

The Roger Johnson Patio



This year, in a joint project between undergraduates and alumni, the chapter facilities were able to be improved. Over the course of the last couple of years, the alumni had developed a plan to add a patio onto the backside of the house. Blueville Nursery, under the direction of Keith Westervelt #1014, drew up plans that would allow for the addition of a patio that provided additional leisure, study, and cooking space. This design was presented before the Alumni Board and undergraduate Executive Council in the spring of 2015. The undergraduates, under the direction of Luke Garrison #1735, began to work to raise funds for the project. Naming rights were auctioned off, resulting in the new project becoming the Roger Johnson Patio.

Over the summer months, funds were raised through the donations of alumni and undergraduates alike. Donations of \$500 or more, entitled the donor to a brick upon which he could have inscribed a message of his choosing. Similarly donors of \$1000 dollars were entitled to naming rights of the grill, smoker, and seatbacks, as well as donors of \$2500 were entitled the naming rights

of the end capstones and fire pit. With the help of over one hundred alumni and undergraduates, over \$45,000 was raised, and construction of the patio began. Over the course of about a month, Blueville Nursery workers constructed the new patio, and within a couple weeks of the beginning of the fall semester, the patio was complete.



The new patio, which features a pellet smoker, grill, seating, outlets, and firepit, has become a favorite for undergraduates and alumni alike. Undergraduates use the patio as a relaxing end to the long days of classes. Alumni have found use of the grill and smoker on home game days, and all that have used it have enjoyed the beauty and socialization it provides.

Thank you to all who contributed to this project and made it possible. If you would still like to contribute to this project, please contact Luke Garrison at 785-250-2794, or luke.garrison.1995@gmail.com.

If you have not gotten a chance to see the Roger Johnson Patio, stop by – it is worth your time.





From the desk of the Noble Ruler, Ethan Fowler



Brothers,

As we undergraduates find ourselves navigating the hustle and bustle that the end of the semester brings, I believe it's important to take a look back and recognize a few of our many achievements within this fall semester.

I would like to first highlight the addition of our new housemother Dianna. We were quite excited at the beginning of this school year to welcome Dianna into our family, and I

must say it has been a great experience to be able to work with her. As our housemother she brings not only her vast networking connections of K-State faculty, but also her professionalism and humility as a mother figure. I could not think of a better person to help welcome in our new member class of 25 individuals. We put a great deal of effort into making sure that we were seeking only the highest quality of young men to join us as brothers. In addition to a large new member class, the chapter house also welcomed the completion of the Roger Johnson patio. The patio has been a great asset this semester and we look forward to the many opportunities it provides.

Along with these positive additions to the chapter house, we as undergraduates have been able to increase our impact on the local community. This semester every brother had

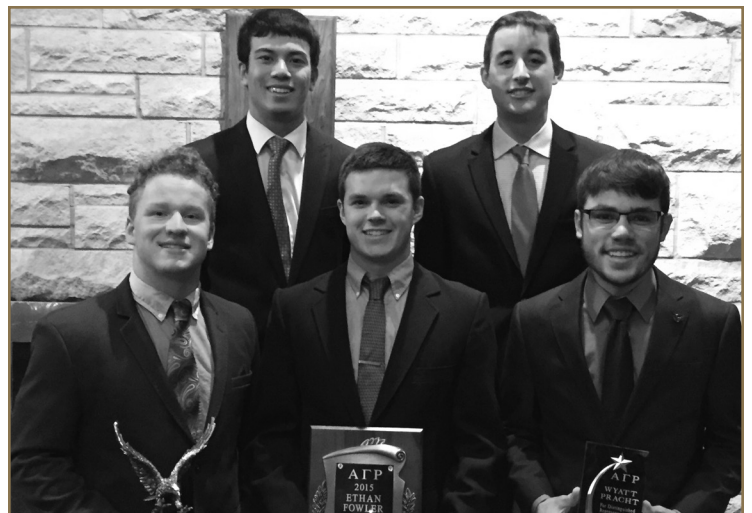
the opportunity to complete close to 20 hours of house led community service projects. Along with that we were able to provide to two local children in need with essential Christmas gifts this holiday season.

As the semester continues to draw to a close, we now look toward the future in the coming semesters here at 1919 Platt. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to join us at the chapter house this coming spring, as we would be more than happy to show you all of our wonderful new additions! Once again my friends, I can say with confidence that it is a great time to be a Brother of the Alpha Zeta Chapter.

Fraternally, Ethan Fowler #1715, Noble Ruler



*The 2016 Executive Council was elected in early December. These new officers will begin their period in office in January. The following Brothers were elected (L to R): **Front Row:** Del Adcock, VNR Recruitment; Jace Bowen, VNR Operations; Reed Sage, VNR Scholarship; Carter Mitchell, VNR Activities; Michael McKinney, VNR Planning; **Back Row:** VNR Marshall Swearingen, Membership Development; Coleman Forst, VNR Finance; and William Ohlde, Noble Ruler. Not pictured Kyle Cooney, VNR Alumni Relations.*



*Each year the alumni present the undergraduates with awards for involvement both in the fraternity, and on campus. This year's recipients were (L to R) **Front Row:** Luke Garrison, Letter to Garcia Award; Ethan Fowler, Noble Ruler Award; Wyatt Pracht, On Campus Involvement; **Back Row:** Nils Bergsten, Distinguished New Member; and Del Adcock, In House Involvement.*



Thank You!



Brothers,

As a newer member on the Alumni Board, serving as Vice President of Scholarships and Awards, I would like to take some time and thank all of you for your generous contributions to our Scholarship program. Many of you gave in the campaign that was concluded with a large donation to the Noble Ruler scholarship! But there are even more of you that saw the importance of Scholarships long before the recent campaign; some of you

started donating to house scholarships over 20 years ago! This lifelong commitment is what it takes to allow us the privilege we have now to be awarding over \$30,000 in scholarships a year!

On that note, I would like to invite and remind you Pink Rose is Saturday, February 27th. This is a great opportunity for Alumni and undergraduates to network. The undergraduates have had numerous achievements and what better way to learn about those than in person! Pink Rose is also where we will award a majority of the scholarships for the year, recognizing some of those achievements!

Now for a little housekeeping, some have asked for an update on where we stand on the endowments. I am happy to let you know that all but one of the endowed scholarships at the Kansas State University Foundation has been funded, so thank you again for all of your generous contributions! The Howard Bradley Ag Ed Scholarship is a little less than \$11,000 away from being endowed for those of you looking for a place to make donations to scholarships awarded through the K-State Foundation to an Ag Ed Major. You can reference the letter Roger Johnson and I sent out about a month ago for more information on how to make a donation, or feel free to reach out to either one of us!

Being new into this role I want to ask you to share any ideas or thoughts regarding the Scholarship program, I hope to be able to take the great program we have and continue to grow it, and that is only possible with the contributions and feedback from you!

Happy New Year!

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Loren Kruse Presented IFBF Distinguished Service To Agriculture Award



Loren Kruse graduated from K-State in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics as well as in Technical Journalism. He went on to further his education, receiving a master's degree in Rural Adult Education from Oklahoma State in 1978. Coming out of college, Loren worked for Oklahoma State's Extension Service as a 4-H Editor, and then as an Ag Science Editor, until he transferred to Successful Farming magazine. After working there for 13 years, he became the Editor-in-Chief. He stayed in this position for 23 years, and retired in 2012. He currently owns and operates Kruse Christmas Farm, managing over 2,000 Christmas trees, wreaths, and similar items, as well as Market View Farm, a corn and soybean farm. He lives in Ankeny Iowa with his wife Elizabeth, and children John and Kate.

Loren has been very involved in both his community and national organizations. He has been awarded many honors including AGR National Agricultural Fraternity Brothers of the Century Award, Honorary American FFA Degree, and Distinguished Alumnus from the K-State College of Agriculture. This year, Loren was bestowed yet another award, this one from the Iowa Farm Bureau. This award, the Iowa Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, honors "individuals who have played a significant role in the agricultural industry at the local, state and/or national level." This award was only presented to two individuals this year. Both were given a plaque, and their names will be added to a permanent display at the Iowa Farm Bureau Headquarters in Des Moines.

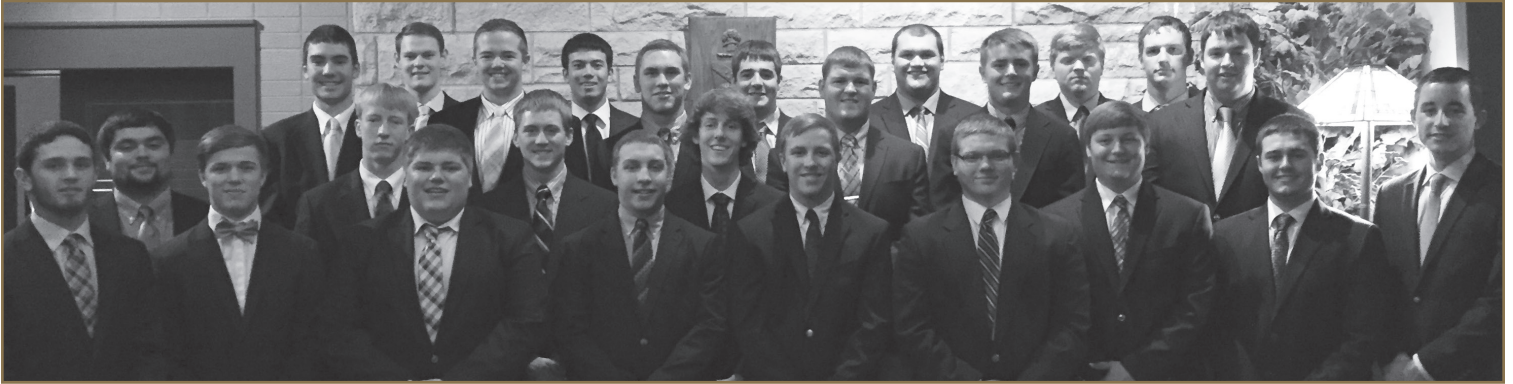
To see a short video on Loren's achievement, go to the following link: <http://bit.ly/1O1o9Pm>.



New Member Class Initiated

Alpha Zeta is proud to announce the addition of twenty-five new brothers. Coming from diverse backgrounds, and four different states, this new member class brings along an exciting group of young men ready to take on the world. Amongst the

new initiates, we have several members who have family that are AGR Brothers, including third generation members. We are excited to welcome this new class and all of the potential that they possess.



(L to R) **Front Row:** Josh Caudle, Carter Mitchell, Colby Baker, Lane Forge, Isaac Harvey, Jace Bowen, Reed Sage, Aaron Hendrickson, and Del Adcock; **Second Row:** Taylor Jacobson, James Wilson, Preston Jueneman, and Coleman Nordhus; **Third Row:** Sam Davis, Ross Dudley, Parker Maloney, Michael McKinney, Dean Klahr, and Brandon Beim; **Back Row:** Grant Nichols, Nils Bergsten, Zach Otott, Levi Baker, Mitchell Duer, and Austin Baalman.



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AGRs Across the Nation

- 1 Brett Lynn, Monmouth, Oregon
- 2 Tyler Thomas, Baker City, Oregon
- 3 Maison Rickerd, Fresno, California
- 4 James Wilson, Walsh, Colorado
- 5 Nick Schmedemann, Boerne, Texas
- 6 Trevor Birky, Strang, Nebraska
- 7 Jake Robertson, Roca, Nebraska
- 8 Jared Bourek, Dodge, Nebraska
- 9 Jacob Peters, Holt, Missouri
- 10 Ross Dudley, Higginsville, Missouri
- 11 Carter Mitchell, Appleton City, Missouri



- 12 Alex Mareth, Monett, Missouri
- 13 Craig Griswold, Unionville, Missouri
- 14 Caleb Curran, Washington, Missouri
- 15 Bryer Thiesen, Brainerd, Minnesota
- 16 Garrett Swanson, Mason City, Illinois
- 17 Grant Nichols, Washington, Illinois
- 18 Matthew Hadden, Taylorville, Illinois
- 19 Justis Willrett, Malta, Illinois
- 20 Del Adcock, Assumption, Illinois
- 21 Kyle Cooney, Union Bridge, Maryland

National Awards

Alpha Zeta was presented with the following national awards for the 2014 year: Gold Chapter, Highest Honor-Recruitment Excellence, Highest Honor-Promise & Values, Honorable Mention-Academic Excellence, Honorable Mention-Alumni Relations, Highest Honor-Chapter Website, High Honor-Best

Crescent Series, Highest Honor-Best Crescent: Single Issue. Along with these awards, Josh Roe was recognized for his ten years as serving as an advisor. Thank you to all brothers who helped to make this possible. We look forward to competing for the 2016 Maynard Coe award.



Financial Summary, Alpha Zeta Undergraduate Chapter

Sep. 1, 2014—Aug. 31, 2015 fiscal year



Nathan Smart,
VNR Finance

This year was the first year in a few that we did not need to raise the rates for in house living. This was accomplished by more dues paying out-of-house members along with cost cutting within the chapter house. The main cost savings was in food costs; the old budget had \$100,000 budgeted. I trimmed that budget to \$90,000 and stressed the importance of being under budget to our cook. He came very close to keeping the food expenses near \$80,000. Other savings were in utility costs due to the mild spring and fall,

along with more house-wide effort to save energy.

Our major philanthropic event for the year, Sell-a-Fella, raised more than \$5,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The auctioneering and clerking labor was donated, along with our stage, so the only associated costs were to rent some heaters and a sound system.

An increased expense was rent to the Alumni Association, which now stands at \$126,080. Also, we changed the compensation packages for our cook and housemother this year. However, with both, we are no longer presenting bonuses which makes true increased costs much less. This was done to both update ourselves with the changing costs that were being incurred, as well as to retain them as employees for the foreseeable future.

Fraternally, Nathan Smart, #1723

Financial Summary, Alpha Zeta Alumni Association

Sep. 1, 2014—Aug. 31, 2015 fiscal year: Ben Brent, Treasurer

Major Income Items:

Rent: The Alumni Association owns all real estate and rents it to the active chapter. Rent for the 2014-15 fiscal year was \$126,080.

Grants from the Chapter Improvement Fund of the AGR Educational Foundation: Many of you have made generous tax-deductible contributions to this fund. That money comes back to the Alumni Association over time. The chapter house after renovation was deemed to be 34.4% educational space. 20% of each year's Foundation contributions are returned to offset fund-raising costs. The remainder was first used to offset 34.4% of construction costs, then 34.4% of annual operating expenses until the fund is liquidated. Last year's grant income was \$53,054.

Direct Donations to the Alumni Association: These are not tax-deductible, and have been mostly in the form of donations of livestock and grain, totaling \$4,878 for the fiscal year.

Major Expense Items:

Maintenance, Repairs and Replacements: \$29,339 for the fiscal year.

Real Estate and Property Taxes: Our real property is currently appraised at \$1,065,280 and is unchanged from last year. 2014-15 taxes totaled \$16,554, but will be \$17,433 for 2015-16, a 5.4% increase.

Property Insurance: \$6,756.

Liability Insurance: The AGR Fraternity carries a national blanket policy based on membership (currently \$173/member). The Alumni Association pays the bill, and is reimbursed for 70% of the cost by the active chapter. Net cost to the Alumni in 2014-15 was \$2,195.

Other Insurance: The Alumni Association carries Worker's Comp. Insurance on the House Mother and the cook (\$817) and Director's and Officer's Insurance on for the Alumni Board (\$590).

Fund Raising: In 2010, a fund-raising firm (Ivy Partners) was retained to do a feasibility study and manage a campaign to retire our mortgage and fund undergraduate scholarships. That project is completed and our only costs are for managing remaining open pledges and accounting for contributions. During 2014-15 the cost was \$3,600.

Scholarships: A number of scholarships are available to chapter members through alumni contributions to the AGR Educational Foundation and the KSU Foundation. In addition, the Alpha Zeta Alumni Association funded \$13,000 in scholarships.

Mortgage: Monthly mortgage payments are \$4,121.93. As of the December payment, our mortgage balance is \$137,119 at a rate of 4.325%. A \$40,000 direct principal payment was made in August, 2015. Extra principal payments are planned for 2016 and 2017, with a goal of completion in August of 2017.



Wanted: A Piano!

The current piano located in the formal living room of the Alpha Zeta house has become unrepairable. If anybody has knowledge of a piano that would be a good replacement, please contact Roger Johnson, wrjohn@ksu.edu.



Pink Rose & Ag Symposium Scheduled for 2016!

Pink Rose will be February 26 & 27, 2016! We are hoping for a larger turnout than ever before, and in order to plan for an appropriate venue and program we need your help in registering early. You may register by returning the form the inserted form to AGR attn. Alumni Relations, 1919 Platt, Manhattan, KS 66502, or go online to <http://bit.ly/1HpANIX>. Rooms have been blocked off at Parkwood Inn & Suites, 505 S. 17th Street, Manhattan, KS. 66502, 785-320-5440. These rooms are saved for a group rate of only \$85 per night. Additional rooms have been blocked off in the Hilton Garden Inn, 410 S. 3rd St., Manhattan, KS 66502, 785-532-9116, for \$99 per night. The Pink Rose formal will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

To coincide with Pink Rose Formal weekend, the undergraduate and alumni chapter will co-sponsor the second year for the Alpha Gamma Rho Symposium. Undergraduate Chair Nathan Laudan, #1669, and Alumni Chair Garrett Lister, #1616, have been hard at work to continue to improve upon last year's event.

"When Jerrod (Westfahl) approached me with the idea of chairing the event I was hesitant. But when he agreed to let me approach Garrett to be the alumni chair I knew this had potential to be a great event," says Laudan.

The theme for this year's event, as selected by the chapter, will be Biosecurity. Lister says this event will encompass industry, academia and public service points of view encompassing cattle, hogs and poultry production. Invitations to speakers have been sent out and a moderator for a panel has been selected.

Speakers include Randy Stoecker, Past President for Murphy-Brown Western Operations, Dr. Dan Thomson, Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at Kansas State University, Jackie McClaskey, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Stormy Walker, Senior Technical Consultant for Elanco Animal Health and Dr. Marty Vanier, the director of operations at Kansas State University's National Agricultural Biosecurity Center. Alumni Loren Kruse will be the Master of Ceremonies.. The event will follow last year's format but with some slight alterations.

Speaker time will be shorter with more focus on an in-depth panel discussion at the end says Laudan. The time also has been moved to beginning at 4 p.m. accommodating student schedules to allow maximum participation from across not only the college but also the university as a whole.

"Our hope with moving the time back would be to allow the most students to attend as possible but also allow for alumni to make it back in time for even the panel event," says Lister.

The co-chairmen say arriving late will not be an issues as the event will be held in Town Hall of the Staley School of Leadership Studies, which is meant to be flexible for schedules of attendees. They say that the format of the symposium lends itself to alumni coming in after work or students running in from a class won't miss the finale event, the panel.

"We think we have some great speakers lined up who will do a great job having a lively discussion about the issue of biosecurity and are very excited to talk with students about this topic," says Laudan.

We Did It

\$1.2 Million Dollar Capital Campaign Completed!

The capital campaign that was launched in 2012 has been completed, with over 270 Alumni contributing to this cause! After four years of hard work and diligence by over 100 Alumni, led by chair Dr. Bob Broeckelman, the \$1.2 million goal was surpassed, coming to a grand total of \$1,219,647. This campaign began with three crucial needs: retirement of the debt, building endowed scholarships, and completing



priority renovations to strengthen the AGR impact at K-State. Through the efforts of the campaign and other donors, over \$35,000 was awarded during Pink Rose to the undergraduates in the form of scholarships. The next Crescent will have a detailed list of donors, but for now, thank you to all donors who helped strengthen Alpha Zeta and to provide a way forward for our fraternity.



Housemother's Letter



A heartfelt thank you for sharing your young men with me. I could not ask for a greater group of guys - I love these knuckleheads. I feel respected and loved with just the right amount of craziness to keep it fun and interesting! Like any Mom I know more of what goes on around here than what they think. In four months I have watched the freshmen go from timid and quiet newcomers to brothers who are confident in their new roles at college. It is very rewarding to see them mature

with each year and start their careers.

So many great events happened this semester. The dedication of the awesome patio addition and Founders' Day were both classy and enjoyable. A big shout out to the parents and alumni who donated and to those who generously bought items at the Mom's Club auction. Another thank you to the Mom's Club for their hard work in organizing the auction displays. With the proceeds the Mom's Club purchased couches for the library, a deck box to store patio cushions, a television wall mount, and a waffle maker. I survived my first barn dance - Rouletter. It was extremely entertaining and interesting!!! The house adopted two area youth for Christmas. The gifts have been purchased and delivered on time.

*Warmest Regards,
Mom Dianna*

Moms' Club

The Moms' Club has enjoyed partnering with the men of AGR to provide support for their college home experience! Before the school year started, benches were purchased for the front porch. This fall Moms' Club sponsored 25 items for the silent and live Auction at the Founders' Day celebration. Donated items included a Jordy Nelson jersey, box tickets for the KSU football game, homemade table runners, home decor, KSU and Royals gear,

barbeque and hunting items. With generous bids from parents and Alums, Moms' Club raised more than \$2,660. They have purchased a storage crate for the deck, a waffle iron and new leather furniture for the study to begin the 2016 New Year.



AGR and the other with a K-State flair. Lastly, treats were left under the tree to support the quality studying during the finals preparation.

There will be more to come ... with Valentines treats and a Moms' weekend in early in 2016. The Moms' Club has awesome participation and honored to support a dedicated fraternity focused on developing quality men.

*-Lisa Pfannenstiel-Garrison
Moms' Club President*





Professionals Program Needs Your Help!

Calling all alumni to the AGR Professionals Program! After a quiet phase, via Jason Grady's leadership we are pleased to roll out a fresh opportunity for one-on-one connections between our alumni and undergraduates. It's called the AGR Professionals Program. The undergraduates have shown their interest in this program, with over 35 undergraduates committing to meeting with an alumni mentor on a one to one basis. The undergraduates expressed the desire to gain career advice, advance professional

networking, and prepare for business opportunities such as interviews. The undergraduate desire is present, but the alumni support needs to be broadened. Your help is necessary to make this program successful. Alumni in all career fields can help to provide professional advice, and a guiding presence through this transitional period. Get started right now via this two-minute online form <http://bit.ly/1L90rNw> , or contact Jason, gradylimousin@yahoo.com, with questions.

Lost Brothers

Unfortunately we have lost touch with these brothers. If you have their address and phone number would you please send it to us at 1919 Platt, Manhattan, KS 66502. Attn.: Alumni Relations.
We would really appreciate your help in getting back in touch with these brothers!

Mr. Alfred Baker Jr.	492	Dr. Wayne Good	220	Mr. Eric Niehues	1466
Mr. Mark Baker	991	Mr. William Griffing DVM	228	Mr. Ethan Peck.	1449
Mr. Adam Balzer	1318	Mr. James Hahn Jr.	1109	Mr. Tim Pralle	1441
Mr. Darin Barta	1135	Mr. Raymond Hare	1298	Mr. John Priest.	1547
Mr. Frank Beesley	1290	Mr. Robert Harmon.	721	Mr. Edward Reece	817
Mr. Matthew Beyer	1521	Mr. Richard Hartman	429	Mr. William Reed.	591
Mr. Brett Bishop	1207	Mr. Jack Hendrix	572	Mr. Stephen Reedy.	621
Mr. Weylan Bosse	1384	Mr. Glenn Herrmann	1211	Mr. Jason Rethman	1360
Mr. Charles Brackney	260	Mr. Eric Herrs.	1163	Mr. Max Roberts	227
Dr. Quentin Brands.	1254	Mr. Chris Holderman	1553	Mr. Kyle Rockhill.	1480
Mr. Garman Breitenbach	391	Mr. Brady James.	1620	Mr. Christopher Royston.	1234
Mr. William Buckles	1348	Mr. Grant Johnson	1028	Mr. Randal Schmidt.	1170
Mr. Harold Carroll	272	Mr. Patrick Johnson.	1097	Mr. Jason Simon	1432
Mr. Randall Chrisler	1017	Mr. Thomas Klaassen	790	Mr. Douglas Slawson.	1366
Mr. Allen Clark	146	Dr. Edwin Kline.	206	Mr. William Smalley	392
Mr. Wade Colgrove	1370	Mr. Roland Kruse.	181	Mr. David Smith	259
Mr. Stephen Combs	816	Mr. Martin Lane.	1209	Mr. John Smith	1015
Mr. Robert Condon.	291	Dr. James Laughlin DVM	414	Mr. Thomas Smith.	1144
Mr. Chris Co	1603	Mr. Eric Lomas.	1439	Mr. Curtis Stockdale	1332
Mr. Jacob Debolt.	1278	Mr. Jeff Long	1452	Mr. Rodney Tinney Jr.	822
Mr. Tyler Dechant	1581	Mr. Darren Macfee.	1242	Mr. Rudolf Titsworth.	524
Mr. Colten Deutsch.	1648	Capt Evan Mai.	945	Mr. Roger Tointon	495
Mr. C. Shane Dicks	1232	Mr. Michael Mazouch.	1356	Mr. Michael Torrey	1022
Mr. Mark Drake	426	Mr. Lawrence McCorgary	824	Mr. Garrett Vanzee.	1263
Dr. James Drolte	433	Mr. Francis Menghini	453	Mr. Clint VenJohn	1609
Mr. Aaron Dunn	1329	Mr. Ryan Meyer	1323	Mr. Wayne Ward	212
Mr. Mason Ely	423	Mr. Joseph Miller.	1202	Mr. Sam Weinhold	1319
Mr. Peter Fletcher.	834	Mr. Zach Mueller.	1497	Mr. James Williams	838
Mr. Kurtis Frick	1401	Mr. G Mullen.	207	Mr. Benjamin Williams.	1523
Mr. Ryan Garrett	1403	Mr. Michael Murphy	380	Mr. Ben Winsor	1442
Mr. Harold Gentry.	347	Mr. David Newby	1351		
Mr. Robert Giess	802	Mr. Kent Nichols	1446		



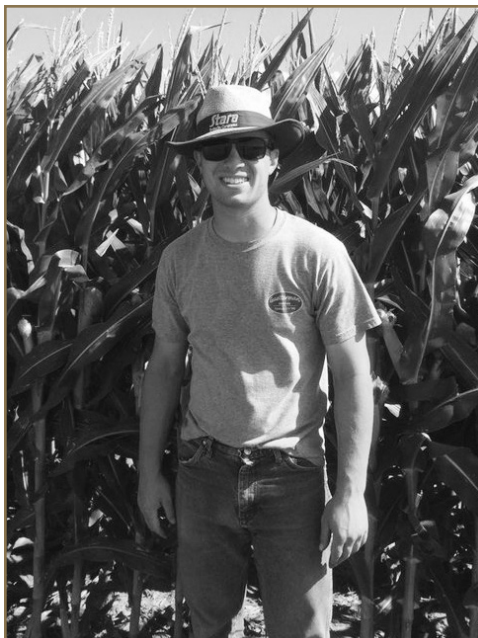
Internships

The undergraduate brothers are working hard to prepare themselves for their respective career fields. Over the summer of 2015, the following brothers interned in many different states and even a few different countries.

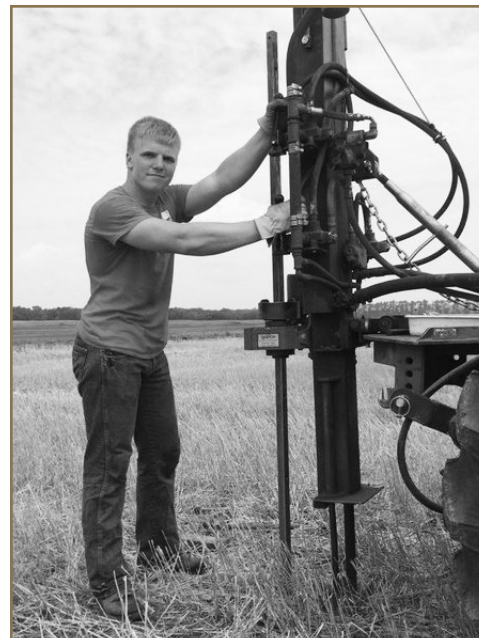
Craig Archambeau	Field Engineer Intern for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
Austin Baalman	Crop Quest, Dodge City, KS
Jacob Berglund	Field Sales Intern for Team Marketing Alliance, Moundridge, KS
Jared Bourek	Animal Health & Welfare Intern for Cattle Empire, LLC
Blake Brown	Combine Design Engineer for Case New Holland in New Holland, PA
Braxton Butler	Stevenson Angus Ranch in Russia
Caleb Curran	Innovative Livestock Services, Inc. Ward Feedyard, Larned, KS
Aaron Diederich	Channel Seed Intern for Midwest Seed Farms, Linn, KS
Austin Ebert	Field Agronomist Intern for Crop Quest, Silver Lake, KS
Coleman Forst	Operations-Agronomy Intern for Skyland Grain, Johnson City, KS
Ethan Fowler	Marketing Internship in Quad Cities, IL
Hayden Guetterman	Crop Scout Intern for Garrett's Agri-Vision, Great Bend, KS
Garrett Kays	Legislative Intern for the US Senate committee on agriculture, nutrition, and forestry in Washington DC
Sam Knauss	Soybean Breeding Co-op for Monsanto in Galena, MD
Nathan Laudan	Distribution Strategy Intern for Dekalb, Asgrow, Deltapine, Monsanto Headquarters, St. Louis, MO
Brett Lynn	Agronomy Intern for WinField Solutions in Eastern Nebraska
Shane Meenen	Salesman for Helena Chemical Company
Kurtis Morgan	Merck Animal Health Internship, Traveling across the midwest
Bryan Otott	Crop Scout Intern for Bern Seed, Bern, KS
Jacob Peters	Research Assistant to Dr. Kraig Roozeboom, Manhattan, KS
Wyatt Pracht	Farm Intern for Huet Pork Farms, Auvers-le-Hamon, France
Grant Prichard	Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, OR
Luke Rush	Scouting and Sales Intern for Wilbur-Ellis Company, Leona, KS
Luke Sankey	McCurry Angus Ranch in Burton, KS
Shane Schaake	Zoetis Genetics Intern
Nathan Smart	Agronomy Sales Intern for AgriGold Corn Seed in Garnett, KS
Jackson Wingert	McCurry Angus Ranch in Burton, KS
Gage Woodard	Sankey Ranch, Andale, KS
Ashton Yoder	Land O'Lakes-Purina, Denver, CO



Garrett Kays



Hayden Guetterman



Jacob Peters



Alumni Update: Join Us In Omaha, August 10-12



We continue making steady progress in our mission to deliver a premier social and professional experience for young men in agriculture. One way we've done that over the last several years is through July gatherings at various non-Manhattan locations hosted by generous local alumni. This year, we are making a small adjustment and holding our summer gathering alongside the AGR National Convention in Omaha August 10-12. Please make plans to join your Alpha

Zeta brothers at this event. What can you expect? Many things,

including: A chance to reunite with your AZ brothers and meet AGRs from other chapters across the country; The opportunity to support our undergraduates as they are recognized for their hard work as scholarships and various chapter awards are granted; A robust program of topics, speakers, industry tours, and social events coordinated by the home office, plus some formal and informal side events just for our chapter; and, the family-friendly elements that Omaha is known for, making this a perfect opportunity to make a late-summer vacation with the kids out of the trip too. Visit <http://bit.ly/convention2016> for a glimpse of the schedule. Let's have a great turnout in August!

Fraternally,
Jerrod Westfahl
Alumni Board President

Alumni Association Board

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RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Alumni are an integral part of Chapter recruitment. With your help, AGR can recruit high-quality members that will continue the tradition of success that is held by the Chapter. Any information you can provide us is extremely helpful. During the spring, we may be contacting some of you to aid us in the recruitment process; look for further information at a later date.

Prospect's name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of parent(s)/guardian: _____

High school attended: _____

Academic status (incoming freshman, JUCO transfer, etc.): _____

Does the prospect have an AGR relative? List name, relationship, chapter: _____

Reference submitted by: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Casey Niemann

Casey Niemann, #1215, grew up in Nortonville, Kansas. He graduated Kansas State University in 1996, with a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness. Later on, he continued his education at the University of Iowa, graduating in 2013 with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Casey met his future wife at an FFA speech contest, and she attended many AGR functions, including Pink Rose and Rouletter. They

now have three healthy kids; Alex (13), Taylor (10), and Caroline (8). After a brief time at Koch Agriculture, he became a field salesman for Syngenta in western Kansas and Nebraska. In 2000 he moved on to Microsoft, where he led field sales organizations in Nebraska and Iowa, and became the team lead on Microsoft's Cloud Computing initiative. After 14 years with Microsoft, Casey realized his love for both technology and agriculture, and set out on the path of creating his own company. With the help of fellow AGR Jerrod Westfahl, Casey has launched AgriSync, the first remote support solution for agriculture. AgriSync connects farmers with their trusted advisors for live support through a collaborative mobile solution. Using AgriSync, farmers can reduce their downtime and advisors can serve more farmers.



Tim Riemann

Tim Riemann, #1268, grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, but moved to Derby, Kansas, when he was 16. He graduated from K-State in 1998 with a degree in Agricultural Economics. After leaving K-State, Tim continued his education in the United Kingdom, earning his master's degrees from both Oxford University and the London School of Economics. This was possible due to his reception of

the Marshall Scholarship. After studying in the UK, Tim came back to the United States and attended Stanford Law School in California. He finished at Stanford in 2004. Tim passed the Kansas bar exam while living with AGR brother Matt Urbanek in 2004, and began his law career at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP. Brother Jerrod Westfahl, having already worked there, helped mentor Tim during his tenure. After a couple of years at this firm, he accepted a position working for the Honorable Nanette K. Laughery, a U. S. District Court Judge in Kansas City, Missouri. When this clerkship ended, he did a short spell in New York City before returning to Kansas as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Kansas Attorney General Steve Six. He left this position in 2010, and joined the law firm Berkowitz Oliver LLP in Kansas City, first as an associate, and currently as a partner. He takes great pride in helping a wide variety of clients navigate legal problems.

Tim and his wife, Christie, have three kids, Grace (12), Hannah (2) and Felix (infant).



Chad Nuelle

Chad Nuelle, #1641, grew up in Higginsville, Missouri. He graduated from K-State in May of 2014, with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Technology Management, with a Minor in Agronomy. Immediately after graduating, Chad took a position with AgReliant genetics and began their training program. Upon completion of the training program he took a position with LG seeds in August of

2014 as a district sales manager. In this position, Chad has been working to expand a growing territory in west central Missouri and eastern Kansas. During the evenings and weekends, he helps with his family's cow/calf and hay operation. In his free time, he has been restoring a warehouse in order to create an apartment.



Jason Grady

Jason Grady, #1325, grew up in Chanute, Kansas, on a commercial cow/calf and purebred Limousin cattle operation. He and his wife Wendee, have three children; Reese (8), Maryn (5), and Sawyer (20 months). He attended K-State, studying Animal Science and Industry, graduating in 1999. He continued his education graduating with his DVM in 2003.

After graduating from KSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003, he practiced at Sapulpa Equine Hospital, in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area as an associate veterinarian for two years. In 2005 he returned to the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine to pursue residency training in Equine Internal Medicine. During the three year residency program, he also gained a Master's degree in Clinical Sciences. Following completion of his residency in 2008, he rejoined Sapulpa Equine Hospital specializing in equine internal medicine, and later achieved Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, in 2009. After practicing at Sapulpa Equine Hospital for 6 more years, he was employed with Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. focusing on vaccine development for companion animal and swine. During this time, he realized how much he enjoyed clinical practice, and the interaction with clients and his equine patients. In July 2015, he returned to the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine as an assistant professor in Clinical Sciences managing the equine reproduction service and assisting with equine field service and the internal medicine service. He currently provides clinical services to patients that come to the Veterinary Health Center at KSU, as well as lectures to the 3rd and 4th year veterinary students. Jason is currently a member of the College of Agriculture Alumni Board. He has been a member of the Alpha Zeta Alumni Board since 2007 and currently serves as Vice President of Chapter Relations.



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