

It's Not What You Know, But Who You Know

Agriculture's far reaching effects humbles the most honest observer. It provides many of life's most basic requirements, yet these are the assets on which we depend daily. No less stunning and not underscored enough are those individuals, family members, friends, co-workers, and mentors that give us encouragement, words of advice, memories to revel in, goals to strive for, and open doors to new opportunities. They aren't afraid to say what needs to be said to help one improve, yet they do this because they care. Regardless of your background, level of education, life situation, or, for agriculturalists, the size of your operation, the most important part are those people in your life. It's not always what you know, but sometimes who you know that matters the most.

During the annual spring senior recognition banquet, held to recognize seniors in Alpha Zeta graduating from K-State, Mr. Terry Nelson, an entrepreneur and owner of Nelson Ag. Industries from Long Island, Kansas, addressed the chapter and shared his background and extensive leadership role in his large livestock-sow feeding enterprise. Throughout the presentation, Mr. Nelson made it abundantly clear that "life is not a dress rehearsal," and in order to be successful, one must strive to be proactive instead of reactive in both action and behavior. He also explained that the most essential element in his business, a commonality between all businesses, is having people that are hard workers, self-starters, and are teachable.

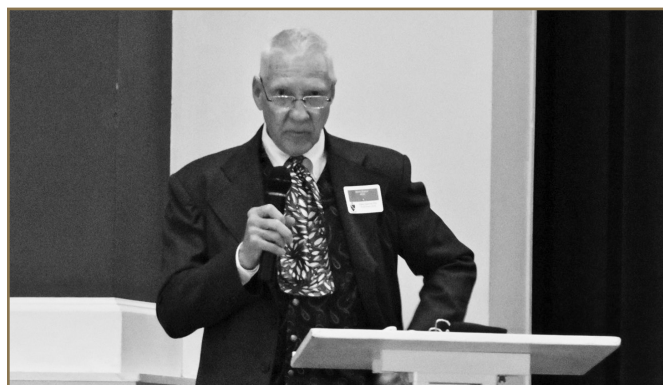
Numerous examples of individuals that fit this description can be found among the ranks and Brotherhood of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. Throughout the year, there are several opportunities for both

undergraduates and alumni to become acquainted with one another, builds relationship, and connect. One such event is the Pink Rose Scholarship Awards Banquet that takes place in late February-early March of each year. Centered around recognizing the life-long brothers and undergraduate successes, the event includes a program to celebrate those alumni attending currently in their 10, 25, or 50th-year of membership. Furthermore, one alumnus is selected for induction into the Alpha Zeta Chapter Hall of Fame for their incredible service, career, and dedication to agriculture and Alpha Gamma Rho. This year, Mike Smith of Ag 1 Source was our inductee. Mike has demonstrated clear commitment and dedication far beyond the normal level. As an undergraduate initiated in 1978, Smith was a sophomore when he joined AGR at Kansas State University. After receiving his degree in Agricultural Economics, Mr. Smith went on to work in the recruiting industry, following which he started his own recruitment company, Ag. 1 Source, based out of Hesston, Kansas. Recently, his company celebrated its 15th anniversary in business, no easily attainable feat without clear leadership and prime management. Moreover, Mike dedicated numerous hours and incredible support to the Alpha Zeta capital campaign and has also generously supported various scholarship programs for the undergraduate chapter. In addition, he spent numerous hours and his resources to provide invaluable updates to our chapter membership directory in the summer of 2017. Finally, during the course of the event, several undergraduates are recognized and named recipients of various scholarship awards donated to the

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Mike Smith (left) being inducted into the AGR Alpha Zeta Hall of Fame, and Justin Hagedorn (right), current Vice President of Awards on the Alpha Zeta Alumni Board.



Alpha Zeta Alumnus, Steven Slusher, delivering his keynote address at the 2018 Pink Rose Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Wareham & Opera House.



From the Desk of the Noble Ruler



Greetings Brothers, my name is Nathan Welch and I have the privilege of being the Noble Ruler for the 2018 term. A little about myself: I grew up on a diversified farm in North Central Kansas in a small town of Haddam where I went to Washington County High School. In the fall of 2016, I joined the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. I am an Agronomy student with a minor in Animal Sciences and Industry.

With the closing of another spring semester, we are proud to look back on a successful journey. Our Sell-A-Fella philanthropy again raised over \$9,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of Brother Sewell. In late February the chapter held the Pink Rose scholarship event along with the AGR Ag Symposium. The Symposium was held at the Staley School of Leadership Studies building on campus where the topic of Ensuring a Capable Agricultural Workforce was discussed. Brother Dalton Henry, Brother Mike Smith, Katie Mullin, and Allie Devine shared their thoughts and ideas on the topic with us. The Pink Rose event was held at the Wareham Opera House where Brother Mike Smith was inducted into the Alpha Zeta Hall of

Fame, Brother Steve Slusher shared thoughts and advice with all through his message, and the undergraduates were awarded with \$45,000 of scholarships. We are all more than grateful to have received each of them and the incredible support of our alumni, whom are second-to-none.

This summer from August 2-5 we will be traveling to New Orleans for the National AGR Convention. Once again, Alpha Zeta has been recognized as a Gold Chapter and will be receiving awards in many different areas. We are hopeful to bring back to Manhattan with us another Maynard Coe National Chapter Award. As we look forward to the upcoming year of our chapter, I would like for you all to mark your calendars for the Founder's and Parents' Day event that is going to be on the 9th of November at the Bluemont Hotel. Additionally, we already have the date of next year's Pink Rose Scholarship event planned for February 23rd at the Hilton Garden Inn.

As another Fall semester is fast approaching, our recruitment chair is busy recruiting a new member class, now twenty-five men strong. We ask for your help to recommend us young men who can continue to uphold the traditions of Alpha Zeta. If you know of any such individuals that could be an asset and benefit for the brotherhood, please share their names with us.

*Fraternally,
Nathan Welch*

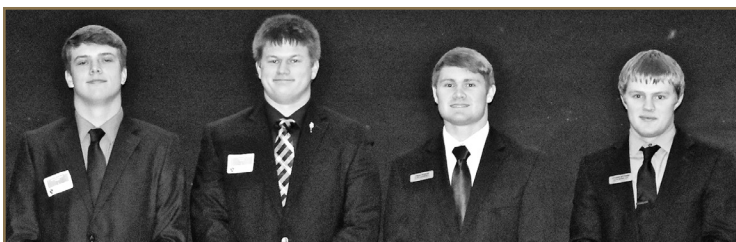


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chapter by several incredibly generous donors, this year totaling over \$45,000. During the 2018 banquet, Dr. Steven Slusher, a 1964 Alpha Zeta initiate, also shared his unconventional wisdom, knowledge, and experiences both as a young man and professional veterinarian. In addition to Pink Rose, the undergraduate chapter hosts an annual Founder's and Parents' Weekend Dinner Banquet during the fall to provide another opportunity for members and their families to gather in the Manhattan area.

To again refocus on the big picture and stress it's importance, each of these events are about building relationships. Those

people that make up one's personal network, no matter the type and kind, can culminate incredible opportunities and lead to enhanced personal growth. According to the contributing editor of Beef Magazine, Wes Ishmael, those that understand the different qualities that make people unique and take the time to know them and learn from them are some of the most successful men and women. Seizing the opportunity yet not taking for granted those people and gifts placed in your life, while remaining humble, having common sense, and staying rooted in faith can take a person far on the journey and often hectic road called life.



(L to R) Brothers Kalen Richardson, Eli Ohlde, Chase Regehr, and Cooper Imthurn receive the Dale Rodman Scholarship during the awards ceremony.



(L to R): Julian Garcia (AGR Grand President), 2018 Alpha Zeta Executive Officer Team; Front Middle (L to R): Diana Philippi (HouseMother), Rex Martin (AGR Chief Executive Officer)



In early January of 2018, Dr. Jason Ellis (#1267) an associate professor in the Department of Communications and Agricultural Education at Kansas State University, was announced as the new department head. He joined the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity in 1994 and graduated from K-State in 1998, dual majoring in Agricultural Journalism and Animal Sciences and Industry. After a short window working in industry for an advertising company, he continued his schooling at Iowa State University, receiving his master's degree in Meat Science in 2003, and his PhD in Agricultural Education in 2006.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Ellis became an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, until returning to his alma mater, K-State, to teach in 2011. In February of 2018, Dr. Ellis served as the moderator for the 4th annual Agricultural Symposium held in the Leadership Studies building. From the men, alumni, and undergraduate chapter members of Alpha Zeta, we honor and wish him all the best in his transition to this new position at K-State!

Clint Mundell, AGR Alumni Class of '08, Affected by Fire

Clint Mundell, a K-State and Alpha Zeta alum, ranches with his family near Walsh, Colorado. On April 17, 2018, the Badger Hole Fire burned 50,568 acres, with 33,609 acres burnt in Colorado and 17,249 acres burnt in Kansas. The fire spread quickly being fueled by very dry conditions and 70 mph wind gusts. The Mundell family ranch lost 8,000 acres, 40 miles of fence, stored hay, 30 head of cattle, numerous miscellaneous ranch supplies and a family member's house.

We would like to pull together as AGR brothers and help out Clint Mundell and his family. An account with a fencing supply dealer has been setup in Bazine, Kansas to help with purchasing supplies to support Mundell.

Anyone willing to donate, please contact Ronny Pope at (402) 641-7428 for details on donating money or supplies, or talk directly to Clint at (620)290-7637. Thank you for your support!

The Alpha Zeta Chapter, during their last meeting of the spring semester on April 25th also moved to donate \$1,000 into their general support fund.

Ronny Pope was initiated into Alpha Zeta Chapter in 2005. He can be reached at rpope_48@yahoo.com



Life, Liberty & Livestock: Honoring Mr. Sam Hands

Alpha Zeta Chapter is honored to have numerous alumni whom have committed and dedicated their lives to serving the agricultural industry, an industry that serves as a foundational pillar to our nation's economy, history, and its founding. One such brother is Mr. Sam Hands, pin number six hundred ninety-

two, a resident and cattleman from Garden City, Kansas. Mr. Hands was recognized as the 2018 Kansas Stockman of the Year at the annual Stockman's Dinner held in Manhattan, Kansas on March 1st, 2017. This award is given to a producer annually by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC).

Coming from a several-generation cattle ranching family (he is the 4th), he owns and operates, Triangle H, a diversified livestock and crop operation which has extended into all stages of the cattle feeding process, from cow-calf, backgrounding, and finishing, to producing registered seedstock and growing a variety of crops. His operation utilizes a grid and value-based marketing system in the sale of their cattle through U.S. Premium Beef to ensure a high-quality product for customers and seek continual genetic improvement in his herd. Over the course of a successful career in beef production, Mr. Hands has served in numerous roles and capacities, including president of the local Finney County Farm Bureau and chairman of the LMIC just to name a few.

Additionally, during his career at Kansas State University, Sam studied Animal Sciences and Industry. He also served as a State FFA Officer and was active on various collegiate competition judging teams, including meat, wool, and livestock, graduating in 1970. He also served in the military from 1971 to 1973 during the Vietnam War. Today, Mr. Hands and his wife, Janet, have three children and two grandsons.



Mr. Sam Hands being presented the Kansas Stockman's Award during the annual Stockman's Dinner by new K-State Animal Science Department Head, Dr. Evan Titgemeyer.



Gregg Doud Elected As U.S. Chief Agricultural Trade Negotiator



There are several moments that have shaped Gregg Doud's journey from a Jewell County, Kansas, farm kid to chief U.S. agriculture trade negotiator. But one in particular sticks with Doud, who spoke to a packed room at Kansas State University's Cattlemen's Day March 2—just a day after the U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment. It was 2003 and Doud was working as the National Cattlemen's Beef Association chief economist. In one of many meetings that week,

he touted something about expanding beef exports. He vividly recalls the conversation he had next.

"This rancher came up to me, put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'Gregg, just wanted to let you know beef trade is never going to be anything but a niche business for us. It's never really going to matter. But it is OK you are working on it.'"

It was then that Doud realized his calling. And, just months later, the first U.S. case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, disrupted Christmas. Doud would spend the next seven years helping the industry rebuild its beef exports from scratch. "That experience is what led me to where I am today," Doud said.

Global Economy

Upon swearing in, Doud will serve as Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The White House nominated him in June. Sen. Pat Roberts, R-KS, announced Doud's confirmation March 1.

"It's one of those jobs I've been training for my whole life," Doud told the group, which included his parents. "And I finally get a chance to do it. I can't think of any better place to have been today given the events of about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon."

His résumé includes working for U.S. Wheat Associates after completing graduate school in the early 1990s. After leaving NCBA, Doud worked as a senior aide to the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee and helped shape the 2012 farm bill. Previously, he was the president of the Commodity Markets Council, the trade association for commodity futures exchange. Doud (also) talked excitedly about returning to Washington and taking the reins. He talked about growing the U.S. beef export market.

"The new money in our industry is going to come from the trade side," he said. "Seventeen percent of the money you get paid for your cattle comes from some other currency."

In 2003, that accounted for about \$150 of every fed steer. Today, that amount has grown to \$284 a head. The beef industry is growing since the BSE report, he said. Last year, beef totaled \$7.2 billion of the \$140 billion in agriculture products exported, which compares to just \$3.86 billion in 2003. Asia is among the growing markets with enormous potential, he said, adding that 64 percent of U.S. beef exports go to Asian countries. South Korea

ranks No. 2 in exports with \$1.2 billion in sales thanks to a trade agreement. The agreement, implemented in 2014, diminishes duties on beef from 40 percent to zero by 2026, according to the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

"That Korean trade deal for beef is easily the best deal we have ever done," he said. China now imports 3 billion pounds of beef, he said. China buys a lot of variety meats. A few years ago, the country was spending \$1 a pound for the rectum.

"Who else is going to do that," Doud said, bringing laughs. "What do they do with that, they chop it up and make soup out of it. Seriously. We are just beginning to scratch the surface. Fifteen years ago, they weren't even on the radar. Today they are buying 3 billion pounds of beef."

Meanwhile, Japan is the nation's No. 1 beef purchaser, buying \$1.9 billion last year—about a half billion more than when the country banned U.S. beef after BSE. Doud said it has only been in the past five years that officials recaptured the Japanese market. And, from 2003 to 2013, "we lost about \$10 billion in exports just because of that one cow," he said.

Working to get tariffs down is one of the biggest challenges. Japan's tariffs on frozen beef went up from 38.5 percent to 50 percent last year after the United States began pumping exports into the country due to a drought in Australia. Now, 15 years after "the mad cow that stole Christmas," Australia and the U.S. are at an even market share into Japan.

"The Trans-Pacific Partnership would bring that tariff down to 9 percent," Doud said, adding, "Fifteen years later, I can't emphasize enough how important it is to prevent things from happening like the cow that stole Christmas. It's taken years to get those wheels back."



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Gregg Doud Biography

Ambassador Gregg Doud was raised near Mankato, Kansas on his family's one hundred-year-old diversified grain and livestock operation, consisting of dryland wheat, grain sorghum, soybean, swine, and cattle, which his parents operate to this day. Doud was also involved in both 4-H and FFA, serving as a Kansas State FFA Officer. He was initiated into Alpha Zeta Chapter at Kansas State University during his sophomore year in 1986 and graduated with a (B.S.) degree in Animal Science in 1989, followed by a (M.S.) in Agricultural Economics in 1991. His first job was working for the U.S. Wheat Associates in Portland, Oregon, soon being transferred to the D.C. area in 1992, where he has been ever since. Currently, Greg, his wife Penny, and his two children live in Lothian, Maryland on their horse farm. Both his children are active in the U.S. Pony Club.



Spring Leadership Conference



Matt Teagarden was raised on a farm near LaCygne, KS. He graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a grown daughter, Allie, and son-in-law Kale Monk.

ended with a pleasant formal dinner and a final small group breakout session for each respective office.

On Saturday morning, February 18th, the day commenced with a unique and honorable ceremony to induct Mr. Matt Teagarden, the current CEO of the Kansas Livestock Association, into the Alpha Zeta Chapter as an honorary member. His father, George Teagarden, was also present for the special event. Next, members were able to meet and hear from top leaders of the

One of the most exciting experiences for the new Alpha Zeta Executive team is to attend the annual leadership conference held in conjunction with AGR's sister sorority, Sigma Alpha, during February. On Friday, February 16th, the Alpha Zeta team, along with Housemother, Diana Philippi, headed to Kansas City, Missouri to "Broaden Their Horizons," where over 350 participants from various chapters across the country joined them.

During the afternoon, the conference began with a group session, followed by "break-out" sessions that focused on smaller issues tailored to individual officer leadership development. Following a long day of informative discussions and compelling speakers, the evening

fraternity, including Rex Martin, who succeeded Phil Josephson as the Chief Executive Officer on February 19th. Mr. Josephson dedicated and committed his life to serving AGR for over 40 years. Also speaking during the morning session was 2018 Grand President Award Winner, Kevin Heikes, a graduate from Colorado State University, who shared his wisdom and his story of dealing with adversity as he battled a serious of deadly strokes.

It was truly a full experience for the young executive council. The young men look forward to serving in their respective capacities for the chapter as the year proceeds with renewed vigor, having learned and acquired innovative ideas to take back to the chapter.



(L to R) Back Row: Matt Teagarden, Del Adcock, Josh Roe, Eli Ohlde, Morgan Scilacci, Peter Tomlinson; Middle Row: George Teagarden, Lane Egger, Rogan Tokach, Dianna Philippi, Nathan Welch, Chase Regehr; Front Row: Riley Thom, Christian Magana, Cooper Imthurn

Agricultural Symposium 2018

On February 23rd, the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho hosted the fourth annual Agricultural Symposium in conjunction with the Pink Rose Banquet. This year the topic was "Ensuring a Capable Ag Workforce" with speakers coming from across the country. Two speakers, Mike Smith of Ag 1 Source, and Dalton Henry: a policy director for Congressman Robert Marshall, are both alumni of Alpha Zeta. In addition, the audience listened and learned from Katie Mullin, head of HR for Frontier Farm Credit Services in Omaha, Nebraska, and Allie Devine, an attorney-at-law and co-owner of Devine and Donley in Topeka, Kansas. This symposium saw excellent student and

community turnout ranging from 125 to 150 people, which resulted in an hour-long Q&A forum. At its conclusion, Alpha Zeta hosted a reception at the Kansas Department of Agriculture building (KDA), which allowed undergraduates, alumni, and speakers to mingle and enjoy refreshments. The chapter is already beginning to plan next year's symposium and hopes to continue to grow the event to record numbers for their fifth symposium. If you have any interesting topic ideas, or would like to see a specific speaker for next year, please contact Morgan Scilacci, morgan08@ksu.edu or Alpha Zeta Advisor, Garrett Lister, garrett.c.lister@gmail.com.



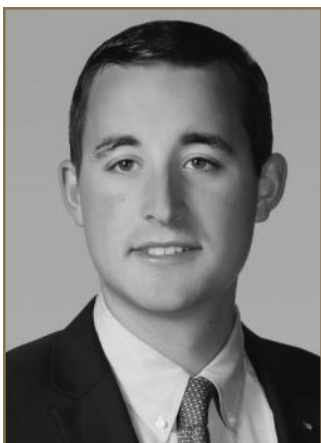
(L to R) Dalton Henry, Katie Mullin, Mike Smith, Allie Devine, Dr. Jason Ellis



Symposium speakers address audience concerns and questions at the Staley School of Leadership Studies



2018 AGR Undergraduate Director Announced: Brother Del Adcock



This last semester has provided Alpha Zeta with many honors and awards. One of these honors is having one of our own undergraduate Brothers be nominated and selected as an Undergraduate Director, whom will serve on the AGR National Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The recipient is Del Adcock, #1763. Brother Adcock was nominated by his undergraduate Brothers early-on in the 2018 spring semester. Del has proven his leadership

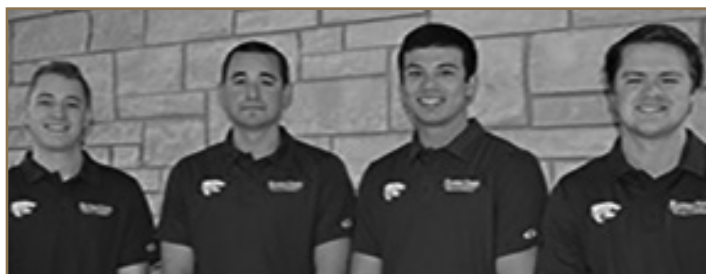
throughout his time at Alpha Zeta, serving as VNR Recruitment and most recently as the Noble Ruler. Only four Undergraduate Directors are selected to represent the undergraduate chapters across the country.

Brother Adcock's will be working closely with the CEO, Rex Martin, National Board of Directors and the other three Undergraduate Directors. Their main tasks will include attending national board meetings, assisting to ensure the Board is aware of Fraternity operations and conditions, as well as serving on special committees as needed. Del is looking forward to his year of service. Del says, "This experience will give him a unique experience to learn more about the National Fraternity and also the ability to bring that knowledge back to Alpha Zeta."

Reed Sage #1768

CME Trading Challenge Team

Throughout the month of March, 2018, two brothers were deeply involved in markets and contract trading. The Kansas State CME Trading Challenge Team was led by 2017 Alpha Zeta President, Del Adcock, agricultural economics major from Assumption, Illinois, and included AGR member, Nils Bergsten, agribusiness major from Holton, Kansas. Both Adcock and Bergsten are involved in the risk management center at Kansas State University, and they joined a worldwide "trading challenge" organized and supported by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). Over the course of four weeks, they performed a series of trades in the agricultural commodities, metals, energy, and foreign futures markets using live, real-time market data from CME. After many tense moments, much deliberation, and determination, they finished in 2nd place, out of 531 teams. Starting with \$100,000 in their account, the team completed the challenge with a significant ending balance of \$533,910. The contests required them to apply knowledge, analyze trends, and interpret the reports given by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the



(L to R) Trenton Covington, Del Adcock, Nils Bergsten,
& Kyle Rogers

Department of Energy. Joining them were more than 2,100 students from hundreds of universities in various countries from across the world. Finally, to recognize their success, all members of the team were invited to attend the CME Group's Day of Market Education Conference in Chicago, Illinois in early April.



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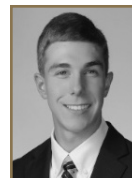
Nathan Welch, Haddam, Kansas – Noble Ruler, President, Email: natewelch@ksu.edu

Nathan Welch is a rising Junior studying Agronomy, along with a minor in Animal Science. Currently serving Alpha Zeta as the 2018 President and Noble Ruler, Nathan anticipates a momentous year of productivity, growth, and outreach. After graduation, he hopes to work in the corporate enterprise of John Deere, followed by returning home to the family farm.



Rogan Tokach, Abilene, Kansas – VNR Finance Chair, Vice President, Email: rttokach@ksu.edu

Rogan Tokach is from Abilene, Kansas and is a rising Junior majoring in Agronomy. He is currently serving as the VNR Finance where his goal is to handle all the house bills and recordkeeping in a timely manner. With his degree he plans to pursue graduate school and become a honey bee researcher.



Morgan Scilacci, Baker City, Oregon – VNR Alumni Relations, Email: morgan08@ksu.edu

Morgan Scilacci, from Baker City, Oregon, is a rising Junior majoring in Animal Sciences and Industry, with a minor in Agricultural Economics. As the current Alumni Relations chair for 2018, Morgan plans to reinvigorate and maintain timely and effective communication between undergraduates and Alpha Zeta alumni while continuing the AGR Professionals Program. After graduation, Morgan plans to pursue graduate school studying ruminant nutrition and a possible career in constitutional law. He also hopes to continue the family cow-calf operation in Eastern Oregon.



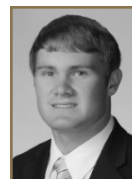
Cooper Imthurn, Maple Hill, Kansas - VNR Recruitment Chair, Email: cimthurn@ksu.edu

Cooper Imthurn, currently serving as the VNR Recruitment Chair, was born and raised on a small farm in Maple Hill, Kansas. A rising Sophomore currently pursuing a degree in Animal Sciences and Industry, Cooper looks forward to having a great new member class join Alpha Zeta in the fall of 2018. Upon completion of his degree, he hopes to remain in production agriculture and return home after college.



Eli Ohlde, Clyde, Kansas – VNR Membership Development Chair, Email: eohlde@ksu.edu

Eli Ohlde is from Clyde, Kansas and is a rising Sophomore majoring in Agribusiness. As VNR Membership Development, Eli plans to place more emphasis on the Big Brother-Little Brother Program and reevaluate and revive the mentorship program. He hopes to start a career in Agricultural Sales, with seed sales or machinery sales being preferred, and his long-term goal is to return to production agriculture near home.



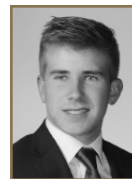
Chase Regehr, Iola, Kansas – VNR Scholarship, Email: regehr98@ksu.edu

Chase Regehr, from Iola, Kansas, is a rising Sophomore studying Agribusiness. During his term as VNR Scholarship, Chase intends to be available to help all brothers with any needs they may have and to improve Alpha Zeta's overall in-house GPA. Upon completion of his studies at Kansas State, he plans to pursue a career in Agricultural Sales, while remaining actively involved with his family's farm and ranch.



Christian Magana, Dripping Springs, Texas – VNR Planning, Email: cjmagana@ksu.edu

A rising Sophomore from Dripping Springs, Texas, Christian Magana is currently studying Agribusiness. During his year of service to Alpha Zeta, Christian hopes to continue keeping members involved in related activities, community service, and maintain active participation in weekly chapter meetings. After graduation, he plans to continue to be actively involved in his family's cattle ranch.



Lane Egger, Columbus, Nebraska – VNR Activities, Email: lane11@ksu.edu

Lane Egger, from Columbus, Nebraska, is a rising Sophomore pursuing a degree in Animal Science, business option, along with a minor in Agronomy. He hopes to keep the men of Alpha Zeta chapter involved in regular chapter events and on-campus activities. In the future, Lane plans to start his own show pig and purebred Angus cattle operation.



Riley Thom, Medicine Lodge, Kansas – VNR Operations, Email: rileyt@ksu.edu

Riley Thom, a rising Sophomore from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, is currently majoring in Agronomy. Throughout 2018, Riley hopes to keep the Alpha Zeta Chapter house facilities in working order and hold his brothers accountable to performing their weekly assigned house duties. In the future, Riley hopes to remain in production agriculture and stay involved with the family farm.



Spring 2018 Graduating Seniors



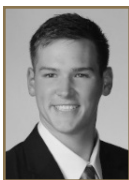
Austin Baalman, Oakley, KS
Agricultural Economics
Protein Procurement Associate for Cargill



Austin Ebert, Clay Center, KS
Biological Systems Engineering
Environmental Engineer 1st Position with Amec
Foster Wheeler in Topeka, KS



Austin LeMay, Council Grove, KS
Agricultural Business
Human Resources at Jerry's Foundation
Construction



Caleb Curran, Washington, MO
Agricultural Economics
Commission as 2nd Lieutenant Field Artillery
Officer in the Active Duty Army



David Luebcke, Marysville, KS
Agricultural Economics
Salesman at KanEquip Inc.



Grant Pritchard, Salina, KS
Agricultural Business
Employee for Gavilon Grain in
Catoosa, OK



Luke Plummer, Fredonia, KS
Kinesiology
Attending KU Medical School For Physical
Therapy



Nick Schmedemann, Boerne, TX
Criminology & Anthropology
Attending Culinary School



Tom Thayer, Lacygne, KS
Agricultural Economics
Going Home to Work on Ranch



Tyler Thomas, Baker City, OR
Animal Sciences & Industry
Representative For Alltech



ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER NEW MEMBER 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.

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Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
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Name of parent(s)/guardian: _____
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Financial Success Tax Law and Charitable Giving Update

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed into law on December 22, 2017 will impact charitable giving in the future. Here is a summary of some of the changes and potential giving strategies that you can use to continue to fund the AGR Educational Foundation for Alpha Zeta and other charities that are close to your heart.

First, the law significantly increased the standard deduction for individuals and couples to \$12,000 and \$24,000, respectively. It also capped the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) at \$10,000. The effect is a sizeable decrease in the number of taxpayers able to itemize deductions. Most will just take the higher standard deduction. This means charitable contributions for the average taxpayer will not be beneficial from a tax perspective.

One strategy that could be used is to pay two years' worth of contributions in one year. This makes sense if you make regular contributions to a charity. If you can "prepay" for this year and the following year, the increased amount could get over the standard deduction threshold. TCJA did increase the limitation for contributions of money to 60% of adjusted gross income (up from 50%).

If you are currently employed, you might ask if your employer provides any matching funds. Sometimes employees hear about this during orientation and forget this benefit exists. Ask your employer about this benefit, and if they don't match, ask them if they would implement this great benefit given the current economic and tax environment.

Qualified Charitable Distributions of your Required Minimum Distribution from your Traditional IRA is still available for people over the age of 70 ½. An IRA owner who must take an RMD can directly transfer this amount to a Qualified Non-Profit Organization and the account owner does not have to claim this amount as income on their taxes. Because they don't have to claim this amount as income, they don't have to worry about itemizing this amount as a deduction. This is a great way to fund charitable intent for people who have IRA's in RMD status.

Direct contributions of farm products (grain, cattle) to charitable organizations is also a great gifting strategy. The in-kind contribution is deductible for the market value at the time of the gift and a farmer can still claim the expenses it took raising the product. While the charitable deduction is still subject to the standard deduction floor, the farmer doesn't claim the sale of the product as income but can still claim the expenses.

Another strategy is utilizing a Donor Advised Fund (DAF). A donor establishes a fund with a public charity who will administer the DAF. The donor makes irrevocable charitable contributions (assets or cash) into the fund with the specific intent of funding their current and future charitable gifts. The donor controls when and whom receives the charitable distributions (must be a qualified charitable organization). There are several benefits to using a DAF. First, contributions into a DAF are deductible but you don't have to immediately distribute the funds. This means that you can "prefund" your giving with large amounts that

exceed the standard deduction and potentially invest that money inside the fund for future grants. Second, DAF's are a great tool for someone who has highly appreciated assets (land or closely held stock). The donor can gift the appreciated asset, receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the asset, and not have to claim a large capital gain upon its sale. The donor then controls the future distribution of the funds.

An additional way to leave a legacy is through the use of a permanent life insurance policy. By paying premiums today you can turn current dollars into a much larger legacy. Many different options are available to allow for variable premium payments and even to accommodate matching gifts from an employer. When this life insurance asset is owned by a non-profit, the donation can be deductible on your federal income tax if you itemize.

The Alumni Board thanks those Brothers who continue to give to the AGR Educational Foundation for AZ and those specified funds for AZ at the KSU Foundation. If you would like more information about gifting opportunities, please contact Board members Chad Chase chad@cgnadvisors.com or Jim Garrison jim.garrison.nqxn@statefarm.com.

Chad Chase (#1364) is the Principal and CEO of CGN Advisors based out of Manhattan, Kansas. Jim Garrison (#1067) is a State Farm insurance agent based out of Topeka, Kansas.



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Chad Chase Biography

Mr. Chad Chase (#1364) is a Butler County, Kansas native and a graduate of both Butler Community College and Kansas State University. He grew up on a 100-year-old ranch, which he continues to help operate and manage to this day. Chad received his degrees in finance and music, followed by attending the UNL College of Law. Furthermore, he is a certified Trust and Financial Advisor from the

Institute of Certified Bankers and a graduate of the American Bankers Association Trust School. Mr. Chase is very active in the Manhattan community, serving in various roles and capacities, including being a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Board. Both Chad and his wife, Segan, have two children, Solveig and Gantt.

Introductions - Get To Know The Alpha Zeta Alumni Board



Mr. Keith Westervelt, #1014
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Mr. Keith Westervelt, a 1982 Alpha Zeta initiate and a 1985 K-State graduate in Agricultural Education, is the current president and CEO of Blueville Nursery, a large Manhattan-based multi-function landscaping and maintenance company, and the current Alpha Zeta Alumni Board secretary. The Westervelts bought Blueville Nursery from Marlin and Gladys Scott in 1962, who originally founded the company in 1933. Today, they operate on 45 acres, growing and developing a variety of trees and shrubs, operating a gardening store, as well as offering a variety of services, such as small engine repair, landscaping, and irrigation to their numerous clients and customers around the area.

Keith began his career working at Greenleaf Nursery in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he met his wife, Sheri. From 1987 to 1998, Westervelt was a territorial sales representative for Greenleaf, until returning to Manhattan to take over the family-run nursery in August, 1998. Keith has one brother, Glenn, who owns and operates Lawrence Landscaping. His 3 children are grown: Linda, 27, is a registered nurse at KU Medical Center; Sidney, 25, is a sixth-grade elementary school teacher at Washington Elementary in Junction City; and Ross, 22, is a roofer working in Denver, Colorado.

"My main job is to represent the face of Blueville," Keith said. The nursery currently employs about 55 people full-time and 50 to 60 college students in the spring and fall, depending on the time of year and season. "At Blueville, we may not have oil or gas, but we do have renewable resources, the college students!"

Additionally, one of his favorite aspects of the job, besides finding and developing the next best tree, is to watch people grow. The relationships and networking that you do is also extremely important.

"Regardless, though, God has a plan," he said. Sometimes, we just have to go with the flow."



Mr. Jim Garrison, #1067
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An Agricultural Engineering major and graduate of K-State, Mr. Jim Garrison brings many years of management expertise and financial savvy to the Alpha Zeta alumni board. Upon graduating from Miltonvale High School, Jim was active on the KSU campus with Steel Ring Engineering Honor Society, Chimes Honorary, Blue Key Senior Honorary, and the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Additionally, while in the house he served as the Membership Development chair in 1988. After college, he worked in project management for both ConAgra and Cargill. Moreover, Jim worked with Premium Standard Farms, a vertically integrated Pork company, based out of Milan, Missouri.

After a successful career at PSE, Jim and his wife, Lisa, also a KSU graduate and member of Gamma Phi Beta, returned to Kansas in 2003, where they currently reside. Since 2003, Jim has been a State Farm Insurance Agent based in Topeka. Additionally, the Garrisons have two sons, Luke and Blake. Luke is a 2017 Kansas State graduate and AGR member, currently working as an engineering consultant for Black & Veatch in Philadelphia, and Blake is currently a junior at Washburn Rural High School.



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Call for Alumni Board Candidates

We've enjoyed a long era of positive relationships between undergraduate leadership and the alumni board, steadily improving financial health, and expanding programs and initiatives to keep K-State AGR vibrant and positioned for a future we can all be proud of. While we can be pleased with those outcomes, they don't just happen by accident and they aren't guaranteed to continue.

While the current group of board volunteers is energetic and committed, rotating leadership and service responsibilities among the qualified and willing members is a best practice. Stagnation and fatigue are usually lurking just around the corner in any volunteer-led organization.

This fall around Founders Day events we will hold our annual elections meeting to select board members. The terms are two years in duration and bring with them varied opportunities for

service to our fraternity. Please consider whether you or someone you know might be a good candidate to serve on the board soon or in the future. Our nominating committee nurtures a pipeline of brothers for potential board service.

Over the next decade the board will ensure we plot a smart future for our property needs and continue to build on the best aspects of our unique fraternal culture. Recommending a brother and expressing your own interest in serving on the board are a couple ways you can ensure we keep K-State AGR in position to Make Better Men for the long run. Please contact me or any other board member to learn more or make a recommendation.

Jerrod Westfahl serves as the current Alumni Board President for the Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Zeta Chapter Alumni Association. He can be reached at jerrod.westfahl@gmail.com.



AGR – Alpha Zeta Mom's Club



Powercat Boot Rack

On Saturday, April 14th, the AGR Mom's Club met at the undergraduate chapter house, in conjunction with the 2018 Mom's Day, sharing the latest information about upcoming events and plans for the 2018-2019 school year. Earlier in the year, the club generously donated resources and funds (\$1,300) to re-surface a table in the upstairs living room and purchase new couches for the house. Additionally, a motion was moved to contribute an additional \$7,000 towards the library renovation project, scheduled for summer 2018.

Most important will be the annual silent auction held in conjunction with Founder's & Parents' Day on Friday, November 9th, 2018. They are welcoming any items, baskets, or other donations, and the proceeds raised will go towards funding additional house projects, scholarships for informing freshman, special treats, and much more. If you have questions or would like more information about the AGR Mom's Club, please contact Shelby Bowen at shelby.bowen@sbcglobal.net.



Letter from Mom Dianna



The saying "TIME FLYS WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN" is certainly true for me.

With spring semester comes many events. The highlight of this semester was PINK ROSE. An eloquent evening with wonderful alumni and undergraduates. Over \$45,000.00 in scholarships were awarded to our young men thanks to the generosity of our alumni.

I accompanied our executive officers to the 2018 Leadership Conference in Kansas City. Chapters from all over the U.S. came together to exchange ideas and enjoy the speakers. I joined other house moms from several states to brainstorm how as housemoms we can further enhance

the experience our young men have while living at the fraternity house. One idea I took away that I am going to implement this fall is an apparent packet to include campus resources available to parents, my contact information, and training sessions I do for all incoming freshmen.

Being a house mom is bitter sweet. The sweet part are the memories you make with your "sons" and watching them come in as freshmen both excited and a bit scared of this new chapter in their life, and seeing them mature and move on into the career world. The bitter part is letting go knowing you will no longer be a part of their daily life.

We enjoy having our alumni visit. You always have a place at our table. Have a great summer, and we will gather again this fall.

Mom Dianna

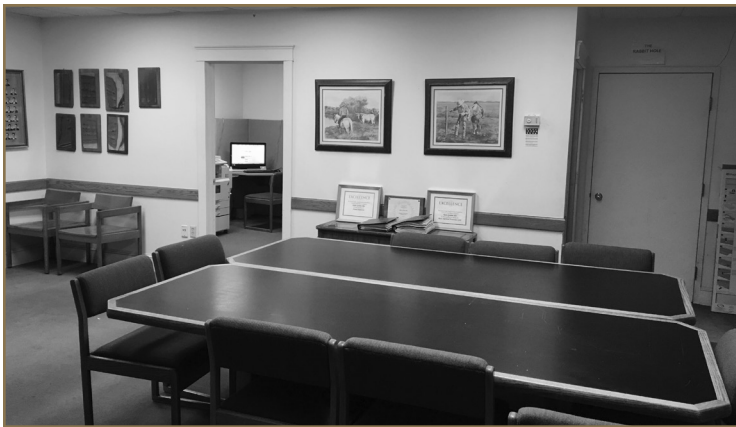


AGR Library Renovation Project

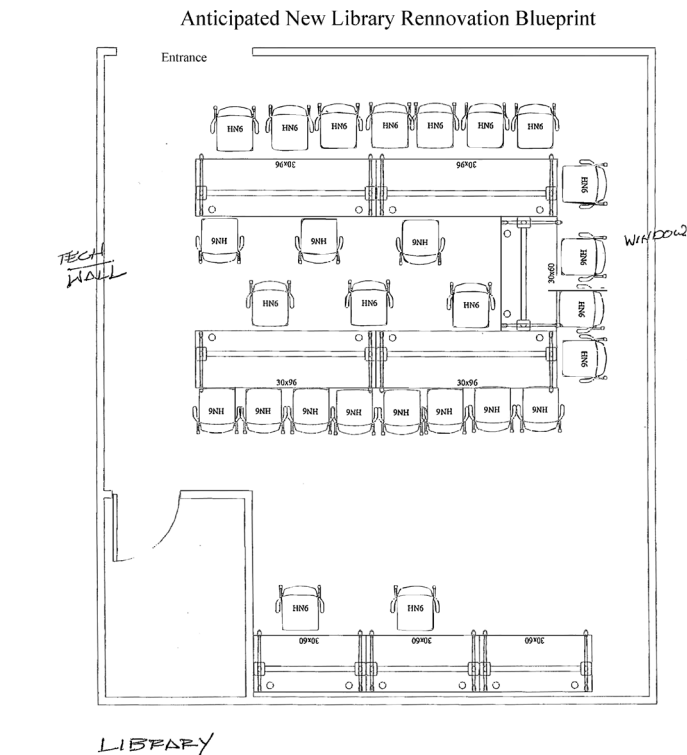
The Alpha Zeta Chapter House underwent a major remodeling and renovation project fifteen short years ago in 2003, only made possible by generous donors and alumni supporters. However, one place in the house, the Chase Family Library, remains in its original condition, with few to no changes or updating in over thirty years. With the leadership and support of the Alumni Association, the AGR Mom's Club, a small committee of both alumni and undergraduate brothers, and especially Alumni Board member, Mr. Roger Johnson of Wamego, Kansas, a plan was recently developed to renovate this space over the summer months of 2018 beginning in June.

Utilizing a budget of \$30,000 from alumni donors and a generous \$7,000 donation by the AGR Mom's Club, the goals of the project include modernizing the study and meeting space, utilizing wasted space, and creating a more flexible, appealing area for both undergraduate brothers and alumni to use. Modifications will include the addition of a new entryway, new tables and chairs, additional outlets and plugs, new hardwood flooring and paint, updated lighting fixtures, glass boards for study purposes, and other minor furnishings. Finally, the addition of a TV monitor or projection screen and the removal of an existing wall will give the space even greater versatility. The expected finish date is August 2018.

If you would like more information about the project, the timeframe of its completion, or would like to assist in any way, please direct your communications to the Alpha Zeta Board Property Manager, Roger Johnson, who can be reached by cell at 785-410-6322 or email him at wrjohn@ksu.edu.



Photos of Current Chase Family Library Pre-Renovation



AGR Professionals Program

In 2016, the Alpha Zeta chapter, with the guidance and direction of the Alumni association, several undergraduates, and numerous others started a unique program called the AGR Professionals Program. In its first year, over 40 undergraduates and AZ alumni were paired, based on career path, interests, personality, and background. It allows new members to get connected with someone who has followed a similar path on both a professional and a personal level. Whether it is a simple monthly regular communication, a phone call, or an in-person

visit to a chapter event, this program, for undergraduates, is a perfect way to increase your personal network and receive career advice. On the other hand, for alumni, it is an excellent way to stay connected with the Alpha Zeta Chapter at K-State and give back to a great organization!

If you would like to participate in the Professionals Program, or would like to recommend someone that you know, please contact Morgan Scilacci, at morgan08@ksu.edu for more details and to register.



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John C. Nagel & Family

Success, Scriptures, and Smokey Cheese

Introduction & Family History

A man of remarkable faith, knowledge in livestock, and unfettered wisdom, Mr. John C. Nagel (#622) of Wamego, Kansas, grew up as a young boy on a small hog farm in Valley Falls, Kansas. His mother and father, Glenn S. and Betty J. Nagel, raised a family of five children, including John and his four sisters, of which two are older and two are younger (Alice, Nancy, Barbara, Noralee). He was an agriculture advocate and livestock enthusiast from the start, being involved in 4-H while in school. John's father had been a basketball player and was an all-star athlete, receiving a full-ride scholarship to play at Wichita State University. Nonetheless, after one semester, Glenn returned home instead to farm. He built John's childhood home in Valley Falls, which remains standing.

In the family comes a long-standing tradition and passion for meat and scholarship. John's grandfather, Ora Benjamin Sawhill, was in the meat packing industry in the Wichita area for over 50 years, where he managed and operated not only Dunn Packing Company but also a small grocery store. In addition, John's aunt, Lucille Nagel Fredrickson, who was married to Clayton Nagel (tragically killed in an automobile accident during the fall of 1932, also an AGR "pledge,") was a founding member for Alpha of Clovia Scholarship House at Kansas State University.



The Nagel Family; Photo taken in Wichita, Kansas, 1954

Joining Alpha Zeta & Career

In the fall of 1963, John joined the AGR house as a sophomore in college. At Kansas State, he was an Animal Science major and was very involved with the Livestock Judging Team. In 1966, he was honored as the top individual at both the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO and at the Chicago International.



1966 Livestock Judging Team, American Royal - Kansas City, MO

(From L to R) Back Row: Dean Gibson, Max Payne, Virgil Huseman, Kenneth Spangenberg, Charles White Front Row: Calvin Drake, John Nagel, Stan Grecian, John Meetz

1966 American Royal Judging Contest Results:

Team	Individual
1st Overall	Stanley Grecian - 2nd Cattle,
3rd Sheep	5th Overall
4th Cattle	John Nagel - 1st Swine
5th Swine	John Meetz - 2nd Cattle,
9th Quarter Horses	5th Sheep

Additionally, he was an active participant of the annual Little American Royal held in Weber arena at KSU, winning several specie divisions and even emceeing the event for two years.

After college, John participated on a study abroad trip through the 4-H IFFE Program to India for 6 months before returning to the U.S. He worked in extension radio and television in the Wichita area for over 10 years and served as a county extension agent in Reno County, Kansas for about 2 years. During the late 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Nagel worked as a hog buyer for Manhattan Commission Company and as a meat inspector for local locker plants. In 2003, John married the love of his life, Barbara, following which he became an electrician, and continues to do this (and raise hogs) today. His wife, Barbara, is also a Kansas State graduate and works for the university in Anderson Hall as the Office of the Registrar assistant.

Studying the Scriptures ~ Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

"This is the scripture I begin with when I go out and preach at different churches," John said. "We need to listen to God for the decisions in our life. No matter what happens to us in this life on this earth, if we know Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we will spend eternity in Heaven with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." John and Barbara are active in their local church, the Manhattan Baptist Church. In addition, they enjoy spending time with their family, many grandkids, and traveling.

A Cheesy Ending

Dusk had finally settled upon the Flint Hills surrounding Manhattan, Kansas, ushering with it the end of a busy day. Mr. Nagel frequently visits the Manhattan Commission Company, also called "the sale barn," just off Highway 24 heading east



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out of town. This particular evening as John leaves the barn and heads towards his pickup parked out front, he notices a man, who's faintly-outlined silhouette is moving away from his pickup. He recognizes the individual, but before having a chance to speak, the man is gone.

Once inside his vehicle, John notices a Ziploc bag in the passenger seat with contents appearing to be meant for consumption, although the approaching darkness hinders his ability to fully tell. Undeterred, he opens the bag and proceeds to taste test the unidentified food. Taken aback by the quality and flavor, the moderately-strong but enticing odor and flavor of smokey cheese hits his taste buds. Trusting but verifying, as famously quipped by Ronald Reagan, and satisfied with the newly acquired cheese, John heads for home.



John Nagel's Original Family Home (2013) in Valley Falls, KS.



Brent Rockers

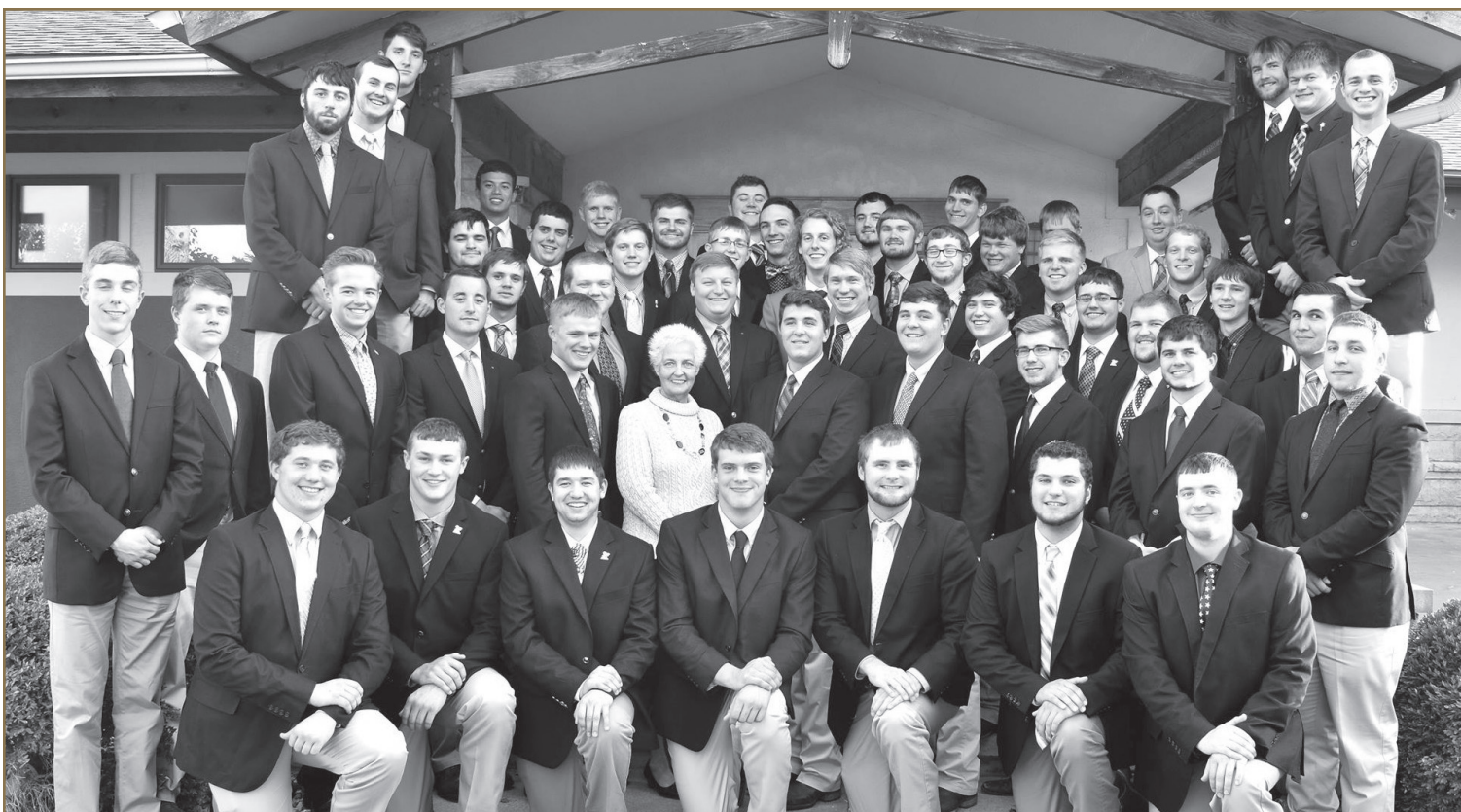
Brent Rockers (#932) was initiated into the Alpha Zeta Chapter in the fall of 1978. He graduated in the spring of 1982 with a degree in Agricultural Economics and began working for Ciba-Geigy as an Ag. Chemical Sales Rep in Southeast Kansas. 36 years later, he is still working for the same company (now Syngenta) as a District Sales Manager for their seed business.

Brent served as an advisor for Kappa Chapter at University of Nebraska - Lincoln for 8 years. While there, he helped with a complete remodel of the chapter house.

Currently, Brent resides in Des Moines, IA with his wife Lynne. His greatest enjoyments in life are spending time with family and friends, farming, barbecuing and cheering on the Cats! In the past few years, his family has been blessed with two grandsons. On the weekends, he farms in Anderson County, in his hometown of Greeley, KS. During home football games, you can find him hosting a tailgate for friends and family on the West Side blacktop or in Cat Town for a Catbackers function.

Brent always enjoys stopping by 1919 Platt to meet undergraduates over chapter dinner. He values the impact Alpha Gamma Rho has made on his life and so many others.

Jacob Peters, #1743



Fall 2017 AGR Chapter



Obituaries

Will Always Remember, Never Forget



Richard Joseph Chase

Richard Joseph Chase, 89, of rural El Dorado, Kansas passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. He was born October 8, 1928, the son of Edward and Ruth (Turpin) Chase. Richard graduated from El Dorado High School in 1946, Kansas State University in 1950, and attended graduate school at the University of Michigan.

He was awarded a rotary fellowship and studied one year at the University of Bonn, Germany. Following his studies, he served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War as an intelligence officer in the Strategic Air Command. After returning home, he worked in the El Dorado school district where he met Faralane (Wentling) Chase. They were married on March 2, 1958.

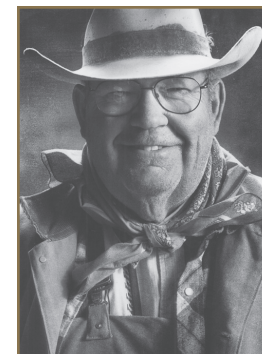
Richard was a farmer/stockman his entire life and operated and managed Chase Ranch, a Century Farm. His career business accomplishments include helping start Flint Hills Beef Feeders Feedlot and charter Chisholm Trail State Bank. He was owner of Verus Bank and chaired its Board of Directors for over twenty years. Richard Chase defined servant leadership with his many activities and interests in the community. He helped establish Butler Community College, El Dorado, Kansas as an original Board of Trustee. He served as Chairman of the Board of Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital, El Dorado, Kansas, served on USD 375 Circle School District School Board, was a member of the Kansas Livestock Meat and Industry Council, and was named Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Man of the Century in 2000.

Richard is survived by his wife, Faralane Chase, his sister, Kathryn, his children (Lane, Kevin, Cran, Chad), and eleven grandchildren.

Courtesy of Kirby-Morris Funeral Home



Courtesy of Brown Bennett Alexander Funeral Home



Orville Max Peterson

Oroville Max Peterson, 73, passed away on March 20, 2018 in Derby, KS at the Glen Carr Memory Care Home. He was born October 19, 1944 in Strong City, Kansas to Orville and Berthabelle (Mercer) Peterson. Max graduated from Chase County Community High School in 1962 after attending grade school at the Bazaar Schoolhouse. Max went on to graduate from Kansas State University in 1967 with a Bachelor of

Science degree in Agronomy and was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Soon after receiving his degree, Max went to work as a food inspector for the USDA. His job assignments took him to many different states, usually for months at a time. There was great excitement when Uncle Max was expected home for a visit! In 1976, Max resigned from being a food inspector and became a grain inspector, also for the USDA. This change allowed him to be more settled and have an apartment in Wichita.

In 2001, Max volunteered and was chosen for a USDA study in New York City. He had been in the Twin Towers the day before they were hit on 9-11 and was in a taxi about one-half mile from the site when the first plane hit the tower. His family had several anxious days before he was able to communicate with them that he was alright. There was a big celebration when he arrived home 5 days later.

Most weekends, Max could be found in Chase County spending time with family and helping out on the farm. In 2003, Max purchased a small house in Strong City, and with much elbow-grease help from family, turned it into a nice little home. He retired from the USDA in 2006.



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. Robert Alexander	623	Mr. Grayson Magner	1425
Mr. Mark Baker	991	Lt Col Evan Mai.	945
Mr. Dustin Beck.	1526	Mr. Michael Mazouch.	1356
Mr. Frank Beesley	1290	Mr. Lawrence McCorgary	824
Mr. Brett Bishop.	1207	Mr. Francis Menghini	453
Mr. Charles Brackney	260	Mr. Ryan Meyer	1323
Dr. Quentin Brands.	1254	Mr. Joseph Miller.	1202
Mr. William Buckles	1348	Mr. Terryl Mueller	1458
Mr. Harold Carroll	272	Mr. Zach Mueller.	1497
Mr. Randall Chrisler	1017	Mr. G Mullen	207
Mr. Allen Clark	146	Mr. Michael Murphy	380
Mr. Stephen Combs.	816	Mr. Kent Nichols	1446
Mr. Robert Condon.	291	Mr. Eric Niehues	1466
Mr. Dillon Cook	1623	Mr. Shea Obermeier	1613
Mr. Chris Cox	1603	Mr. Ethan Peck.	1449
Mr. Jacob Debolt.	1278	Mr. Donald Peterson.	439
Mr. Tyler Dechant	1581	Mr. Tim Pralle	1441
Dr. F. DeHoff	673	Mr. John Priest.	1547
Mr. Colten Deutsch.	1648	Mr. Edward Reece	817
Mr. C. Shane Dicks	1232	Mr. William Reed.	591
Mr. Calvin Dix.	1636	Mr. Stephen Reedy.	621
Mr. Mark Drake	426	Mr. Jason Rethman	1360
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Mr. Patrick Johnson.	1097	Mr. Warren Van Gunay	913
Mr. James Kirkeminde.	317	Mr. Garrett Vanzee.	1263
Dr. Edwin Kline.	206	Mr. Clint VenJohn	1609
Mr. Roland Kruse.	181	Mr. Wayne Ward	212
Mr. Martin Lane.	1209	Mr. David Ward.	1264
Dr. James Laughlin	414	Mr. Sam Weinhold	1319
Mr. Vance Long	1157	Mr. James Williams	838
Mr. Jeff Long	1452	Mr. Benjamin Williams.	1523
Mr. Darren Macfee.	1242	Mr. Ben Winsor	1442



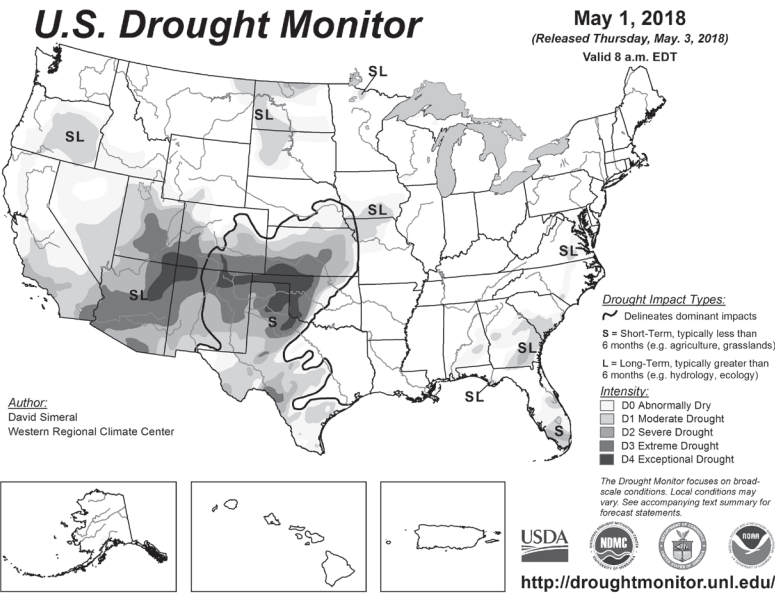
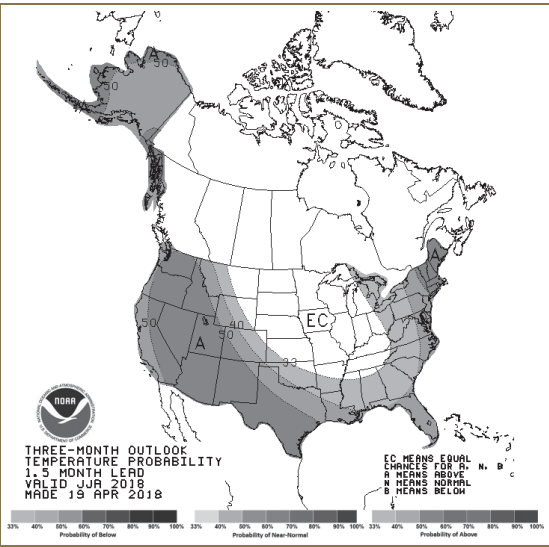
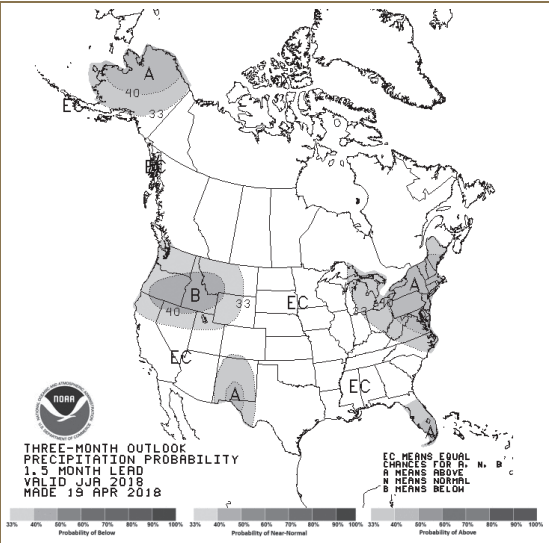
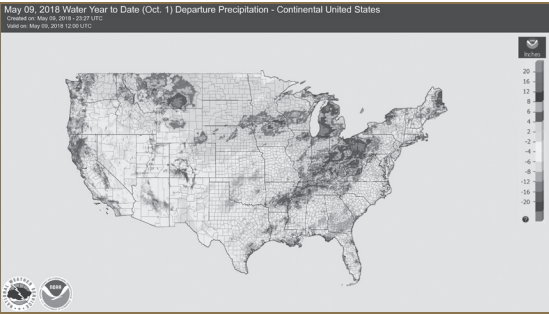
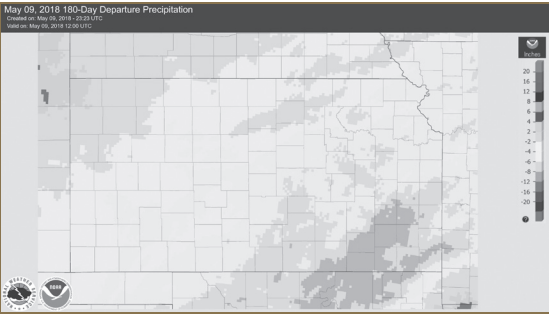
2018 Seasonal Weather Summary & Outlook

Winter 2018 Overview

During the fall and winter months of 2018, conditions were “roller coaster-like” across many sections of the country. The Midwest and Northern Plains were blasted with many intrusions of arctic air and rounds of heavy snow as late mid-April. Further south, states such as Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas continued to see little if any moisture throughout the winter and early spring, leading to potential concerns moving into the 2018 growing season. Towards the southeast and eastern corn belt, precipitation was plentiful, with many areas across Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee receiving one of the wettest winters on record. Further north, New England states also faired with near to slightly-above-normal precipitation and near average temperatures. Out west, the Pacific Northwest and other western states have received near-to-below-normal winter precipitation, with many mountainous areas seeing a below-average snowpack, including the California Sierra-Nevada’s, the Oregon Cascades, and the southern Rockies, although not nearly as critical as in recent years, especially in California. A notable exception was Montana and the northern Rockies, where many areas saw much-greater-than-normal amounts of winter snowfall.

Summer 2018 Outlook

According to some reports, such as FarmFutures and AgWeb Daily, the cooler-than-normal early spring delayed much of the early planting and ground preparation for many areas across the Midwest, however most states have quickly recovered in lieu of more favorable conditions and much needed moisture. Moving into the summer months, Brad Rippey, the chief meteorologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, predicts the Southern Plains drought to continue, although not to levels of the 2011-2012 season, and seasonal deficits in many areas will likely persist. Temperatures will remain near-to-above normal across much of the Midwest and Corn Belt, and precipitation will likely be near-to-slightly below average. Parts of the Southeast may see continued above normal precipitation, while areas out west will likely remain dry and warm. Looking ahead into the fall, initial indications according to the National Weather Service and Climate Predication Center show a slight trend to high “ENSO-Neutral” to weak El Nino conditions (or warmer-than-average water temperatures) developing in the subtropical Pacific Ocean. Although implications and signs are still early and subjective, this is potentially promising for many dry areas in the Southwest and Southern Plains, where typically years with this pattern increase the chance for higher precipitation. On the contrary, this may lead to drier weather conditions leading into the late fall and winter months of late 2018 and early 2019 in northern areas.





2018-2019 Schedule of Upcoming Events

June, 2018
8-9th Adviser Forum, Kansas City, Missouri

July
7th Alpha Zeta Alumni Summer Meeting

- ➔ Location and schedule of events announced via email, Facebook, and website
- ➔ Please contact Jerrod Westfahl for further details, jerrod.westfahl@gmail.com
- ➔ Please visit <http://www.ksuagr.com/alumni-summer-meeting> to register and to see the full itinerary

August
2nd-5th National AGR Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
16th Alpha Zeta House Work Day, 1919 Platt St.
17th Undergraduate Move-In Day, 1919 Platt St.
20th Fall 2018 Semester Begins, Classes Resume

October
12th K-State Animal Science Friends & Family Reunion
15th Online Registrations Due for Founder’s Day Banquet

November
9th 91st Founder’s and Parents’ Banquet, Manhattan, Kansas

- ➔ Location: The Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Avenue, Hartford Room (5th Floor)
- ➔ Booking Rooms
 - Bluemont Hotel, \$239/night, 785-473-7091 (please use group: “Alpha Gamma Rho Founder’s Day” to receive discount rate)
 - Parkwood Inn & Suites, \$159.95/night, 785-320-5440, 505 S. 17th St. (please use group: “Alpha Gamma Rho” to receive discount rate)

December
7th Last Day of Classes, Fall 2018 Semester

February, 2019
1st Online Registrations Due for Pink Rose Banquet
22nd ... 5th Annual Agricultural Symposium, Manhattan, Kansas
23rd ... 92nd Annual Pink Rose Scholarship and Alumni Awards Banquet

- ➔ Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 410 S. 3rd Street, Manhattan, Kansas
- ➔ Booking Rooms
 - Hilton Garden Inn, \$112/night, 785-532-9116 (please use group: “Alpha Gamma Rho – Pink Rose” to receive discount rate)
 - Parkwood Inn & Suites, \$99.95/night, 785-320-5440, 505 S. 17th St. (please use group: “Alpha Gamma Rho 2019” to receive discount rate)

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact Morgan Scilacci at morgan08@ksu.edu or anytime via cell phone, 541-519-5162

Founder’s and Parents’ Day Banquet

- Friday, November 9th, 2018, Bluemont Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas
- Block of rooms reserved at both the Bluemont Hotel and Parkwood Inn & Suites (see schedule for details)
- Catered meal prepared by Friendship House, Wamego, Kansas
- Enjoy a fantastic, relaxing evening in the Hartford Room mingling with fellow brothers, undergraduates, and their families
- Please visit <http://www.ksuagr.com/founders-and-parents-weekend> to register
- Home game against KU on Saturday, November 10th, 2018
- Questions, Comments, or Concerns? Please contact VNR Alumni Relations, Morgan Scilacci, morgan08@ksu.edu, or cell: 541-519-5162



AGR Historic Photo Contest

This photograph was found in the National AGR archives and was featured in the spring edition of the 2017 Sickle & Sheaf. Most likely taken during the annual leadership conference, several Alpha Zeta alumni are pictured here. See how many brothers you can name! The person that can name the most brothers will receive a prize at the 2018 annual Founder’s and Parents’ Banquet in November! Please email your list of names to Morgan Scilacci, morgan08@ksu.edu, by November 1st.



RSVP for the 91st Founder’s Day (November 9, 2018)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number attending Dinner: _____

Please Send your Registration to:

Morgan Scilacci
1919 Platt St.
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RSVP for the 92nd Pink Rose (February 23, 2019)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number attending Dinner: _____

Please Send your Registration to:

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Spread the Word-We Want to Know! What successes, events, special memories, or people have impacted your life?

Would you be interested in receiving a Monthly Update E-Newsletter from the Alpha Zeta Chapter?

Get Digital: Would you like to receive a digital copy of the Crescent?
If so, please visit www.ksuagr.com to sign up for an emailed version!

Please take time to fill out the questionnaire. By filling this out you will be helping to improve our alumni relations and contribute to the further connectedness of our chapter.



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