

## Alpha Zeta Undergraduates Taking Their Leadership to the National Level

As brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho, we continuously strive to live out our promise and values. The second value we strive to live by is, "Always present a positive image of Alpha Gamma Rho in everything we say or do." Alpha Zeta brothers have taken this value to the national stage with undergraduate members serving on the national board of directors for the past three years. Garrett Kays, #1691, Logan Britton, #1644, and Reagan Kays, #1636 have all recently served as undergraduate directors. Garrett Kays currently serves as an undergraduate director. Logan Britton served in 2014 and Reagan Kays served in 2013. Every year four undergraduate brothers are chosen to serve on the national board. These undergraduates help make pivotal decisions to move our organization forward. It is unique for a chapter to have brothers serve as an undergraduate director for three consecutive years.

In recent history, the Alpha Zeta Chapter has been well represented at the national level of our fraternity by both undergraduates and alumni. Before Brother Reagan Kays was selected to be an undergraduate director, it had been a couple years since Jacob Gouldie, #1550, served in the same capacity. Kays served on the board in 2013. Kays had the opportunity to visit two chapters while on the board, Ohio State and the University of Minnesota. The visits occurred while both of these chapters were undergoing renovations. The Lambda Chapter at the University of Minnesota was finishing up the fundraising to renovate their current chapter house. Kays thoroughly enjoyed visiting the second established chapter of our fraternity in Ohio. While visiting Ohio State they had a huge celebration for the chapter. The speakers for the event included the vice president for student affairs for Ohio State University and their current alumni board president. Kays said, "My time on the national board was an experience of a lifetime." Needless to say, Kays will have a hard time forgetting the experiences and opportunities afforded to him by his time on the board.

With a drive to continue his leadership of Alpha Gamma Rho, Brother Logan Britton applied to be a part of the national board of directors. Britton enjoyed his year of service as an undergrad director and said, "It was a good snapshot of what the national fraternal organization is." Britton served on the board during a convention year. He was instrumental in evaluating the success of the AGR National Convention in Indianapolis, IN in the summer of 2014. Along with the national convention, came the transition of new leadership for our fraternity. Logan

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*Reagan Kays Undergraduate Director: Alpha Gamma Rho Grand President Arlen Wonderlich swears in the 2013 undergraduate directors for their year of service. (From left to right: Grand President Arlen Wonderlich; Brother Reagan Kays, Kansas State University; Judson Belding, Clemson University; Kirby Schmidt, University of Minnesota; and Doug Wicker, Purdue University)*



*Logan Britton Undergraduate Director: Arlen Wonderlich swears in the 2014 Undergraduate Directors for their year of service. (From left to right Matthew Borges, Fresno State University; Andrew Geary, Kentucky; Logan Britton, Kansas State University; Dakota Brasher, University of Tennessee-Martin; Grand President Arlen Wonderlich)*



*Garrett Kays Undergraduate Director: The 2015 Undergraduate Directors being sworn in as part of the national board in the spring of 2015. (From left to right: Gene Lemon, AGR General Counsel; Nathan McMullen, South Dakota State University; Jared Biciolis, University of Arizona; Garrett Kays, Kansas State University; Kayden Guymon, University of Missouri; and Grand President Cal Willemsen)*



## From the desk of the Noble Ruler, Ethan Fowler



Brothers,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to another edition of the bi-annual Alpha Zeta Chapter *Crescent*. My name is Ethan Fowler and I am serving as the 2015 Noble Ruler. I was raised in central Kansas just outside the town of McPherson. I am currently a sophomore pursuing a degree in agriculture economics with additional minors in agronomy and animal science.

The conclusion of the spring semester is fast approaching with each warm spring day seeming to pass by quicker than the last. The same could be said for the wonderful relationship we have established with our beloved housemother, Carolyn. She is retiring at the end of this semester to spend more time with her family. We have in turn hired our new housemother, Dianna. Dianna has previous experience as a housemother while enjoying 28 years of employment with K-State Athletics. Taking a look back on what we have accomplished and the opportunities we have in front of us, it is clear that this has been another excellent semester for Alpha Zeta.

This past semester we set a new record with our Sell-A-Fella philanthropy by raising more than \$5000 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. As an effort to continue to better

ourselves, and those around us, our executive council has been brainstorming ideas for an additional fall philanthropy. Alongside our philanthropic efforts, community outreach is another cornerstone of Alpha Zeta. This semester, we once again participated in many community service events such as: Adopt-A-Highway and Change the World Day for the First United Methodist Church as well as general community service projects for the city of Manhattan. Another initiative that the undergraduate members have been working towards is the addition of a new backyard patio. Working closely with some of our outstanding alumni, the design has been completed and we, the undergraduates, are in the process of securing the funds for its completion. We are excited to be able to add yet another beautiful feature to our home here at 1919 Platt.

The future of Alpha Zeta is once again looking very promising. It seems that every year we are able to improve different aspects of our home while keeping our core values front and center. As we move toward the fall semester, we are excited for the opportunity to welcome a class of 26 new members. Our ability to recruit such a large class of quality young men is directly correlated with the involvement of our alumni. As undergraduate members, we are truly thankful for the continued support from the Alpha Zeta Alumni base. We would not be able to do all that we do as a house if it were not for the alumni support. Founders' Day will be held October 24 and the 'Cats will be taking on Texas. We look forward to seeing you this fall.

*Ethan Fowler, #1715, Noble Ruler*



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was able to see the transition of the grand president from Arlen Wonderlich to Cal Willemsen. Serving the national board has sparked an interest for Britton to one day also serve the national fraternity in some fashion.

Brother Garrett Kays just started his term on the National Board this spring. In April, Kays attended his first meeting in Atlanta, GA. At this meeting, the board discussed a variety of things including progress of AGR Connect, the AGR Education Foundation, and other pressing matters for chapters across the country. Other undergraduate directors serving on the board with Kays include, Kayden Guymon of the University of Missouri, Nathan McMullen of South Dakota State University and Jared Biciolis of the University of Arizona. He explained, "No matter where you go, the AGR network will follow you everywhere. It

is rewarding to know that we have brothers that are industry leaders all across the country." Brother Kays will serve on the board and represent Alpha Zeta Chapter until April of 2016.

The role of a national undergraduate director is a big commitment and a testament to the brotherhood shown by these three brothers. All three of these brothers can agree that their time on the board was an excellent experience. Having brothers be a part of the national board is a positive reflection on Alpha Zeta Chapter. We hope to continue this tradition of AGR leaders from the best chapter in the country, Alpha Zeta.

*Reagan Kays, #1636*



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## Executive Council Takes Fort Worth

On the weekend of February 13 and 14, the new executive council along with alumnus Justin Hagedorn, attended the AGR Leadership Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. While there, executive members experienced leadership seminars, as well as some of the culture of Fort Worth. The 10 brothers from Alpha Zeta were able to eat at an authentic Mexican restaurant, located near the historic stockyards, and take in some of the sights of downtown Fort Worth.

This year's theme was "Spark the Fire, Fuel the Flame." The seminar presented the undergraduate members with current issues facing our fraternity, as well as positive solutions to handle these issues. Furthermore, the seminar stressed leadership qualities, including how to become better leaders within our fraternity. Members were taught not only how to begin a new initiative in their chapter, but how to maintain it, how to keep the flame hot. The ability to connect with other chapters and brothers from across the nation is always a pleasure, and it is great to be able to witness all of the positive things Alpha Gamma Rho is doing across the nation.



*From left to right, back row: Ethan Fowler, Justin Hagedorn, Jerrod Westfahl, Nathan Smart and Coleman Forst. front row: Jacob Peters, Craig Griswold, Will Ohlde, David Luebcke, Landon Cook, Luke Garrison.*

## 7th Annual AGR Alumni SummerFest

*Leavenworth, KS  
July 17 and 18*

### Friday, July 17

- 11:25 A.M. Pre tour Lunch at La Carreta, 121 Express Ln, Suite H, Lansing, Ks.
- 12:30 P.M. Leave for Zephyr Products Inc., 3030 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth
- 1: 00 P.M. **Tour of Brother Randy Reinhardt's Zephyr Products Inc.**  
Please note that you should not wear open toed shoes.
- 3:00 P.M. **Tour of Cereal Ingredients**, 4720 S. 13th St. Leavenworth
- 4:30 P.M. Time for check in at headquarters hotel, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 120 Express Ln., Lansing, for reservations 913-250-1000
- 5:30 P.M. **Meet at New Haven Angus Ranch**, 24181 187th St. Leavenworth  
"Cattle Talk" and tour followed by social and BBQ hosted by:  
*Bill, Loris, Damon, Brandon and Jennifer New Families*

### Saturday, July 18

- 9:30 A.M. **AGR Board and Committee Meeting**, First State Bank and Trust, Basehor Branch, 15506 Pinehurst Dr., Basehor
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch at Kelley's Grille and Bar, 15540 State Ave., Basehor
- 2:00 P.M. Wine tasting at Holy Field Winery, 18807 158th St., Basehor

Please RSVP by July 11, 2015 to Ron Hirst, [ron.hirst@yahoo.com](mailto:ron.hirst@yahoo.com) 620-921-0128 or 620-662-9447 and leave a message. Our tour hosts would like a count for their planning.





## Jerrod Westfahl Wins 2015 Grand President's Award

Brother Jerrod Westfahl, current Alumni Board President, is one of four outstanding individuals that were selected to receive the Alpha Gamma Rho Grand President's Award. Jerrod was honored as a 2015 recipient at the Regional Leadership Seminar in Fort Worth, Texas. Alpha Gamma Rho honors brothers for business excellence and professional achievement through this award. The Grand President's Award is only awarded to alumni age 40 or under that have shown noteworthy success in their professional careers. This award highlights Jerrod's commitment to AGR, leadership and impactful work in his incredible career.



Jerrod Westfahl joined the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho in 1993 during his time as an undergraduate at Kansas State University. After earning his B.S. in agricultural economics at Kansas State, he went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas. In his early career, Westfahl served Fortune 500 clients as an attorney with Shook, Hardy and Bacon, LLP. His work focused on complex commercial litigation, including some of the largest land use disputes involving long-haul communications lines along railroad property. Providing pro bono legal services was also a priority, and he particularly enjoyed helping foster parents adopt their foster children.

Leaving private law practice in 2007, Westfahl joined a venture capital-backed company, which was founded by a fellow AGR. He eventually led the company for several years as president and CEO, and under his leadership, the firm transitioned and grew through several important phases to become an 80-employee disruptor of the multi-billion dollar equipment auction industry. The company was named to the INC 5000 list of fastest growing

private company for four consecutive years.

Today, Westfahl continues a part-time law practice as of counsel to the law firm Devine and Donley, LLC. Most of his energy, though, is focused on developing great businesses in the ag technology space. The latest of those businesses, AgriSync, Inc., will enter the market in spring 2015.

In addition to Westfahl's career, community service has been an enduring passion. He became chair of the Kansas FFA Foundation after serving on a task force that restructured the foundation from a dormant concern into an organization that develops and deploys hundreds of thousands of dollars into ag education and leadership

programs each year. As treasurer for the Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership program, Westfahl is helping the program – a key part of the leadership development apparatus in Kansas – continue its success as a purely privately-funded institution. He also serves his church on various committees and commissions.

Continuing his commitment to AGR, Westfahl is in his second stint on the board of directors of the Alpha Zeta Chapter alumni association. Building off a strong foundation, he and other volunteers are working to expand their local scholarship program, develop facilities plans to guarantee the chapter's status as a "fraternity of the future" on the campus, enhance alumni engagement, and explore new initiatives such as the business- and academia-oriented AGR Spring Symposium, which held its inaugural gathering in March 2015. In 2014, the Alpha Zeta alumni chapter received the highest honor Alumni Corporation award from the national AGR Fraternity.

Jerrod lives in Manhattan, Kansas, with his wife, Amy (Moxley) Westfahl, and their three young children.

## No Perfect Time to Re-engage



Allow me to dust off the theme from my Pink Rose 2013 comments: As alumni, there is no perfect time to re-engage with our chapter. Family responsibilities, work/career demands, church and community commitments, retirement, and the infamous "later," all tug us away from this thing called Alpha Gamma Rho.

Reality is, "later" is probably not going to be better. Be a part of the here and now instead. And there are more ways to do so than ever before. Formal or informal. Single event or longer-term. Financial or service. In-person or virtual. Day or night. Using your arms and legs or your mind. You get my point ... there are no real barriers to involvement with Alpha Zeta.

If you believe in AGR (and we all believed when we chose to be initiated), then you know our purpose is worthy. So why not re-engage or increase your engagement with the chapter over the next 12 months? Serve as an undergraduate mentor through

our AGR Professionals program, take a tour of the chapter house when you swing through Manhattan, sponsor the patio improvement project, attend a formal dinner or chapter meeting on a Wednesday night, identify or introduce a prospective new brother to our fraternity, join one of our organized alumni events across the state, or do something that fits your interests and strengths.

Learning about the opportunities for engagement is easy. Keep reading these Crescents, which are routinely recognized as the best Crescents in all of AGR land. And get online and join our K-State AGR Alumni Facebook group and our K-State Alpha Gamma Rho LinkedIn group. I can be reached at [jerrod.westfahl@gmail.com](mailto:jerrod.westfahl@gmail.com) or 785-341-6071 any time.

Stop waiting for the mythical perfect time. You may just be missing out on the best phase of your brotherhood.

Fraternally,  
Jerrod Westfahl, Alumni Board President



## Pink Rose Weekend

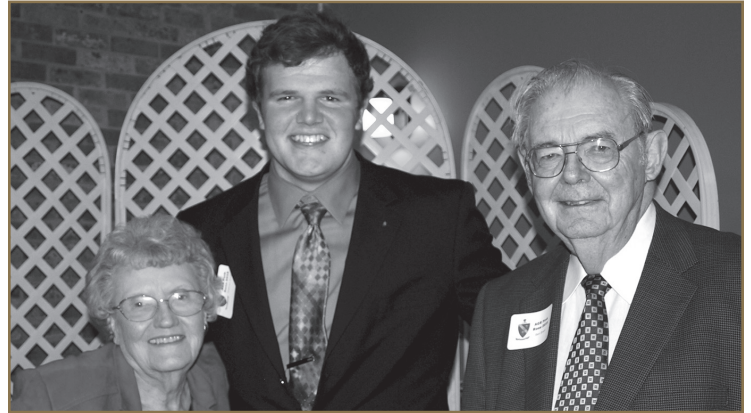
This year, the Pink Rose Formal had record attendance, more than 170 in attendance, and went incredibly well. Roger Johnson, Alpha Zeta alumni board, Luke Garrison, VNR of Activities and Craig Griswold, VNR of Alumni Relations coordinated the event.

The weekend's activities began on Friday with a social time and lunch at Colbert Hills Golf Course. After catching up for a couple of hours, brothers moved to the International Grain Programs Institute where the inaugural Spring Agricultural Symposium was held (See Page 6). Pink Rose began later that evening, at the Blue Hills Room, featuring a social hour, a supper and program celebrating the achievements of Alpha Zeta and its alumni. Brother Craig Griswold emceed the event, while Brother Ethan Fowler, Noble Ruler, introduced our guest speaker, John Niemann. John discussed the importance of making the most of the time spent at college, and building life-long relationships. Rick Perkins, a member of the alumni board, presented an update on the activities of the alumni, and Keith Westervelt presented on the new Patio Project that is being developed over the summer. Three members from the 50 year reunion class were present (1965), Larry Ehrlich, Lon Lemon, and Terry Odle, and they were recognized for their many years of dedication to our Fraternity.

Once again, after many hours of hard work, the undergraduates' achievements were celebrated. While scholarship support from the alumni in years past has been incredible, this year the alumni outdid themselves, awarding \$36,000 in scholarships. These scholarships were awarded to 33 undergraduates. The support provided by the alumni is amazing and greatly appreciated!

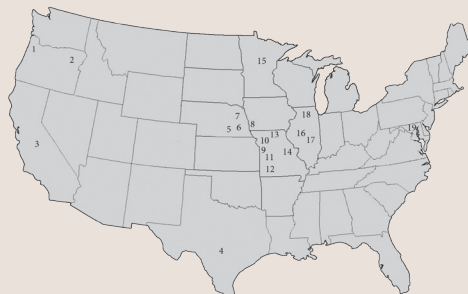
This year's Pink Rose was a huge success and would not have been possible without the contribution of many. Having Alpha Zeta alumni travel from across the country to attend the Pink Rose was very motivating. The stories from interactions between alumni are impactful, and help pass down the history and passion of our fraternity. We would encourage all of you to attend next year. Our goal is to make the event even larger and better every year. We hope you will make plans to attend.

*Craig Griswold and Coleman Forst*



## Out-of-State Brothers

1. Brett A. Lynn, Monmouth, Oregon
2. Tyler A. Thomas, Baker City, Oregon
3. Maison Rickerd, Fresno, California
4. Nick Schmedemann, Boerne, Texas
5. Trevor Birky, Strang, Nebraska
6. Jake Robertson, Roca, Nebraska
7. Jared Bourek, Dodge, Nebraska
8. William Longinaker, Randolph, Iowa
9. Michael Porter, Freeman, Missouri
10. Jacob Peters, Holt, Missouri



11. Benjamin Brown, 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. Matthew Hadden, Taylorville, Illinois
18. Justis Willrett, Malta, Illinois
19. Kyle Cooney, Union Bridge, Maryland





## Spring Ag Symposium

The Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter at Kansas State University hosted the inaugural Spring Ag Symposium in Manhattan, Kansas. This event was created with the intention to educate people about issues facing the agriculture industry. This year's focus was on feeding a growing population. In attendance were various industry leaders, academic students, and members of the local agricultural community.

The event held speakers who have worked hard to become leaders within their various agricultural corporations and industries. Many of these speakers were alumni members of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. Speakers included Travis Hirst, Dow AgriSciences, John Niemann, Cargill, Jason Ellis, agricultural communications and journalism professor at K-State, and Dr. Allen Featherstone, agricultural economics department head at K-State. Each speaker provided a different viewpoint and insight into the issue of providing for an ever growing population.

While this event was very successful in its first year, the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity hopes to grow and make it an even better event. They have expectations of the event growing in size and capturing a broader audience. There is a large pool of young leaders from within the agriculture industry, who would have great insight for all audiences, and Alpha Zeta hopes to tap into



that potential. The second Spring Ag Symposium is in the works, and it is greatly anticipated!

*Rylan Laudan #1740*



## House Mother's Letter



Wow, it's hard to believe that another year is almost over. Where did it go? It seems like it was yesterday when we started the new year. It has been another great year at the AGR house.

Our Pink Rose Formal was a great success. We are about to outgrow the Blue Hills Room. Our crowd was great this year, and the weather was very good. A great time was had by all.

We had our annual fundraiser in February, Sell-A-Fella, and raised even more money than last year, which was \$5,000. And it all goes to cystic fibrosis. The guys have also completed Adopt-A-Highway.

I have to announce that this is my last year as housemother; I am moving to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to be closer to my own kids and grandbabies. They will only be about 35 minutes from me and I'm taking my mom who is very ill so she can be closer to her sisters as well. I will miss the AGR gentlemen here. I have met some truly great men while I was here. This will be hard for me. I have so enjoyed being called mom by these gentlemen; they are the cream of the crop and I love them so very much.

## New House Mother Selected



After eight years of serving in the position of housemother, Carolyn Sadler has decided it is time to move closer to family. Alpha Zeta is grateful for all of her hard work and support throughout the years!

After an extensive selection process and many applicants, a new housemother has been chosen! The new housemother will be Dianna Philippi, who came to Manhattan in 1981, after growing up on a farm in Hamilton, Missouri. She was married for twenty-four years, until her husband passed away due to cancer. She has a son and a seven year old granddaughter. After working for K-State Athletics for twenty-eight years, she retired in June of 2014. In the fall of 2014, she accepted a position at the local school district, where she will be returning in the fall of 2015 to work as a substitute teacher two days a week. She has a passion for young people, and has previously been a housemother at Sigma Kappa at K-State. We are excited to welcome her to Alpha Gamma Rho and wish her the best as she becomes a part of Alpha Zeta.



## Sell-A-Fella

Sell-A-Fella was once again a success in 2015, raising \$5600 in the name of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In preparing the philanthropy this year, Alpha Gamma Rho received extra assistance and input from Molly Bassette, a freshman at K-State and member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority at K-State, who is inflicted with cystic fibrosis. The event took place on February 6, barely dodging bad weather once again this year. The turnout was exceptional; all sororities were represented from across

campus. Sell-A-Fella was still held in dedication of Brother David Sewell, but Molly provided a passion towards the cause that was received generously by the bidders that evening. Sell-A-Fella was another great philanthropy for our Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. We look forward to hosting a new philanthropy this fall and Sell-A-Fella once again next spring.

*Luke Garrison #1735, VNR Activities*



## Spring 2015 Graduating Seniors

### **Logan Britton**

Ag Economics & Ag Communications  
Master's degree in agricultural economics at K-State

### **Ben Brown**

Master's degree in agricultural economics at the University of Missouri

### **Kurtis Clawson**

Agronomy  
Returning to family farm

### **Ryan Diederich**

Animal Sciences & Industry  
Seeking employment in production and management

### **Nick Herrmann**

Ag Economics

### **Reagan Kays**

Pursuing law degree at Georgetown University

### **Clay Kniebel**

Geology  
Pursuing a career as an environmental scientist.

### **Will Longinaker**

Ag Economics-Farm Management Specialty  
Pursuing a career in farm management

### **Chase Minihan**

Animal Sciences & Industry-Business Specialty  
Master's degree in reproductive physiology at K-State

### **Miles Pearson**

Food Science  
JBS in Grand Island, NE

### **Michael Porter**

Ag Economics-Agriculture Technology Management Specialty  
Ag Marketing Representative for John Deere in Waterloo, IA

### **Nathan Stinson**

Ag Economics  
Ag Risk Advisor, Paragon Ag Advisors

### **Dexter Wiley**

Wildlife & Outdoor Enterprise Management  
Hawkins Inc.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## Aaron McKee

Aaron McKee (#1195) was initiated in 1992 after arriving at K-State as a 17 year old. He grew up on the family's multi-generation farming operation in eastern Ford County at Bellefont and graduated from Spearville High School. Aaron has always been an entrepreneur. Early efforts included re-selling commissary candy up in the cabins at Rock Springs 4-H camp for a notable margin and, later, adding

weight to freshly weaned Holstein bull calves bought right at the LaCrosse sale barn. Those AGR brothers who attended K-State in the 1990s will likely remember Aaron's first collegiate business called Purple Wave mobile hot-tub rentals and the well-regarded LuLu pontoon boat. Both helped Aaron hone his social skills and at least one of them made money to boot. Keeping the business name intact, Aaron and his wife Suzy (Feuerborn), a vet student at the time, launched Purple Wave Auction as a local consignment auction house in Manhattan. Their first sale was held on a slow afternoon in the middle of Longhorn's dance floor in Aggieville. From that basic beginning, Aaron and Suzy have grown the auction business by focusing on taking care of employees and customers first. Purple Wave today has nearly 80 employees from Texas to Minnesota and is one of the most successful equipment auction firms in the country. Many fellow AGRs have joined Aaron as employees, investors and board members over the years. Aaron has been noted as one of Ingram's "50 Kansans You Should Know" and received numerous recognitions for entrepreneurial success and auction industry innovation. He and Suzy now have five children, including two young AGR prospects, and live in Wamego, Kan.



## Chris Mullinix

In the fall of 2013, Chris Mullinix (#1216) returned to Kansas State University as an instructor of animal sciences and the new head livestock judging team coach. Chris was born and raised on a diversified cattle and farming operation in central Maryland where his family continues to run a Hereford cow herd, an Angus herd and a small feedyard. Chris received his animal sciences degree at K-State

where he was a member of the 1995 National Champion Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team and was recognized as the contest high individual. During his undergraduate days, Chris also participated on winning wool judging, dairy judging and academic quadrathlon teams while serving leadership roles in the National Junior Hereford Association, the Little American Royal and Alpha Gamma Rho. To date, Chris has judged cattle exhibitions in 39 different states including prestigious events such as the North American in Louisville, the American Royal, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Fort Worth Stock

Show and Denver's National Western. For the 16 years prior to his return to Manhattan, Chris was an associate professor at Butler Community College where he coached more than 30 national contest winning teams and was recognized with numerous teaching/student advising awards at a regional and national level. Chris declared, "Without question the two most important decisions in my young adult life were to attend Kansas State University and join Alpha Gamma Rho. The opportunities afforded to me during those four years shaped my career and future while providing best friends for life!"

Chris is married to another K-State animal sciences graduate, Elissa (Good) Mullinix. Elissa completed both her B.S. and M.S. degrees in the department and was also a faculty member in Butler's agriculture department prior to accepting her current post as K-State Global Campus program coordinator for the College of Agriculture and College of Veterinary Medicine. Chris and Elissa have a 2-year-old son, Mason, who proudly proclaims his favorite melody to be the K-State's fight song, "Wildcat Victory." They are elated to announce a second child is on the way next winter! Chris and his family couldn't be more excited about the move back to Manhattan and they are thrilled to once again be a part of the rich tradition that is K-State!



## Doug Roney

Doug Roney (#1224) came to Alpha Gamma Rho from Gilroy, California in 1992. He graduated from K-State in 1998 with a dual degree: a B.S. in Milling Science and Management and a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering. His first job took him to Plymouth, Minnesota, where he worked for Buhler, Inc. Worldwide for eight years. At Buhler, Doug worked in a variety of capacities including project

engineer, site manager, territory manager, and key account manager. These positions moved him across the nation and overseas to locations including Uzwil, Switzerland; Decatur, Alabama; Colfax, California and Leawood, Kansas. At Buhler, a Swiss engineering firm, Doug consulted with food and beverage processing plants nationwide, advising on improvements to their process and providing equipment to maximize efficiency in their facilities. He worked with a variety of industries, including grains, spices, brewing, inks, chocolate, feed mills and extrusion plants.

Doug later worked as a mechanical engineer for MGP Ingredients in Kansas City, Kansas; and as a project engineer for Pinnacle Foods in Jackson, Tennessee. For the past five years, Doug has worked in engineering at Malt-O-Meal/MOM Brands in Northfield, Minnesota at their breakfast cereal plants and at their corporate offices. He currently oversees a team of engineers as the process engineering manager at MOM Brands, which was recently consolidated into Post Consumer Brands.

Doug and his wife, Jenni (Meek) Roney, will celebrate 20 years of marriage this fall. They have three boys, ages 12, 14 and 16. When he is not working, Doug enjoys biking, playing soccer, coaching soccer and attending his sons' athletic and school events.





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## Ray Flickner

Ray Flickner (#832) grew up on a small irrigated family farm outside of Moundridge, Kansas. He graduated from K-State with a degree in agricultural education, in 1976, and then continued at K-State in order to obtain his master's degree in adult and occupational education in 1978. After graduation, Ray taught for three years in a post-secondary and adult educational program. He moved on to

work for Farm Credit for 14 years, working in many positions including lending and supervisory positions. He left Farm Credit in 1994, and began working with a startup secondary farm real estate program sourcing loans into Wall Street. After thirteen years in this position, he decided it was time to dedicate more to his family farm. Ray is the fourth generation of his family to live and work on their farm. In 2001, Ray was among the first to install a subsurface drip irrigation system in central Kansas, and has currently installed the irrigation system in over 550 acres.

Ray recently completed tenure on the board of directors

of the Equus Groundwater Management District #2, dealing with water issues in central Kansas. He currently serves on the Kansas Water Authority, working to develop the state's 50-year water vision. He served on the board of directors of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program for six years, and concluded his service last year. Additionally, Ray has served on the Kansas State Extension Advisory Council. With all of these positions, he has had to travel both domestically and internationally. Ray commented, "As I have traveled the state and country, I have often had the opportunity to meet and maintain AGR brotherhood relationships, many times with brothers that I knew during my time at K-State but also with brothers who came before and after and from all across the country. It has been truly a rewarding and humbling bond that I developed with brothers from all over."

Ray has been married to his wife, Susan, for 38 years. They have two children Ryan and Kelsey. Ryan is the director of public policy for Kansas Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Laura, have one son, Owen, and currently live in Manhattan. Kelsey recently accepted a job in the Maize school district in the newly created college and career advocate position. She, along with her husband Logan, currently live in Wichita.

## New Alumni Directory

An updated version of the alumni directory is now available! A hard copy can be received in the mail, with a request for a \$10 cover charge. A digital copy is available upon request through email.



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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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## Leadership Positions

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho has long prided itself on being leaders in agriculture as well as on campus. The 2014-2015 school year proved no different. The following list is a compilation of the leadership positions the Alpha Zeta undergraduates occupied during the 2014-2015 school year.

Brother	Position
Nathan Smart	Membership Development Chair for Ag Economics Club
Bryan Otott	Social Chair for Ag Economics Club
Clay Kniebel	Treasurer for Geology Club
Michael Porter	President of Ag Economics Club
Ben Brown	College of Ag Ambassador President, Blue Key Member
Nathan Laudan	Student Ambassador, Blue Key Member, College of Ag Student Senator
Reagan Kays	Student Body President, College of Ag Student Senator
Austin Ebert	Secretary/Treasurer for K-State First Student Advisory Council
Ashton Yoder	Vice President for Order of Omega, Ag Council Representative/Officer for Feed Technology Group
Logan Britton	Selection Coordinator for the College of Ag Ambassadors, Student Senator for College of Ag Student Council, College of Ag Student Senator, Senate Operations Committee Chair, Associate Editor for Kansas State Agriculturist
Garrett Kays	College of Ag Student Senator
Wyatt Pracht	College of Ag Student Senator
Chris Mushrush	Vice President for College of Ag Student Council
Evan Woodbury	Treasurer for College of Ag Student Council

Along with these positions, Brothers were active throughout campus, becoming involved in many different aspects of the university. Alpha Zeta is truly making better men, the proof is in the huge involvement and impact its members have on campus. We look forward to all of the great experiences of this upcoming year, and the chance to once again provide leadership on campus.



### 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](mailto:wrjohn@ksu.edu).





## Clean-Up Day

This year, the all chapter clean-up day will be held on August 14. Please come join the undergraduates and fellow alumni in working to make the house ready for the new school year! Contact Ethan Fowler, [ethan7@ksu.edu](mailto:ethan7@ksu.edu).



## Lost Brothers

The following Brothers have no known address. If you know of an address, please contact the current Alumni Relations officer. Contact information can be found at <http://www.ksuagr.org/alumni>, or send information to 1919 Platt, Manhattan, KS 66502, Attn: Alumni Relations.

Mr. Alfred Baker Jr.	Mr. James Farnsworth	Mr. Eric Lomas	Mr. Christopher Royston
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Mr. Brett Bishop	Mr. Robert Giess	Mr. Lawrence McCorgary	Mr. William Smalley
Mr. Charles Brackney	Dr. Wayne Good	Dr. David McKnight	Mr. David Smith
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Mr. Garman Breitenbach	Mr. James Hahn Jr.	Mr. Ryan Meyer	Mr. Thomas Smith
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Mr. Robert Condon	Mr. Chris Holderman	Mr. Tim Pralle	Mr. Garrett Vanzee
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Mr. Aaron Dunn	Mr. Martin Lane	Mr. Kyle Rockhill	Mr. Ben Winsor
Mr. Mason Ely	Mr. Louis Larsen	Mr. Ned Rokey	Mr. Larry Winstead

## Look Forward to These Upcoming Events!

**October 17, 2015** Homecoming with partners Sigma Kappa & Theta Xi.  
Come join us in celebrating another year of Kansas State!

**October 24, 2015** Founder's and Parent's Weekend.



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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (names, ages, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions to improve Alumni Relations:

Please tell us any information about what is going on in your life:

Please take time to fill out the questionnaire. By filling this out you will be helping to improve our alumni relations.



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