



## WALSAA's Farm Technology Days Annual Picnic set for July 13

UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Farm & Industry Short Course graduates are invited to attend the annual Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association (WALSAA) Farm Technology Days Picnic, in Stratford. The event will be held Wednesday, July 13, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station

Brats, burgers, salads, soda, beer, milk and dessert will be served. No reservations are needed and friends and family are welcome! Tickets are just \$10 per person at the door.

Mike Bertram, superintendent and CALS graduate, is coordinating wagon ride tours of their facility to give guests a convenient way to view their recent additions to the station.

The 2011 Farm Technology Days host farm is Seehafer Acres. Owned and operated by Ken and Karen Seehafer since 1976, the farm is located north of Marshfield on Hwy. 97, in the Township of McMillan, County of Marathon.

The WALSAA picnic site is located north of the FTD site. The address is M605 Drake Ave. Stratford, WI 54484. FTD visitors exiting to the north can take Hwy 97

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# President's Message: Your connection to CALS



WALSAA President  
Jill Makovec

**W**ow! What an exciting time for WALSAA and the College. With the school year recently completed, this issue pays tribute to all the students WALSAA was able to support this year. Thank you for your generous donations that allow WALSAA to impact the lives of so many students.

There are many groups associated with UW–Madison that work to raise funds for the college. With all of these groups asking for money, it can be hard to identify which groups are working for which initiatives. While all of these groups are important, WALSAA has worked to identify itself as your CALS connection by serving as the alumni association for the CALS campus. In addition, our fundraising efforts are strategically designed to support undergraduate students – enhancing their college experience through leadership opportunities, providing scholarships to recognize their achievements, and supporting the outstanding advisors that assist them throughout their college career. This issue really focuses on our core mission – student support and alumni connections.

This semester we recognized outstanding Farm and Industry Short Course and four-year students. The students were extremely grateful for the monetary support they received; however, throughout the process we learned that many of these students don't know or understand what WALSAA is or does. Instead of looking at this as a challenge, the scholarship committee saw it as an opportunity to expand WALSAA's role as a mentor to students. Initial conversations have identified plans to host an application writing workshop prior to the deadline for the Outstanding Sophomore Award. Not only will this be an opportunity for students to enhance their skills in writing scholarship applications, but also a chance to take those skills beyond college as they begin

applying for jobs.

Additionally, this semester CALS Ambassadors were selected for the 2011-12 school year. The college is changing, and life science majors are becoming an important component of the student and alumni population. However, the agricultural majors are still important, so we cannot lose sight of this group of prospective students. This makes the ambassadors job a complex and difficult one. The ambassadors have identified big plans for the next year to tackle these challenges; however, they will need our help. Therefore, I challenge all former ambassadors to make a gift to WALSAA, so we can grow our support of this group and all their endeavors.

And, don't forget all the fun opportunities we have planned in the months ahead for alumni to reconnect with each other! Mark your calendars for the WALSAA Fire-Up! After rave reviews from last year's Fire-Up, it will be hosted in the UW Foundation Parking Lot Sept. 10. Game tickets are available but limited, so get your reservation in today. This summer, Farm Technology Days returns to the center of the state, and what better way to connect with our college than with a picnic hosted by our own Marshfield Research Station. If that isn't enough, load the bus with fellow alumni for a fun-filled trip to East Lansing to cheer on the Badgers. Thank you to the events committee for all their work in planning these exciting events. If you missed the chance to volunteer or attend a WALSAA event last year, check out page 6 for more information.

Our goal is to make WALSAA your CALS connection. Whether you donate to help fund scholarships and awards, attend events, or volunteer for the board, a committee or an event, we value your support and participation. We hope to see you this summer and On Wisconsin!

# CALS Message: Keeping UW–Madison affordable



CALS Interim Dean & Director  
William F. Tracy

**I**'ve been thinking a lot lately about what makes UW–Madison a great public university. Obviously, we have dozens of outstanding academic departments. Our faculty and staff are renowned worldwide for their ideas and expertise. But these things could be said of such universities as Harvard or Stanford as well. One of the main reasons we love UW–Madison is that it competes with universities of that caliber while maintaining a public mission. It is the University of Wisconsin – not just a great university that happens to be in Wisconsin.

But talk is cheap. I'm more concerned about what we are doing now – and what we can do in the future – to preserve our character as a public university. How can we ensure, for example, that our flagship university remains accessible and affordable for all Wisconsin families?

Over the past 20 years, UW–Madison's budget has undergone a gradual transformation that makes this question imperative. State taxpayer revenue has remained flat or declined, causing super-inflationary increases in tuition to compensate. While a UW–Madison education may once have been heavily subsidized by taxpayers, today an equal (and growing) share is paid by students and their families.

It would be hard to say UW–Madison's in-state tuition – \$8,987 for the 2010-11 academic year – has become astronomical. It remains the second-lowest rate in the Big Ten, some \$2,700 below the conference average. On the other hand, in-state tuition has increased by 120 percent since 2001-02, and I am deeply concerned that further increases will price many Wisconsin families, especially those in rural communities, out of a UW–Madison education.

Chancellor Martin is correct to note that many students do not pay the full sticker price of tuition. In fact, some 18,000 undergraduates receive financial aid to offset the cost of tuition. But unlike many private universities that

have significant resources for financial aid, UW–Madison traditionally has offered relatively little aid based on students' financial need. In 2006-07, of the \$286 million in financial aid awarded to UW–Madison students, need-based grants from the university accounted for less than \$6 million. What this means is that UW–Madison has relied on federal and state programs to cover the gap between the cost of tuition and what families can afford to pay.

We can't rely on that model any more. Two years ago, the university estimated that the total aid packages offered to students fell about \$20 million short of their calculated need. With federal and state aid programs already struggling to keep pace with student need, it's unlikely that these government sources will fill that gap.

That's where you come in. As alumni, you know better than anyone what a special place this university is. And you can help ensure that future generations get to enjoy all its benefits. Regardless of what happens with the governor's proposed budget or the various models for governing UW–Madison and the UW System, keeping UW–Madison affordable will remain an area of critical need.

We've already made a great deal of progress. Thanks to alumni contributions to such need-based aid programs as the Great People Scholarship Fund and CALS' own Wisconsin Rural Youth Scholarship Fund, we've more than tripled the amount of need-based aid we can award students. But we need your help.

Please consider giving to one of these need-based scholarship programs. Visit [www.supportuw.org](http://www.supportuw.org) for more details. I can't think of a more positive way that you can show your support for UW–Madison's public mission and help us preserve the values that have made it a great public university.

Thank you, and On, Wisconsin!

# FISC Corner: UW–Madison Short Course graduates honored

FISC Alumni President  
Andrea Brossard Martin



Academic Award winners, first row: James Riviers, Ripon; Anthony Hass, Manawa; Kaitlin Gelsing, Robeson, Pa.; Joshua Collins, Clinton; Samantha Loehr, Mount Calvary; Connie Kellner-Miller, Wisconsin Dells; Jordan Hargarten, Clinton; Brandon Lesar. Second row: FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard Martin, FISC Assistant Director Karen Knipschild, CALS Dean William Tracy, Associate Dean Daniel Schaefer and FISC Director Ted Halbach. Recipients not pictured: Jun Cai, Madison; Eileen Collins, Greenleaf; Linda Ruehle, New Berlin; Patricia Wallace, New Orleans, La.

Graduates of the UW–Madison Farm and Industry Short Course (FISC) received WALSAA honorary awards during the FISC graduation ceremony held at the Alliant Energy Center on March 26 in Madison.

WALSAA Outstanding FISC Student Awards were presented to several outstanding first-year FISC students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, and service to the University and their community. These students were awarded a \$500 financial gift to apply toward tuition in their second year of FISC.

The Annual WALSAA Activity and Leadership Awards were given to selected students who were honored for their exceptional work in terms of activities and leadership within the short course program.

The Annual WALSAA Academic Awards were given to first- and second-year students who earned a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher at FISC. Short Course Ambassadors were recognized for their assistance in promoting the program to prospective students and for service at events.



Outstanding Student Award winners, first row: Anthony Hass, Manawa; Matthew O'Connor, New Glarus; Grace Dempsey, Eagle; Steven Hogenmiller, Eagle; Madison Fisher, Newville, Pa.; second row: FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard Martin, FISC Assistant Director Karen Knipschild, CALS Dean William F. Tracy, Associate Dean Daniel Schaefer and FISC Director Ted Halbach.



Activity Award winners, first row: Ethan Ulness, Valders; Brett Hildebrandt, Hustisford; Scott Felten, St. Cloud; Kristin Gudex, Campbellsport; Mara Streich, Montello; second row: FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard Martin, FISC Assistant Director Karen Knipschild, CALS Dean William Tracy, Associate Dean Daniel Schaefer and FISC Director Ted Halbach.



Ambassadors, first row: Jeremy Schafer, Lake City, Minn.; Tori Sanders, Marshall; Kristin Gudex, Campbellsport; Mara Streich, Montello; Scott Felten, St. Cloud; second row: FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard Martin, FISC Assistant Director Karen Knipschild, CALS Dean William Tracy, Associate Dean Daniel Schaefer and FISC Director Ted Halbach.

# CALS to host reception at Farm Technology Days

Are you going to Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, July 12-14? Join CALS for the chance to reconnect with fellow alumni from the UW–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in the Wisconsin Alumni Tent!

At 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day, there will be a casual reception for alumni and guests, featuring samples of local products

from Harmony Specialty Dairy and Country Fresh Meats.

And if your network includes alumni from other Wisconsin ag schools you're in luck – the Wisconsin Alumni Tent brings together UW–Madison, UW–River Falls, UW–Platteville and the Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

The Wisconsin Alumni Tent is located in Tent City at 6th Street

East and Wisconsin Avenue and will be open throughout the show – so please stop by anytime and visit.

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is located on Seehafer Acres, M243 State Highway 97, Marshfield, WI 54449. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

For maps and more information about the show visit [www.wifarm-technologydays.com](http://www.wifarm-technologydays.com)



**Mark July 13 on your calendar as a day to gather with friends and fellow alumni!**

## FTD Picnic cont.

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to Cty C and go west 1 mile to the research station. FTD visitors exiting to the south likely will have to go back to Marshfield and take Cty E north to Cty C east. It may be easier to go around Marshfield in the morning to enter the show from the north.

Exhibitors can take Stadt Ave. north to Cty. C. Then go east 1 mile to the Marshfield station where signs will be posted to direct traffic from the show to the WALSAA picnic.

(See page 6 for the opportunity to volunteer at this event.)

# Sign-up now for upcoming WALSAA Events

## WALSAA Golf Outing Sept. 9

WALSAA will be holding a golf outing on Friday, Sept. 9, at The Bridges Golf Course (www.golfthebridges.com) at 2702 Shopko Drive in Madison. Tee times will start around noon. With exact times to be finalized once a full count is received.

The outing will be standard golfing with no special contest or games and is truly just an opportunity for WALSAA Supporters and friends to get together and play some golf the day before the 36th annual Fire-Up.

The cost is \$60 per golfer with \$10 of that fee being a tax-deductible donation to WALSAA. After golf, stay and enjoy a cocktail hour with a cash bar in the clubhouse.

Please RSVP at (608) 438-1994 or admin@walsaa.org by end of day Friday, July 29. Sign up as an individual to be grouped or include the names of those in your party. Payment can be made and sent directly to WALSAA.

## Michigan St. trip Oct. 21-23

Join WALSAA supporters and CALS alumni as we travel to see the Badgers take on Michigan State. The trip includes two-night lodging, transportation to and from East Lansing, refreshments on the bus, Michigan State campus tour, Badger tailgate and game ticket.

The trip will depart from Madison on Friday, Oct. 21 and return Sunday, Oct. 23. Cost is only \$335 per person (double occupancy). This trip is being operated by Daluge Travel and hosted by Rick and Peggy Daluge of Madison. Deadline for reservations is Aug. 1.

A \$25 donation will be given to WALSAA for each member going on the trip. Please make checks payable to Daluge Travel and send to 5321 Fairway Drive, Madison WI, 53711 or call (608) 273-1091, if you have questions.

## WALSAA Fire-Up Sept. 10

The 36th annual WALSAA Fire-Up tailgate party and auction will be held at the UW Foundation building at 1848 University Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 10, prior to the Badgers versus Oregon State football game. Tickets are available for the football game and/or the luncheon itself.

As in years past, Fire-Up 2011 will feature the WALSAA Silent Auction to raise money to support scholarships, awards, activities and more.

WALSAA's annual meeting will be held prior to the Fire-Up Luncheon. Please plan to join WALSAA for this wonderful opportunity to connect with the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, CALS alumni and fellow WALSAA supporters to network and share your Badger pride. To order tickets, please use the form on the following page.

## Volunteers wanted

WALSAA events are a great opportunity to meet and visit with fellow CALS alumni, but they aren't possible without the help of many individuals.

Right down to its core, WALSAA is a organization of volunteers. It is currently seeking people to volunteer at its Farm Technology Days Picnic on Wednesday, July 13 near Marshfield and/or Football Fire-Up on Saturday, Sept. 10 in Madison. (More details on each of the events can be found within this newsletter.)

WALSAA is looking for volunteers in areas of development, marketing, set-up, food service, break-down and administration. Please contact the WALSAA Administrative Coordinator Amy Ryan at (608) 438-1994 or admin@walsaa.org if you would like to contribute your services.

# 2011 WALSAA Football Fire-Up order form

## WALSAA Football Fire-Up • Saturday, Sept. 10 • UW Foundation building

Please fill in ALL information below to complete your registration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required to receive additional e-mail correspondence): \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Cost	# of Tickets	Total
<b>Game Day Package*</b> Fire-Up Luncheon** & Wisconsin vs. Oregon State tickets (max. 6 tickets per request)	Adults: \$72 Child 3-11: \$62 Child under 3: Free***	Adult: _____ Children 3-11: _____ Children Under 3: _____	\$
<b>Fire-Up Luncheon</b> Luncheon** Tickets Only	Adults: \$30 Child 3-11: \$20 Child under 3: Free	Adult: _____ Children 3-11: _____ Children Under 3: _____	\$
Fire-Up T-Shirts See page 15 for more information.	\$15 per shirt	Small Qty. ____ Medium Qty. ____ Large Qty. ____ X-Large Qty. ____	\$
<p>Make checks payable to WALSAA.</p> <p>Mail registration and payment to WALSAA at P.O. Box 5177, Madison, WI 53705</p> <p><b>Registration deadline is Aug. 31.</b></p>			<p>Additional 100% tax deductible donation to WALSAA.</p> <p>\$</p>
Total Cost			\$

List Names for Fire-Up Nametags: \_\_\_\_\_

All football and Fire-Up Luncheon tickets will be available at the "Will Call" table. Tickets will NOT be mailed.

Fire-Up Luncheon tickets will be for sale at the door for \$35 adults and \$25 for children.

\* Badger Football tickets are available only as a Game Day Package deal with Fire-Up Luncheon tickets.

\*\* 15 of each luncheon ticket is a gift of support to WALSAA and is 100% tax deductible.

\*\*\*Children Under 3 must sit on the lap of an adult football ticket holder during the Badger game.

For additional information, please contact WALSAA Administrative Coordinator, Amy L. Ryan  
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# 2011 Outstanding Sophomore Awards granted

WALSAA Scholarship Chairman  
Bryan Renk

2011 brought with it an increase in the number of applicants for WALSAA's Outstanding Sophomore Scholarship award; from 45 in 2010 to 65 in 2011. WALSAA was able to award 10 scholarships of \$2,000 each in thanks to the generous support of CALS alumni.

WALSAA's scholarship committee selected 20 finalists for 15-minute interviews to determine the final award winners. Students from the majors of genetics, animal science, dairy science, biology, food science, landscape architecture, environmental sociology and biochemistry were represented.

Recipients of WALSAA's 2011 Outstanding Scholarship Awards are: Mara Budde, dairy science; Ronald Crandall, genetics; Jennifer Holle, dairy science; Lauren Holterman, food science; Sylvia Janicki, landscape architecture; Bryan Menapace, biochemistry; Amanda Miller, environmental sociology; Xiaoyi Qu, biology; Jared Wendt, food science; and Kevin Yeska, landscape architecture.

The quality of all of the students applicants was amazing and the committee wished it was able to award scholarships to more of these outstanding sophomores.



At a luncheon with WALSAA Board Members in April, Scholarship Committee Chairman Bryan Renk (left) presented the Outstanding Sophomore Awards to well-deserving recipients. A few of the awardees include: Sylvia Janicki (top right), Bryan Menapace (bottom right), and Xiaoyi Qu (bottom left).



# Lessons from the OSA interviews

WALSAA Scholarship Committee Members Bryan Renk and Jenny Dierickx performed the student interviews. Here are the top three items they found most fascinating about the process.

**Bryan Renk**

- 1** The 15-minute interviews gave us a really good look at each student and why they chose UW-Madison.
- 2** I was continually amazed at the caliber of students who applied for the scholarship.
- 3** The genetics majors all picked their chosen major in high school, which surprised me at how focused they were.

**Jenny Dierickx**

- 1** There is a huge opportunity for WALSAA to connect with students and explain its purpose. Even in their sophomore year, the students are hungry to make alumni connections that will help them prepare for future careers.
- 2** I would have to agree with Bryan in the caliber of students was extremely impressive. The candidates were all very well rounded in their accomplishments both within the classroom and outside in extracurricular activities.
- 3** The 15-minute interview is essential to determining the full breadth of a student's experience and need for the award. It allows us to sit face-to-face with the students and hear their story beyond what is submitted on paper.



## Past Outstanding Sophomore Award recipients

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Leann Barden	Andrea Bloom	Michelle Brenner	Kendra Abts	Emily Barker
Kody Habeck	Michael Dogs	Elizabeth Chadwick	Raechel Bartz	Danielle Brown
Cora Holt	Anne Dorshorst	Claudia Hardie	Katherine Dogs	Tawny Chandler
Ann Huenink	Brianna Laube	Lydia Hardie	Melissa Doyle	Jesse Dahir-Kanehl
Pat Ludwig	Sheri Nelson	Alex Newman	Ty Hildebrandt	Laura Elliott
Appesh Mohandas	Lindley Reilly	Katherine Pankratz	Soon Li Teh	Brianne Gohlke
Andrew Peterson	Elizabeth Seitz	Sunyoung Park	Julie Martin	Zeeshan UI Haq
Scott Sternweis	Sarah Shafer	Amber Rassbach	Kelsey Stein	Curtis Horsens
Kristin Thompson	Hannah Uhlenhake	Ashley Sprengeler		Katherine Mitchell
Christina Wendorf	Benjamin Van Treeck	Leng Xiong		Joe Simonett
Tanya Zimmerman	Lauren Walsh			

# 2011-12 CALS Ambassadors announced

CALS Director of Prospective Student Services  
Jessie Potterton

The UW–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is pleased to announce the 2011-12 CALS Ambassadors. CALS received many outstanding applications for the program, and 23 current undergraduate students will serve on this team of undergraduate leaders.

Those selected, and their major(s), include:

- Rachael Baird, Genetics and certificate in Global Health
- Lara Bower, Biology
- Erika Cardenas, Wildlife Ecology
- Tara Centeno, Biology (Neurobiology)
- Ron Crandall, Genetics
- Mackenzie Fochs, Horticulture/Life Sciences Communication
- Taylor Fritsch, Agricultural & Applied Economics/Life Sciences Communication
- Catherine Harris, Community and Environmental Sociology/Music Performance
- Kathleen Keene, Wildlife Ecology
- Megan Knorn, Dairy Science
- Ellie Krueger, Biology
- Aisha Liebenow, Biochemistry
- Lily Mank, Animal Science
- Eric Mauer, Biochemistry
- Kayla McKaveney, Biochemistry
- Duane Myklejord, Biology
- Ashley Nimtz, Dairy Science/Life Sciences Communication/Agronomy
- Ryan Peterson, Agricultural Business Management
- Jordan Riley, Agricultural & Applied Economics/Life Sciences Communication
- Bryan Rowntree, Biological Systems Engineering
- Ashley Schmitting, Biochemistry/Spanish
- Lauryn Vanderwerff, Animal Science
- Jared Wendt, Food Science

They will be led by President Ashley Schmitting; Vice-President Jared Wendt; Secretary Catherine Harris; and Public Relations Director Ron Crandall. The team is advised by Director of Prospective Student Services Jessie Potterton.



The 2010-11 CALS Ambassadors had a great year, thanks in great part to the funding and support from WALSAA. Pictured here are just a few of the Ambassadors, front to back, left to right: Erika Anderson and Eric Ronk; Ashley Schmitting, Megan Knorn and Dana Erickson; and Adam Mauer and Spencer Moore. Missing: Julie Martin, Mackenzie Fochs, Laura Gunn, Catherine Harris, Karen Schlichter and BJ Chrisler.



The 2011-12 CALS Ambassadors applied, interviewed and were selected this spring. The team includes, front to back, left to right: Ashley Schmitting, Ellie Krueger and Megan Knorn; Lily Mank, Aisha Liebenow and Tara Centeno; Rachael Baird, Kathleen Keene and Kayla McKaveney; Lara Bower, Jared Wendt, Lauryn Vanderwerff and Ron Crandall; Taylor Fritsch, Duane Myklejord and Bryan Rowntree; and Jordan Riley and Ryan Peterson. Missing: Erika Cardenas, Ashley Nimtz, Catherine Harris, Mackenzie Fochs and Eric Mauer.

# First 'Hit the Ice with WALSAA' successful

WALSAA Board Member  
Val Breunig



WALSAA's first hockey event, presented by M&I Bank, drew 58 people March 5 in the Nicholas Suite of the Kohl Center. A great meal, visit by Bucky Badger, great seating, and a cash bar made it a special evening. Thanks to sponsorship by Middleton Community Bank, 10 students were able to attend to meet WALSAA alumni.

A silent auction of five special items added to the event. An official UW Hockey Jersey signed by Blake Geoffrion – who is rumored to be turning pro soon – topped the auction at \$335. Donated by Valerie Breunig/Pete Giacomini, Amy Ryan was the winning bidder. A UW band package, which included a chance to direct the UW marching band during the fifth quarter, varsity band tickets and poster autographed by Mike Leckrone went for \$325; thanks to Brian Hettiger for this donation and Joyce and Mike Marr for the winning bid.

WALSAA's Football Fire-Up package went to Tom Schmidtkecht for \$250 and included football tickets (donated by Dave Welch), Fire-Up tickets and two nights' stay at the Hilton Garden Inn (donated by the North Central Group).

A Wisconsin State Fair Fun Package was purchased for \$100 by Pat Duffy (thank you Wisconsin State Fair Park for donating) and a cooler of badger items donated by Marjorie Stieve went \$65 over value for \$175 to Sam Miller.

Thank you to presenting sponsor M&I Bank and our five auction sponsors for making the event a scholarship support opportunity.



Top left: CALS Student Representative Shruthi Murali (left) and CALS leadership retreat students.

Top right: WALSAA Board Member and Event Committee Chairman Dave Welsh (left) with his wife and Bucky Badger.

Bottom left: WALSAA Board Member Dave Fahey (left) and fellow WALSAA supporters.

Bottom right: WALSAA President Jill Makovec and CALS Leadership Retreat students.

# WALSAA congratulates new grads at CALS reception

WALSAA welcomed and congratulated the newest group of CALS graduates last month after the May 14 Commencement Ceremony. With more than 500 graduates, their families and friends, and more than 21 majors represented from CALS, the event was a great hit.

The CALS graduates and their families were invited to the Nicholas Johnson Pavilion for a reception following their 10 a.m. commencement ceremony, where they enjoyed cake, refreshments and a visit from our very own Bucky Badger. WALSAA's Administrative Coordinator, Amy Ryan was honored to distribute the latest WALSAA Express newsletter, WALSAA stationary and brochures as a way of introducing the 501(c)(3) charitable organization to this new and excited group of UW alumni.

WALSAA looks forward to working hand-in-hand with this energetic, intelligent and engaged group of individuals to strengthen and grow the organization as it continues to move the alumni association forward.

Again, WALSAA would like to reiterate its admiration and congratulations to this outstanding group of graduates.

On Wisconsin!



# Show your support for WALSAA's initiatives

If you are not already a Lifetime WALSAA Supporter, you may miss out on all that WALSAA has to offer if you do not show your support on an annual basis. Advantages of being a WALSAA Supporter include:

- WALSAA Express newsletter delivered several times per year
- Invitations to WALSAA events
- A WALSAA window static sticker for display on your vehicle
- Recognition in the WALSAA Express and on [www.walsaa.org](http://www.walsaa.org) for the following giving levels:

Other Monetary Support – Annual contributions less than \$50

**Red & White Club** – Annual contributions between \$50 and \$124

Henry Mall Club – Annual contributions between \$125 and \$249

**Babcock Hall Club** – Annual contributions between \$250 and \$499

Agricultural Hall Club – Annual contributions between \$500 and \$999

**WALSAA Society** – Annual contributions of \$1,000 or greater

Donations can be made safely online (go to [www.walsaa.org](http://www.walsaa.org) and click on the donate button) or by filling out the donation form below and mailing it in.

Please take a few moments to reflect on your experience at the college and consider how support from WALSAA may have helped your situation. Your contribution enables WALSAA to award scholarships, fund CALS ambassadors, support student leadership and recognize exceptional faculty – all efforts to support the University and the alumni's connection to it. Every dollar contributed is 100 percent tax deductible. The more support we can generate, the more we can do for the College. Thank you for your continued support of WALSAA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Mobile  Home  Work

UW-Madison Graduate?  Yes  No If yes, year of degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional degrees (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering at a WALSAA event?  Yes  No

Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Money order  Amer. Express  Discover  MasterCard  Visa

*Please complete the following information if you are paying by credit card:*

Cardholders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*I authorize WALSAA to charge the credit card indicated above all charges pertaining to my donation. I attest that I am a legal authorized user of the designated card.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WALSAA awards Dan Schaefer as Outstanding Advisor

The winner of this year's WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award is Daniel Schaefer of the Department of Animal Sciences.

As a long-time chair of the Department of Animal Sciences and current interim associate dean for undergraduate programs and services, Dan Schaefer has a lot on his plate. Yet he has still found time to be a guiding influence as advisor to 148 undergraduates over the years.

According to one student nominator, "It is remarkable how accessible he has always been considering his many other obligations... he has played an influential and integral role in my college career."

Schaefer is known to be very helpful for those students looking for internship or permanent job positions, and quick to connect students with the appropriate contacts.

Schaefer is also a senior faculty member in the department, a position from which he provides a wealth of perspective for those starting their faculty careers or those who are already tenured but are moving into administrative positions.



Presenting the WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award to Daniel Schaefer on April 27 were, left to right, Bryan Renk, WALSAA scholarship committee chairman; Dana Erickson, student nominator; Jill Makovec, WALSAA president; Schaefer; and CALS Dean William Tracy.

His voice is one of wisdom and balance, and he has developed a following among faculty as a fair manager and a valuable advisor.

The award was presented by WALSAA at the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Awards Program on Wednesday, April 27.

## WALSAA Board 2010-2011

<b>Jill Makovec '00, '02 - 2011</b> President Madison, WI	<b>Andrea Brossard Martin '01</b> FISC Alumni President Beaver Dam, WI	<b>Maria McGinnis</b> CALS Career Rep/Ex-Officio Madison, WI	<b>Liz Henry '83 - 2011</b> Dane, WI	<b>Russell Rindsig '68, '69, '73 - 2012</b> Sarona, WI
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# Alumni Updates

**William Wendorff, BS '64, MS '66, PHD '69 and emeritus professor**, has received the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association 2011 Distinguished Service Award. Wendorff joined the UW in 1989 after 20 years as a technical director in the food industry.

**Richard LaCroix BS '67, MS '68**, retired effective May 1 from AgSource Cooperative Services where he was vice president of product services and development. His work career included 18 years in extension, 10 years in milk marketing and 10 years in feed sales.

His last six years have been with CRI/AgSource. He will continue to work part-time for InVent, which is a consulting subsidiary of CRI.

**Amanda Herzog, BS '07** a fourth-year student at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, has been awarded the 2011 American Medical Association Foundation's Leadership Award for community service, advocacy and education in health care. A native of Union Grove, Herzog is a co-founder of the Healthy Classrooms Foundation, a non-profit organization offering grants to school programs that advocate healthier lifestyles for children.

**Sarah Sacker, BS '11**, was one of five finalists vying for the 64th Alice in Dairyland position. Sacker, of Monroe, studied dairy science and life sciences communication. She was involved in the Badger Dairy Club, Association of Women in Agriculture and the National Agri-Marketing Association.

**In memoriam**  
Harris Babler  
Roger Biddick (WALSAA's first president)

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## Upcoming Events

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| <b>June 24</b>    | <b>WALSAA Board Meeting</b>                     |
| <b>July 13</b>    | <b>WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic</b>       |
| <b>Sept. 9</b>    | <b>WALSAA Golf Outing</b>                       |
| <b>Sept. 10</b>   | <b>WALSAA 36th Fire-Up &amp; Annual Meeting</b> |
| <b>Oct. 21-23</b> | <b>Michigan State Football Trip</b>             |