

WALSAA EXPRESS

➔ YOUR CALS CONNECTION FOR LIFE

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Congratulations CALS Graduates!

WALSAA was honored to be a part of the CALS Commencement Reception that was held in Allen Centennial Garden prior to the UW Commencement on Saturday, May 13. With approximately 1,000 CALS graduates, family and friends in attendance, this was a great event to welcome new alumni to WALSAA. New graduates were congratulated by WALSAA President, Vern Dougherty, and WALSAA Board members, Shawn Conley and Bob Behnke, and they received WALSAA sunglasses.

Photos:

Graduation Day (top)

CALS graduates enjoyed a commencement pre-event at the Allen Centennial Garden which provided a backdrop for photos and a great opportunity to network with alumni.

WALSAA Through the Years (middle)

Banners displayed the history of WALSAA at UW-Madison.

Bright Badger Futures! (bottom)

L-R: Vern Dougherty, Shawn Conley and Bob Behnke welcomed new graduates to the event with WALSAA sunglasses in Badger Red & White!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WALSAA - 45 Years Strong & Impacting the Future



Vern Dougherty
WALSAA President

Honestly, as I began writing this I realized, WALSAA is celebrating its 45th year as your CALS alumni organization. From the humble beginnings of a few, we are a thriving organization. We are dedicated to not only maintaining your CALS connection for life, but also helping CALS students achieve their dreams through scholarships, leadership grants and on-going support of CALS student organizations and our faculty.

These past few months I had the pleasure of attending two functions that make being WALSAA President all that much more rewarding. The first was the CALS faculty awards and recognition reception. We are honored to have been able to recognize Molly Reinhard as the recipient of the 2017 WALSAA Outstanding Advisor award. Reinhard exemplifies everything we could hope for in an outstanding advisor. As an example, during this same awards reception, she was also recognized with the CALS Equity & Diversity Award. That award is given to a faculty member to recognize contributions to activities and programs that advance the academic and professional climate of diversity, respect, inclusion and equity in CALS. It was noted during the presentation: "Molly gives her free time to advise the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences student organization. In this capacity, she acknowledges and confronts the challenges that students of color face in these industries. She stands as an ally to these students and embraces the role with her usual mix of creativity, enthusiasm, and willingness to help others." She is truly a champion and we are proud to call her the 2017 WALSAA Outstanding Advisor.

The other event, I had the pleasure of attending, was the CALS Commencement Reception that was held for the first time in Allen Centennial Garden. What a great day and what a fabulous location to congratulate our newest alumni and their parents. Congratulations to John Klatt, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Student Development, and everyone involved in making the commencement reception a success. I can envision this send-off getting only bigger and better in the years ahead and look forward to welcoming the newest CALS alumni to the WALSAA family.

A precursor to those two events was our annual Outstanding Sophomore Award (OSA) reception held at

the beginning of April. This is one of those events that is purely inspirational. In this and upcoming newsletters, we will share the stories of our (10) \$2,000 OSA scholarship winners. As you read their stories, I am confident that you will agree, these CALS students embody the culture and innovation that make us proud to be alumni of CALS. We are proud to support their dreams for their future and ours.

Thank-you to our scholarship chair, Kim Jones, and everyone who helped in reading the OSA scholarship applications, conducting the in-person interviews (through a snow storm) and being a part of the awards reception.

Lest I forget, there are two WALSAA events that I hope you are able to make in the coming months. The first is the annual WALSAA summer picnic to be held on Wednesday, July 12 starting at 4:30 p.m. This year's WALSAA summer picnic, which coincides with the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, will be held at Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy in Kewaunee, Wisconsin. This is purely a FUN event – if you live in the area – stop on in! Even if you don't live in the area – stop on by and get reacquainted with your CALS and FISC alumni. The other event, I'm asking you to put on your calendar, is on September 9 for our WALSAA Football Fire-Up and scholarship fundraiser. As you all know, the fire-up is our premier event that allows us to support the initiatives mentioned at the beginning of my letter.

Finally, and I have mentioned this before, it's not just about the money. WALSAA at 45 is proud to be your CALS Connection For Life. If you are interested in learning more about where you could help out, by serving on a WALSAA committee or on the board of directors – drop me an email: verndough@gmail.com. We would love to have you on board. Have a good summer everyone.

WALSAA 45 Years Strong - Go Badgers!

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

- ♦ Gabrielle Wolf, BS '16
- ♦ Alan D. Goldman, DDS, BS '78
- ♦ Kristin Vogel, BS '07
- ♦ Amanda Miller, BS '13

CALS MESSAGE

Summer Buzzes with Learning



Sarah Pfatteicher
CALS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

You might think of summer as a relatively sleepy time on campus. But that image no longer holds true. The coming summer at CALS will be busier than ever, and we intend for that trend to keep growing.

Students will have the widest-ever array of courses to choose from—everything from foundational courses in microbiology, biochemistry and genetics to service and specialty courses such as Nutrition Today, Poultry Products Technology and—drawing our highest enrollment in summers past—a life sciences communication course called Visualizing Science and Technology. These and other classes come in addition to all manner of field and lab courses, independent study and research projects.

Last summer more than 1,300 students enrolled in one or more of the 86 courses CALS offered. Our goal is to grow those numbers by 10 percent this summer and every summer for the next five years. We plan to do this by increasing our online and interdisciplinary courses; continuing to work with such groups as international summer students and incoming freshmen; offering more scholarships and financial aid; and, most important, continuing to listen to and respond to student needs and wishes.

This effort at CALS is part of a larger push to enhance the summer term throughout UW–Madison, a program that saw its first implementation in summer 2016. Campus leaders saw a need for change after recognizing that

summer enrollments had been flat for a decade during a time when two trends emerged. First, student debt had continued to rise, drawing concern from parents, policymakers and students. Second, peer institutions had embraced innovative strategies to use the summer session as a way to extend the learning cycle, accelerate time to degree and reduce unnecessary student debt.

In strengthening our summer term, our goals are to enhance the student learning experience by providing students with more options and greater flexibility, along with the potential for shorter time to degree and reduced debt. Growing our summer term offerings also allows us to make use of our laboratories and classrooms year-round rather than letting these valuable facilities sit vacant over the summer term. At the same time, our ability to reach new, non-degree students helps build a new revenue stream, which may help offset other losses.

So, if it's been a while since you've visited the CALS campus, I urge you to drop by this summer. You'll see more students than ever working hard to achieve their goals while taking advantage of the summer pleasures our campus offers. Studying while taking in the sun and the views of Lake Mendota—perhaps while enjoying some Babcock ice cream!—is definitely allowed. Such scenes will affirm we're coming closer to our goal of having a busy year-round campus at CALS.

On Wisconsin!

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FISC CORNER

Congratulations to the 2017 FISC Graduates!



Bob Behnke
WALSAA FISC Chairman

By the time this is read, crops will be planted and first crop of hay will be harvested....both done around wet holes. Oh the challenges we face!

Graduation festivities started on March 18 with FISC Graduation. Always a special event, and this year was no different. Special indeed! On a personal note, I got caught up with a fellow classmate that had his child graduating. At this year's event, an FFA theme was in order. The creed was recited, a short film shown and FFA memorabilia from years gone by. WALSAA attended to present awards to outstanding students for exceptional achievement in various aspects of the program. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!

As we make plans for the summer, please consider attending the WALSAA summer picnic on July 12. This is another great event to see fellow classmates and maybe run into a few professors, as well.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Internships, International Study and More



Logan Voigts
WALSAA Student Representative

With another academic year complete, this is a very exciting time for many students. Many underclassmen are heading off to internships, international study tours, mission trips or simply taking the summer off and going back home. For our outgoing seniors, we wish you luck and hope nothing but the best for you in your future careers. It was another beautiful day for the commencement ceremony, and I cannot wait for my opportunity next year.

This summer I will be working as a genetic intern with CRV USA in Madison. One of the big events I am looking forward to this summer is the WALSAA summer picnic during Wisconsin Farm Technology Days held in Kewaunee County, and getting to see all of you at Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy. It should be a great time! After that, it's a quick turnaround before the start of the next school year and the Fire-Up.

OUTSTANDING ADVISOR

Molly Reinhard, Department of Academic Affairs

WALSAA has been honoring advisors with the Outstanding Advisor Award since 1979. This year's recipient is Molly Reinhard.

Reinhard is recognized as a dedicated mentor and advisor to every student she sees, and she is known for providing services above and beyond her usual role. Her collaborative spirit helps her bridge gaps between undergraduate students and what is often a large, decentralized campus structure. She even created an advising network that allows students to better explore majors more effectively. CALS students often lean on Reinhard as a great source of advice, compassion and interest. Congratulations, Molly!



Molly Reinhard receives the 2017 WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award from WALSAA President Vern Dougherty and Dean Kate VandenBosch (left).

WALSAA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2017 Award Recipients!

Student Impact Grants

The WALSAA Student Impact Grant program continues the efforts of the previously awarded Innovation Grants. CALS generously matches the WALSAA contributions.

The following organizations received grants: Association of Women in Agriculture, Badger Dairy Club, Badger Meat Sciences Club, Food Science Club, National Agri-Marketing Association, Plant Science Graduate Student Council, Quarter Scale Tractor Team and Village Health Project. Congratulations on your WALSAA Student Impact Grants!



Student Impact Grants

Outstanding Sophomore Awards

The Outstanding Sophomore Award is given to students in their second year at UW-Madison. The award focuses on those characteristics that truly exemplify an outstanding student - leadership, service, experience and academic success. There were 46 applicants, 20 students were interviewed and from those interviews 10 students were selected to receive this award. Congratulations to this year's Outstanding Sophomores: Ciera Ballmer, Janesville; Kristin Carlson, Elgin, IL; Bailey Fritsch, Dodgeville; Emily Michael, Lake Zurich, IL; David Pintens, Dallas; Nicole Pralle, Humbird; YuanFang Tham, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Stephanie Thiel, Plymouth; Jessica Wendt, Stoughton, and Diane Xue, Germantown.



Outstanding Sophomore Award Recipients

FISC Awards

The WALSAA Outstanding FISC Student Award recipients were: Helen Holtz, Mukwonago; Kevin Richardson, Roscoe, IL; Libby Manthe, DeForest; Lindsey Rettenmund, Black Earth; and Evan Schindler, Curtiss. The WALSAA Outstanding Leadership and Activity Award recipients were: Claire Dempsey, Eagle; Helen Holtz, Mukwonago; Patrick Rebout, Janesville; Lindsey Rettenmund, Black Earth; and Mason Spencer, Beaver Dam. Receiving the WALSAA FISC Academic Excellence Awards were: Isabella Franzen, Sheldon; John Sherman, Glendale; Austin Timmermann, Breese, IL; Thomas Maloney, Whitewater; and Lindsey Rettenmund, Black Earth.



Outstanding FISC Student Awards



Outstanding Leadership & Activity Awards



FISC Academic Excellence Awards

WALSAA SUMMER PICNIC

2017 TICKET ORDER FORM

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 ♦ Kewaunee, WI

UW-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Farm and Industry Short Course alumni and friends are invited to attend the annual WALSAA summer picnic during the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. It will be held Wednesday, July 12, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy Farm, N4893 CTH C, Kewaunee, Wisconsin. Grilled steak, burgers, fresh cheese from Pagel's and all the fixings will be served.

Pagel's Ponderosa employees will provide tours of their state-of-the-art dairy facility and cheese making operations at 5 and 6 p.m. Learn more about this 5,200 cow operation online at www.pagelsponderosa.com.

CALS leadership and alumni of other agricultural colleges from around the state will also be in attendance so please join us and catch up with old friends, network with new friends and enjoy a scrumptious meal on a beautiful farm.

We are expecting a large turnout, so to help us plan, RSVP in advance at www.WALSAA.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

The host of the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is Ebert Enterprises, E5083 County Road K, Algoma, Wisconsin. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer at the picnic, contact WALSAA at admin@walsaa.org or (608) 438-1994.



Pagel Family



Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy

Online registration available at: www.WALSAA.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Event	Cost	# of Tickets	Total
Farm Tech Days Picnic *includes steak sandwich or cheeseburger, side dishes, dessert and beverage.	Adults: \$15	Adults: _____	\$ _____
	Children 6-18: \$5	Children 6-18: _____	\$ _____
	Children under 5: Free	Children under 5: _____	Free
Make checks payable to: WALSAA Mail registration and payment to: WALSAA, PO Box 5177, Madison, WI 53705 Registration MUST BE POSTMARKED by June 30. After that date, register online at www.WALSAA.org or tickets will also be available at the event.		Additional 100% tax deductible donation to WALSAA	\$ _____
		Total Cost	\$ _____

WALSAA FOOTBALL FIRE-UP

2017 TICKET ORDER FORM

8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 ♦ UW Foundation Parking Lot ♦ 1848 University Ave.

Online registration available at: www.WALSAA.org

Join hundreds of your classmates, professors and friends to network or just have fun at this fall's 42nd annual WALSAA Football Fire-Up Saturday, Sept. 9. The big event will be prior to the kickoff between the Badgers and the Florida Atlantic Owls, Boca Raton, Florida. The WALSAA Football Fire-Up will again be held in the parking lot of the UW Foundation, 1848 University Avenue. Plans include live entertainment, visit from Bucky Badger, the Spirit Squad, Badger Band, a host of great silent auction items on which to bid, a huge steak meal including everything from beer to potatoes to ice cream. ****NEW THIS YEAR! FAMILY PRICING -- see below****

**time subject to change by UW Athletics*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Event	Cost	# of Tickets	Total
Game Day Package* Luncheon** & Wisconsin vs. Florida Atlantic tickets Kick-off 11 a.m. (max. 6 tickets per request)	WALSAA Member: \$75	WALSAA Member: _____	\$ _____
	Children 6-18: \$55	Children 6-18: _____	\$ _____
	Children 3-5: \$45	Children 3-5: _____	\$ _____
	Children under 2***: Free	Children under 2: _____	Free
Fire-Up Luncheon Luncheon** Tickets Only	WALSAA Member: \$30	WALSAA Member: _____	\$ _____
	Children 6-18: \$10	Children 6-18: _____	\$ _____
	Children under 5: Free	Children under 5: _____	Free
Fire-Up T-Shirts	\$15 per shirt	Small Qty. _____	\$ _____
		Medium Qty. _____	
		Large Qty. _____	
		X-Large Qty. _____	
*Badger football tickets are available only to WALSAA members 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 2 must sit on the lap of an adult football ticket holder during the Badger game.	Additional 100% tax deductible donation to WALSAA	_____	\$ _____
	Total Cost	_____	\$ _____

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

Make checks payable to: WALSAA

Mail registration and payment to: WALSAA, PO Box 5177, Madison, WI 53705

Registration MUST BE POSTMARKED by August 25. After that date, tickets will be available at the event for an additional \$5/each.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12 ♦ WALSAA Board of Directors Meeting

July 12 ♦ WALSAA Summer Picnic

Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy, Kewaunee

Sept. 9 ♦ 42nd WALSAA Football Fire-Up

Oct. 27 ♦ WALSAA Board of Directors Meeting

Jan. 27 ♦ 2018 FISC Reunion

FIRE-UP SILENT AUCTION

Looking for a great way to support current Badgers? Consider a donation to our WALSAA Football Fire-Up Silent Auction! Proceeds benefit UW CALS students through the Outstanding Sophomore Award scholarships and FISC awards. Contact chairwoman Sara Schoenborn at schoenborn@uwalumni.com for more information or to confirm your donation!