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Annual WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic Planned For July 22

UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Farm & Industry Short Course graduates are invited to attend the annual WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic in Waterloo. It will be held Wednesday, July 22, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Northcrest Dairy. The dairy is owned and operated by Bob and Chris Topel and Jeff and Jenny Spoke.

The menu includes brats, burgers, salads, soda, beer, milk and dessert for just \$10 per person.

Plan to attend Farm Technology Days on Wednesday and join WALSAA at the picnic. No reservations are needed and friends and family are welcome!

Farm Technology Days is located at Crave Brothers Farm, LLC, W11555 Torpy Road, Waterloo, Wis., while the WALSAA picnic site is just a mile north at W11673 Ridge Road, Waterloo, Wis. Signs will be posted to direct traffic from the show.



Save the Date: Fire-Up, Sept. 12

Fire-Up is set for Saturday, Sept. 12 at the UW Fieldhouse. Starting time will be determined by the Fresno State football game kickoff.

TICKETS ARE BACK – Football ticket packages WILL BE available this year. Be sure your membership is in good standing to order tickets by filling out the contribution form on page 6.

Enjoy great food and catch up with old friends as we raise money for scholarships.

Watch for more information mailed to you in the coming weeks.

2009 Badger Football Schedule

Sept. 5	6 p.m.	Northern Illinois
Sept. 12	TBA	Fresno State*
Sept. 19	TBA	Wofford
Sept. 26	TBA	Michigan State
Oct. 3	TBA	Minnesota
Oct. 10	TBA	Ohio State
Oct. 17	TBA	Iowa**
Oct. 24	Bye week	
Oct. 31	TBA	Purdue
Nov. 7	TBA	Indiana
Nov. 14	TBA	Michigan
Nov. 21	TBA	Northwestern
Nov. 28	Bye week	
Dec. 5	TBA	Hawaii

Home games in red

*Fire-Up

**Homecoming

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Greetings WALSAA members and friends!



success."

The best part of WALSAA membership is the opportunities to come, keep and work together. Your WALSAA board of directors and committee members, have been together quite a bit over the last 18 months. We have changed the way many things get done within and for WALSAA in an effort to enjoy the success of bringing our donations to the student populations, reaching out to prospective students and future alumni and bringing all of you together for social networking and service.

Last fall, we reorganized our committees when we added five new board members. With new blood, came new perspectives and advice. This has been refreshing and reinvigorating for the board. A list of our board members and the committees they serve is contained in this newsletter. I urge you to contact committee members and chairs if you have a desire to join them

Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; and working together is success."

and provide your support for their efforts.

Jessica Agnew asked Jennifer Vincent to reprise her role on the scholarship committee and working together with the college and the Daughters of Demeter they named eight Outstanding Sophomores to receive \$1,000 scholarships from WALSAA and three from Daughters of Demeter.

Karen Lee continues to manage *WALSAA Express* production together with another alumna, Julie Ehrke. Karen is also co-chairing the WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic, which will be July 22, details in this newsletter.

UW Day at State Fair will provide an opportunity for us to get together at the fair and celebrate food, farming and fun just like college.

On Sept. 12 we will hold the WALSAA Fire-Up in the Fieldhouse. Football tickets are again available for this year's event and more information will be mailed to you in the near future.

In April, our board hired WDE Management to handle the administrative tasks involved with serving and growing our membership. WALSAA correspondence and e-mails can now

be sent to our office at 3310 Latham Dr., Madison, WI 53713, phone 608-244-4555 and e-mail walsaa@wdexpo.com.

I am grateful to Marjorie Stieve, who headed our administrative services committee for accomplishing this task quickly and efficiently. We had good candidates and learned some wonderful things about the dedication of our members and their commitment to our organization in the process.

I invite you to contact me or any of your WALSAA Board of Directors or committee chairs to volunteer to serve on any of our committees, participate in upcoming events or share your ideas for how all of us can serve agriculture, serve our state and our college, and fulfill our WALSAA goals of providing scholarships and networking and connections for all CALS alumni.

Thank you for your patience as we move through this major new era for WALSAA. Your organization is still going strong and is better positioned for the future. Please help us to keep it that way by joining us and coming, keeping and working together to fulfill our goals.

President Liz Henry

WALSAA Committees: 2009

Executive committee:

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Merle Richter
Bob Kaczmarek

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Jessica Agnew, chairperson
Merle Richter
Dave Nelson
Dave Schroepfer
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Karen Lee
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Liz Henry

A Rural Route to College



At its roots, Wisconsin is a rural state. Its foundations were laid by people who worked the land, carving livelihoods out of the wilderness, and this indomitable rural spirit remains with us.

As a land-grant institution, our college strives to reflect and uphold these values. Strengthening Wisconsin's rural communities has always been central to our mission, and we work continually to address problems facing citizens and industries that depend on the vigor of rural economies. But with the rising cost of higher education, we are facing a new challenge: the affordability of higher education for rural youth.

In Wisconsin, the average rural resident earns 20 percent less in annual income than people in non-rural communities. At least some of this difference is attributable to the already wide gap in college completion

rates: while 25 percent of urban Wisconsin residents graduate from college, only 15 percent of rural residents do. But if nothing is done to address this disparity, more rural families will find themselves unable to give their children a chance at a college education – and the higher incomes that come to those with college degrees – and the gap will only widen.

This is a situation in which no one wins. Hard-working students are losing an opportunity to advance their careers, and their communities are missing out on the leadership those students could offer after they've earned their degrees. And for our college, the cost could be considerable. We would be ill-equipped to fulfill our missions without the strong voice of rural students in our classrooms, fields and laboratories. We need their intellect, and we need their perspective on the challenges confronting farms and rural communities. But most of all, we need them to excel – to emerge as gifted young leaders on the issues related to food, health, energy and the environ-

ment, the fields most central to the future vitality of rural economies.

For all of these reasons, CALS and the UW Foundation have created the Wisconsin Rural Youth Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to students from rural high schools who enroll in our college. We launched the fund last year, and already 12 students from rural Wisconsin communities are receiving aid through the program. But our aims are greater: we hope to grow this fund to the point where no rural student is unable to study at UW-Madison because of financial need.

If you believe as I do that rural communities are critical to Wisconsin's way of life, please consider helping us support this program. Please go to our college's webpage at www.cals.wisc.edu and look for the link to the Wisconsin Rural Youth Scholarship Fund and help us ensure the future of our rural communities.

Sincerely,
Dean Molly Jahn

Dean's Message

CALS Ambassadors Selected

The following CALS students were selected to serve as CALS Ambassadors for the 2009-10 school year.

- Brittany Abrams, biology and animal science, Wilmette, Ill.
- Erika Anderson, food science, Janesville
- Christa Behnke, ag & applied economics, Clintonville
- Matt Bobel, biology and Spanish, Plymouth, Minn.
- Michelle Brenner, biochemistry and Spanish, Brookfield
- Chelsea Cervantes, ag & applied economics and soil science, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Lynn Dickman, dairy science, Argyle
- Dana Erickson, animal science, Mauston
- Adam Geiger, dairy science and life sciences communication, Brillion

- Megan Knorn, dairy science, Luxemburg
- Julie Martin, life sciences communication and ag & applied economics
- Adam Mauer, biochemistry, Delafield
- Spencer Moore, dairy science, Muscoda
- Andy Mulrooney, ag business management, Bagley
- Alex Newman, genetics, Menomonee Falls
- Lindsay Perry, biology, Oak Creek
- Eli Rolli, wildlife ecology, Mineral Point
- Eric Ronk, dairy science, Denmark
- Alyssa Sandore, life sciences communication and Italian
- Ashley Schmitting, biochemistry and Spanish, Brillion
- Kelsey Stein, genetics, Altoona
- Sally Turpin, animal science and agronomy, Hillsboro



Farm & Industry Short Course Reunion

By Andrea Brossard Martin
FISC Alumni President

Graduation

On March 28, the 124th class of the Farm and Industry Short Course held its graduation ceremonies in the Great Hall of Memorial Union.

During the ceremony, several outstanding students from this year's Short Course class were recognized with WALSAA (Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Science Alumni Association) honorary awards. Some students were recognized for their activities and leadership and others for excelling in academics.

The students were honored for their exceptional work in terms of activities and leadership within the Short Course program and academic awards were given to first and second year students who earned a 3.80 GPA or higher.

In addition, 82 students received one-year certificates and 35 received their two-year certificate.

Reunion

Over 260 alumni, current students and friends of the UW-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course were in attendance at the annual reunion held at the Comfort Inn, DeForest, on Jan. 31. The event began with a seminar by new FISC Director Ted Halbach, who outlined his goals for the program.

Other program highlights included the presentation of two awards:

The **Friend of Short Course** award was presented to Jerry Doll, emeritus professor of agronomy in recognition of his 29 years of teaching in the program.

The **Service to Agriculture** award was presented to Dean and Mary Gagnon of Waunakee for their many years of service to Wisconsin agricultural youth, FFA and FISC.

Scholarships and applicants

Although the new class of FISC students won't embark on Madison for five more months, preparation is well underway. Currently there are 109 applicants from not only Wisconsin, but from Illinois, Oklahoma, Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Iowa, Nigeria, Nepal, Kenya and Ghana.

Additionally, students have the opportunity to obtain a scholarship from the \$100,000 awarded each year to FISC students.



Graduation Award Recipients

Left to right, front row: Mandy Peirick, Watertown, Activity and Leadership Award; Faith Williquette, Oshkosh, Activity and Leadership Award; Sarah Stodola, Burlington, Academic Award; Jennifer Sigg, Hollandale, Academic Award; Gregg Peirick, Watertown, Activity and Leadership Award; back row: Short Course Alumni President Andrea Brossard Martin; Short Course Director Theodore Halbach; Laura Miller, Rock City, Ill., Academic Award; Jason Jay Heberlein, Fennimore, Activity and Leadership Award; Steven Davis, Sharon, Activity and Leadership Award; Joseph Hartung, Arena, Academic Award; David Tischendorf, Dorchester, Academic Award; Charles Hookstead, Whitewater, Academic Award and Activity and Leadership Award; Bradley Sternweis, Marshfield, Academic Award; Karen Knipschild, assistant director, FISC; and Molly Jahn, dean, CALS.



FISC Alumni Reunion

Left to Right: Dean Molly Jahn, FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard Martin, Dean Robert Ray, FISC Service to Agriculture award recipient Dean Gagnon, Friend of Short Course Award Recipient Professor Emeritus Jerry Doll and Ted Halbach, FISC Director.

WALSAA Hires WDE Management, Inc.



Liz Henry, president of the Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association (WALSAA), recently signed a contract with WDE Management, Inc., to provide management services for the organization.

WALSAA is an independently financed, nonprofit organization for all former students of UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) and Farm and Industry Short Course programs, as well as friends of the College. WALSAA was created exclusively to support and strengthen the educational effectiveness and opportunities available in CALs. WALSAA cooperates with the Dean, CALs faculty, students and staff to foster collaboration and communication between alumni and the College. WALSAA hosts

alumni gatherings, works to help recruit the best and the brightest to the College, and supports more than 50 CALs students annually through academic, activity and travel scholarships.

"We are excited to work with WALSAA," notes Mark Clarke, general manager of WDE Management, Inc. "Both of our organizations seek to strengthen the position of agriculture through education and social interaction. It should prove to be a mutually beneficial relationship."

In addition to serving as WALSAA's business office, WDE Management will assist with coordination of membership and alumni activities. Upcoming events include the Farm Technology Days Picnic July 22 in Dodge County, UW Day at the

Wisconsin State Fair in August and the annual WALSAA Fire-Up Sept. 12 at the Fieldhouse.

WDE Management, Inc., formed in 1999, is a for-profit subsidiary created by World Dairy Expo, Inc. In addition to WALSAA, WDE Management, Inc. serves as the business office and performs administrative functions for four other events and organizations: Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA), Dane County Fair, North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge (NAIDC); and Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, Inc. (WROF).

For more information about WALSAA membership or activities, contact Mark Clarke at 608-224-0400 or visit www.cals.wisc.edu/alumni/WALSAA.

Congratulations Fellow Alumni

Elton Wilcox Broege (BS '48) has been inducted into the Rock County Ag Hall of Fame. Elton is a retired dairy farmer and president of Brunland Farms, Inc. in Janesville.

Rick Daluge (BS '71) received the 2009 Wisconsin Holstein Association distinguished service award last February. He also has been elected district governor of Lions Clubs International in southern Wisconsin. Rick is emeritus assistant dean of CALs.

Jerry Huth (BS '73) of Oakfield was recently named Cattleman of the Year by the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association.

Michael Kawleski (BS '84) was elected president of the Midwest Rural Energy Council. He is the agriculture market leader at Wisconsin Public

Service.

Sam Miller (BS '84), senior vice president, Agribusiness & Food Banking, M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank, has been named the Fox Valley UW Alumni's "Badger of the Year." Sam was honored at the UW Founders' Day Celebration in Appleton.

Tom Breunig (BS '85) was named director of sales northern division for ABS Global.

John Ferrick (MS '87) has earned the Robert Heideman Award for Excellence in Public Service and Outreach for his work with rural communities in Uganda.

Jon G. Anderson (BS '92), president of OPEN ROADS, was honored with the Marketer of the Year award by the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA).

Andy Diercks (BS '93) of

Coloma, was elected chair of the board of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Richard Ammon (BS '95) was named associate dean for business and health programs at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Richard was previously with the Frederick Community College in Maryland. He will oversee programs in landscape horticulture, nursing and health care, as well as information technology.

Ben Towns (BS '01) joined Arm and Hammer Animal Nutrition as channel sales manager. Ben was previously with BouMatic and Purina Feed.

Andrea Brossard Martin (BS '05) was named Outstanding Professional by the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA).



Join WALSAA today!

WALSAA Contributor Form



YES! Connect me to WALSAA and CALS with a gift to the Agricultural & Life Sciences Alumni Association Fund #12042094

Lifetime Contributor

- Alumni**; four annual installments of \$150 or a one-time payment of \$500
- New Graduate** (within two years of graduation); three annual installments of \$125 or one-time payment of \$350

Contributor

- Biennial**; \$60 for two years
- Annual**; \$35 per year

Note: All gifts include spouse/partner contributor status.

- In addition, please accept a gift for **student support to the WALSAA Student Award Fund #12040477** \$ _____.

Any gift of \$500 or more to any WALSAA fund enrolls you in the CALS Dean's Club. The CALS Dean's Club recognizes individuals who give \$500 or more annually to any CALS fund, project or program of their choosing. Benefits include special invitations to the annual spring breakfast with the dean and an opportunity to join us at the Dean's Football Tailgate in the fall. For further information about the CALS Dean's Club, contact Brian Hettiger at 608-265-5893 or at brian.hettiger@uwfoundation.wisc.edu.

Please make your check payable to the University of Wisconsin Foundation and mail it to the UW Foundation, US Bank Lockbox 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53278-0807. To make a gift on-line go to www.uwfoundation.wisc.edu. You will receive a receipt for your gift.

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Outstanding Sophomores



WALSAA awarded eight Outstanding Sophomore Scholarships for the 2008-09 school year. These students will receive \$1,000 towards their 2009 tuition. The students had to go through a highly competitive application and interview process. The following Outstanding Sophomores were selected:

- Katherine Dogs, Theresa, Wis.; life sciences communication
- Melissa Doyle, Mineral Point, Wis.; agriculture & applied economics
- Raechel Bartz, Grafton, Wis.; food science
- Kendra Abts, Appleton, Wis.; biology
- Soon Li Teh, Malaysia; agronomy
- Julie Martin, Rubicon, Wis.; life sciences communication
- Ty Hildebrandt, Hustisford, Wis.; dairy science
- Kelsey Stein, Altoona, Wis.; genetics

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Fresh Look, Same Work

By JoAnn Stormer
Executive Director
Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program

Leadership Wisconsin

In 1983, Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program began its great work. Over the past two years we have gone through an indepth review process and a professional concurrent analysis of our marketing and branding strategies. Feedback was sought from fellows, alumni, specialists in leadership training – locally and from around the country, as well as from community members who have witnessed the impact of our alumni.

First and foremost, the feedback confirmed that the program has indeed had a significant, positive impact on the alumni and it continues to remain recognizable for many years after their participation. Nine out of 10 alumni believed the WRLP was "very important" or "important" in increasing their leadership skills and abilities. More than 73 percent of alumni say they use the skills and knowledge they gained at least once a week. Secondly, we learned that our alumni play active leadership roles in their respective communities, organizations and businesses, further demonstrating our impact. In turn these people are a benefit to their communities and our state as a whole. While celebrating this proud legacy of achievement, our attention is focused on the future, long-term health of Wisconsin communities.

Following this significant study and analysis, the Board of Directors emerged with a renewed sense of confidence in the inherent wisdom of our mission and the need to establish a new, strong and inspiring brand identity.

For those of you who have been connected to WRLP since our beginning you will notice the common thread in our new brand – Leadership and Wisconsin. The core concept of our work is based on research that clearly identifies effective leadership as the most important determinant of healthy, vibrant communities. Leaders are essential to communities moving forward. Our new brand reveals immediately what we have been and what we remain committed to: *Developing Leaders to Strengthen Communities.*

What an interesting time we are finding our state and nation in. These recent changes in the economy challenge us in ways we had not envisioned pointing to the continued need for strong leaders. I continue to hear people say, "What we need are better leaders locally, statewide and nationally." Our 25 year track record speaks for itself, yet what we are experiencing now definitely affirms that we cannot draw back from our mission of developing leaders to strengthen communities throughout Wisconsin.

We invite you to do your part to build leadership in Wisconsin by nominating community leaders you connect and work with for the next group of Leadership Wisconsin, formerly the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program. Simply forward nominees' names and contact information to us at Kimberly.clist@ces.uwex.edu or (608) 263-0817 or for more information, visit our website at www.leadershipwisconsin.org.



Follow Your Team in Style!



Get on board ... Badger Football Road Trips are back! Whether you score the hottest ticket in town to see Minnesota's new stadium, or watch the Badgers battle Ohio State, you'll help Wisconsin get rolling.

WAA Football Road Trips

Badger Football Road Trips include:

- Special Badger welcome packet.
- Round-trip deluxe coach from Madison.
- Refreshments and entertainment on the bus.
- Two nights' hotel accommodations.
- Pre-game tailgate.
- Guaranteed game ticket in the Wisconsin section.
- A sought-after seat in the brand new TCF Bank Stadium to take in the stadium's first-ever Big Ten game. (Minnesota only)
- Daily breakfast buffet. (Ohio State only)
- Badger bonding at its very best!

Minnesota

October 2-4, 2009

Radisson University Hotel, located directly across from the new stadium!

Ohio State

October 9-11, 2009

University Plaza Hotel, located one-half mile from campus!

Prices for this season's Road Trips

- \$420 per person (double occupancy)
- \$560 per person (single occupancy)
- \$340 per person (commuter rate - no bus transportation)

Visit www.uwalumni.com/home/athletics/tours/bustrips/bustrips.aspx for more information and to download the registration form, or call (888) 922-8728 to make your reservation.

Reserve your spot today! Space is limited and these exciting trips sell out fast.

Questions? Contact WAA's Sheri Hicks toll free at (888) 922-8728 or via e-mail at shicks@waastaff.com.

Join CALS at Farm Technology Days July 21-23

CALS alumni attending Wisconsin Farm Technology Days July 21-23 on the Crave Brothers Farm in Waterloo should plan to take a few minutes to join fellow alumni in the Alumni Tent. For the second season, CALS is teaming up with UW-River Falls, UW-Platteville and the Wisconsin Technical Colleges to host daily alumni events.

So save the dates and look for more details about this opportunity to get caught up on what's happening at the college and with your fellow alumni at CALS Alumni & Friends webpage: www.cals.wisc.edu/alumni.

Don't forget the WALSAA picnic on July 22 at Northcrest Dairy - just one mile north of Tent City. (See page 1 of the newsletter for more details.)



2009 CALS Faculty and Staff Awards

Congratulations!

Academic Staff Awards

Ted Halbach from the Department of Dairy Science is this year's recipient for the Excellence in Service award. He has served as the department youth specialist since 1998, and has consistently met the high expectations that are required of the position. He successfully conducts numerous workshops, quiz bowls, seminars and other valuable enrichment activities.

Ted surpasses the required duties of his position by initiating innovative programming, most notably the Badger Dairy Camp. Through this program, he has been able to provide a unique experience for kids interested in fitting and showing cattle. The camp is becoming nationally recognized and has been excellent exposure for the department, college and university.

His rapport with the Wisconsin dairy industry has been able to generate over \$400,000 to support his programs, more than any other faculty member with a similar appointment. He has also successfully raised funds to support production of educational videos. His success at fundraising is a testament to his enthusiasm for education.

Other academic staff award recipients include:

- Fariba Assadi-Porter, associate scientist, Department of Biochemistry, Excellence in Research Award.
- Kathy Zweifel, senior administrative program specialist, Department of Genetics, Excellence in Leadership Award.

Faculty Teaching Awards

- Jung Excellence in Teaching Award, Dr. Jon Roll, Department of Bacteriology

Jon has made many impressive contributions to the undergraduate education mission of the department of Bacteriology and the College at large. In addition to his dedication and success in teaching four laboratory courses, in which he engages students in rigorous inquiries and discoveries, Jon has volunteered to teach an undergraduate seminar in microbiology.

Jon has also been instrumental in the development of a successful international exchange for undergraduates with the Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand and the Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates program, which attract individuals of underrepresented minority groups to research in the biological sciences.

Jon is an outstanding researcher who brings the rigor and inquiry of research to the classroom.

He provides a significant amount of guidance and interaction with his students that is invaluable to the Biochemistry department.

- Spitzer Excellence in Teaching Award, Dr. David L. Thomas, Department of Animal Sciences

Dave has been a loyal member of the Department of Animal Sciences for more than 15 years. He has established student-centered courses and worked diligently with colleagues and students to improve classroom instruction in the area on animal breeding and genetics.

Dave's deserving recognition stems from the innovation he has brought to his teaching. Over the years, Dave has transformed his classrooms by embracing a student-centered approach, providing undergraduates with hands-on opportunities and allowing students to construct their knowledge.

Dave has been instrumental in a fundamental overhaul of the breeding and genetic curricula and in the way those courses are being taught for animal and dairy science majors, not only on this campus, but also in at least two other institutions around the country.

Dave's colleagues say that his interaction with students inside and outside of the classroom has helped to cultivate a model learning environment. He approaches his curricula with refreshing philosophy that emphasizes learning rather than teaching.

- J. S. Donald Short Course Teaching Award, Kent Weigel, Dairy Science Department

Kent brings significant academic expertise to his students and to the Department of Dairy Science, but it is his inspiring teaching style that makes him notable amongst his colleagues. His two FISC classes, "Beginning Dairy Genetic and Evaluations" and "Advance Dairy Genetic and Evaluations," have been well-received by students and consistently receive high marks in dairy science departmental valuations.

Kent consistently finds innovative ways to teach principals of genetics in a way that students find effective, worthwhile and enjoyable. His courses cover a considerable breadth of applied topics, and he presents the material to his students in orally, electronically, and through hands-on experiences so that they have the best chance of retention. Comments of short course students reflect the value and effectiveness of his instruction. There is almost a unanimous consensus that his lectures are considered to be informative and memorable.



Outstanding Advisor

Left to Right: Liz Henry, WALSAA president; Dr. David Nelson, WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award recipient; and Dean Molly Jahn.

WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award

Dr. David Nelson from the Department of Biochemistry is worthy of the WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award because he has demonstrated an unusually high degree of commitment to advising students in biology and biochemistry and other majors. Dave is a selfless advisor who has changed the lives and career path of many of his advisees.

Over the 37 years of his career, Dave has become one of the most revered teachers on campus. His office door is always open and his laboratory is always extended to undergraduates as an opportunity to connect to the UW research world.

As a faculty advisor, Dave has supported the Undergraduate Biochemistry Student Organization since its inception. He has taken royalties he earns as co-author of his popular textbook to allow this student organization to pursue a very active agenda on issues related to the Biochemistry major including career path for students in the major.

Arthur J. Maurer Extra Mile Award

Since being hired in the Animal Sciences Department to manage animal facilities, Terry Jobsis has performed well above the expectations of her position title. She has gained additional training and has taken state and national leadership roles in the area of animal welfare.

She has volunteered to assist in teaching of at least four different courses in the Department of Animal Sciences and despite not having formal teaching appointment; she has developed her own course on animal handling and welfare. In addition, she has initiated and has been coaching undergraduate and veterinary students on the UW Animal Welfare team to regional and national contests.

Terry has gone the extra mile to enhance the curricular and extracurricular life of Animal Sciences undergraduates. Her enthusiasm and advising of the Saddle and Sirloin club led to a long series of successful social, learning and service activities, including the Academic Quadrathlon extracurricular contest.

Spitze Land Grant Faculty Award for Excellence

Hazel and Bob Spitze created the Robert G.F. and Hazel T. Spitze Land Grant Faculty Award for Excellence in 1995 to recognize faculty members who exemplify the land-grant mission. This year's recipient is Dr. Dan Schaefer in the Department of Animal Sciences.

As department chair, Dan continuously provides insight and focus to faculty involved in instruction. Under his tutelage, the department has successfully revamped its course and curriculum requirements to meet a broader range of student needs. He also challenges and enables the academic staff to increase their contributions to undergraduate instruction.

In the classroom, Dan challenges students and motivates them to excel. His mentorship helps each student develop a strategy so they may achieve their individual career goals.

As a researcher, Dan has had a major impact on the fundamental mechanisms that affect the food-animal industry. His work on the preservation of meat color has been cited in nearly 1,200 academic papers, and his expertise is valued throughout the food-animal and meat processing industries.

Dan's consistent outreach to the Wisconsin livestock and meat industries has provided synergy for the Extension faculty and staff. He regularly attends meeting for the Wisconsin Cattleman's Association, Wisconsin Pork Association, Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative and the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association.

Excellence in International Activities Award

- Dr. James Ntambi, Department of Biochemistry.

Pound Extension Award

- Dr. Alvin J. Bussan, Department of Horticulture.

Pound Research Award

- Dietram Scheufe, Department of Life Sciences Communications



Upcoming WALSAA Events

- June 14-17** NAADA Annual Conference ■ University of Minnesota
- June 26** WALSAA Board Meeting ■ WDE office, Madison
- July 22** WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic ■ Waterloo
- Aug. 5** UW Day at Wisconsin State Fair ■ West Allis
- Sept. 12** WALSAA Fire-Up ■ UW Fieldhouse