2

- Deadline to reduce POT 1 (full semester) program and receive refund if reducing assessment range
- Deadline to add a UG POT 1 course
- Deadline to add a GRAD POT 1 course via Student Self-Service and without approval
- Deadline to add a GRAD POT A course via Department Office

February 13

- Deadline to drop a UG POT A course via Student Self-Service without a grade of W
- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT A 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 A course
- Deadline to file intent to use the Campus Grade Replacement option in a UG POT A course

February 27

- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT A course without a grade of W
- Deadline for GRAD students to elect credit/no-credit option for a POT A course or to change from credit/no-credit option to a regular grade

February 28

- Full payment due for Spring charges unless on a payment plan

March 2015

March 10, Noon

- Faculty deadline for reporting mid-term grades for freshmen

March 13

- 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 students to withdraw from Spring semester without grade of W
- Deadline for LAW students to drop a semester course without grade of W

March 16

- POT B courses begin (nontraditional courses may begin earlier or later)
- Priority registration Time Tickets (earliest registration times) for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 available on Student Self-Service

March 20

- 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

March 21 - 29

- Spring Break

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