We tied a bow on Spring Semester 2017 with ACES Convocation occurring on May 14. The Animal Sciences Department recognized 129 students who earned B.S. degrees, 18 M.S. graduates, and 5 brand new Ph.D’s. Congratulations to our students and their mentors! We held 2 additional recognition events for our students last month. The Illini Dairy Club Banquet recognized Dairy Club winners and the Animal Sciences Student Recognition Reception recognized outstanding achievements by Animal Sciences undergraduates. In addition to our scholarship recipients, we also recognized 5 Bronze Tablet winners (top 3% of all graduating students campus-wide). Details of these events are in this issue of “Tails of Animal Sciences”. In this issue we also highlight recent accomplishments of some of our faculty and graduate students. We received notice that 8 of our faculty have received prestigious awards this Spring and Summer. A big congratulations are in order for Dr. Dan Shike who will be promoted to Associate Professor in August and was named the 2017 Provost Distinguished Promotion Award winner. Illinois will have a clean sweep at the Animal Sciences Annual meetings this summer. Doug Parrett and George Fahay were both recognized as ASAS Fellows in Teaching and Research (respectively). Scan our newsletter for other faculty and student accolades.

Forty years ago, Karen and I got married at Penn State and headed west to pursue graduate studies in Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois. Those years in graduate school had a profound impact on my life. Most notable, were the enduring friendships that were made and the deep respect I gained for the quality of this department and the people who make it great. Spenser began his academic career at The Ohio State University and was granted Canine Emeritus status upon our departure there 3 years ago (see below). He loved his Buckeye friends, but the staff, students, and faculty at Illinois will forever be his special family. In August, we are taking this BIG 10 tour on the road again. We are returning home to Penn State to serve my other alma mater as Senior Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural Sciences. This move will allow us to be closer to family. I can’t adequately express the love and admiration I have for our Illini ACES and Animal Sciences family. When you distill the complexities of life down to the simplest form, people matter most of all. We will always treasure the friendships we made. Throughout my career I have challenged my students to get the big things right. Moving back home to the hills of Pennsylvania honors that philosophy of life. We will regret the goodbyes. We will cherish the memories. Thank you for your friendship, your loyalty, and the passion you have for our mission. Animal Sciences at Illinois gets the big things right! May God bless you and guide you in the years ahead.

Steve and Spenser
Dr. Dustin Boler was awarded a teaching enhancement grant for ANSC 309. Congratulations Dr. Boler.

Dr. Phil Cardoso received 2017 NACTA Educator award and will be honored at the annual NACTA conference in June. Congrats Dr. Cardoso!

Dr. Dan Shike has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure as well as receiving the Provost’s 2017 Distinguished Promotion Award. He also received 2017 NACTA Educator awards and will be honored at the annual NACTA conference in June. Congrats Dr. Shike!

Dr. Jim Drackley received the honor of joining the inaugural class of JDS Club 100. He will be recognized at the 2017 American Dairy Science Association Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in June 2017. Congratulations Dr. Drackley!

Drs. Doug Parrett and George Fahey will be named ASAS Fellows at this year’s ASAS-CSAS Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Baltimore, MD on Sunday, July 9, 2017. Dr. Parrett will be recognized for his excellence in teaching and Dr. Fahey will be recognized for his research. This honor is given to persons who have rendered very distinguished service to animal science and the livestock industry over a long period of time. Congratulations!

Dr. Megan Dailey was honored by selection as a 2017 Star Reviewer by the American Physiological Society at the annual meeting in April 2017. She was chosen over five hundred other professionals who reviewed manuscripts. Congratulations Dr. Dailey!
The Illini Dairy Club Banquet was held on Saturday April 29th at the Hawthorn Suites.

We would like to thank our award donors, as well as everyone who came out for the banquet.

Congratulations to our Dairy Club award winners!

ADSA Student Recognition Award – Carol Baumann, Molly McGhee, and Alyssa Volland (Seniors)
Jerry Cash Memorial Awards: 4-H – Bria Koester
Club Outstanding Sophomore – Andrew Rice
Club Outstanding Senior – Brenton Bartelt
PDCA Book Award – Logan Kimmel
Illini Dairy Club Academic Scholarships: Freshman – Sam Weber; Sophomore – Andrew Rice; Junior – Jessica Heinz
Outstanding Senior Scholar – Molly McGhee
Woodson Award – Alyssa Volland
Douglas-Kalmar Scholarship – Jacob Wessels
Dairy Extension & Youth Programs Award – Savannah Ropp
Leo Fryman Leadership Award – Logan Kimmel
Jimmy H. Clark Dairy Achievement Award – Carol Baumann
Bingham Awards – Jessica Heinz, Jacob Wessels

Illini Dairy Club members (L-R):
Jacob Wessels, Sam Weber, Molly McGhee, Logan Kimmel, Jessica Heinz, Joseph Harmon, Carol Baumann, Brenton Bartelt, Alyssa Volland, Andrew Rice, and Savannah Ropp.
Not pictured: Nick Cotter, Jacob Montgomery, Alexis Remmers, Jacqueline Walters, Camden Yoder
The Department of Animal Sciences recently hosted our annual Undergraduate Awards Banquet. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication of all of our scholarship winners. We would also like to thank all of our donors who make these scholarships possible. One of the great things about the Illinois Department of Animal Sciences is the fantastic support that we receive from our alumni and friends.

**Mario A. Barenas**  
*Paul E. & Rose A. Woodson Scholarship*

**Samantha J. Bessler**  
*Bankson Judging Team Scholarship*

**Erin E. Bryan**  
*Illinois Association of Meat Processors Scholarship*

**Katie H. Burns**  
*Merle E. LeSage Scholarship*

**Madalyn Tessa Cowser**  
*Richard and Charlotte Lundgren Scholarship*

**Samantha D. Crist**  
*Paul E. & Rose A. Woodson Scholarship*

**Greta K. Doden**  
*Waco W. Albert Memorial Equine Scholarship*  
*and the Paul E. & Rose A. Woodson Scholarship*

**Caroline J. Downey**  
*Gary O. Wright and Mary Gillespie Wright Animal Sciences Scholarship*

**Gerald F. Fecke**  
*D. E. Becker Swine Industry Scholarship*  
*and the Waco W. Albert Meat Animal Evaluation Scholarship*

**Iris M. Grossman**  
*Paul E. & Rose A. Woodson Scholarship*

**Madison J. Kapraun**  
*Dr. J. Wayne Rehn and Mrs. F. Jean Rehn Scholarship*  
*and the Richard and Charlotte Lundgren Scholarship*

**Julie M. Klein**  
*Richard J. and M. Joan Epley Scholarship*

**Joseph T. Ratliff**  
*Phil Rincker Award*

**Molly L. McGhee**  
*D. E. Becker Swine Industry Scholarship*

**William J. Milashoski**  
*Illinois Association of Meat Processors Scholarship*

**Joseph T. Ratliff**  
*Alex Edgar Beef Production Scholarship*

**Margaret Richards**  
*Janet R. Jackson and Mark A. Roos Scholarship*

**Elaine L. Richardson**  
*Sleeter Bull Undergraduate Meats Scholarship*

**Kendi E. Sayre**  
*A. L. Neumann Transfer Student Scholarship*

**Sierra R. Schreiber**  
*Richard and Charlotte Lundgren Scholarship*

**Tyson D. Schulte**  
*Waco W. Albert Meat Animal Evaluation Scholarship*

**Mareah J. Volk**  
*Paul E. & Rose A. Woodson Scholarship*

**Alyssa E. Volland**  
*Paul E. & Rose A. Woodson Scholarship*
**RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**


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**TEACHERS RANKED AS EXCELLENT BY THEIR STUDENTS FALL 2016**

*Sarah Albert, ANSC 250, 305, 499*  
*Crystal Allen, ANSC 110*  
*Dustin Boler, ANSC 219*  
*Phil Cardoso, ANSC 100, 400*  
*Maria Cattai de Godoy, ANSC 526*  
*Anna Dilger, ANSC 452*  
*Ryan Dilger, ANSC 526, 590*  
*Debra Hagstrom, ANSC 313*  
*Katelyn Jones-Hamlow, ANSC 310*  
*Romana Nowak, ANSC 431*  
*Sandra Rodriguez-Zas, ANSC 445*  
*Dan Shike, ANSC 401*  
*Kelly Swanson, ANSC 526*  
*The instructor ratings were outstanding*
STUDENT RECOGNITION

Fernanda Martins Rodrigues, a student working with Professor Beever, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "Transcriptional Variation in Muscle from Cattle with Alternative NCAPG/LCORL QTL Genotypes". We wish Fernanda success as she pursues a PhD degree in Molecular Genetics and Genomics at Washington University in St. Louis.

Congratulations Fernanda!

Noelle Thompson, a student working with Professors Novakofski and Mateus-Pinilla, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "Hunting and Habitat Use in Robert Allerton Park Whited-tailed Deer". We wish Noelle success as she pursues a Ph.D. degree at Michigan State University modeling deer movement to predict chronic wasting disease spread at the Boone and Crockett Quantitative Wildlife Center.

Congratulations Noelle!

Kendra Esparza-Harris, a student working with Professor Knox, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "Number of Boar Sperm on Fertility used in a Single, Intra-Uterine Artificial Insemination following Induced Ovulation". We wish Kendra success as she moves to Africa to work in agriculture in collaboration with researchers at the International Livestock Research Institute.

Congratulations Kendra!

Jorge Estrada Restrepo, a student working with Professor Ellis, successfully defended his Ph. D. thesis on "Effects of body weight and research conditions on the productive energy content of corn germ meal fed to growing-finishing pigs". We wish Jorge success as he decides among job offers in the US.

Congratulations Jorge!

Megan Glowacz, a student working with Professor Salak-Johnson, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "The Effects of a Yeast Probiotic, Saccharomyces cerevisiae boulardii, on Sow Prenatal Stress and the Intercommunications between Physiology, Immunology, Growth, and Health Mechanisms and Their Effect on Maternal-Fetal Reprogramming". We wish Megan success as she pursues opportunities in the field of animal sciences.

Congratulations Megan!

Jessica Hernandez, student of Dr. Andrew Steelman, has received a Trainee Scholar ward from the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society. She will be presenting her work in the form of a data blitz and poster in Galveston, TX in early June.

Congratulations Jessica!!
# SPRING 2017 ACADEMIC DEADLINES

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