



WALSAA honors 10 Outstanding Sophomores

WALSAA recently awarded 10 \$2,000 Outstanding Sophomore Awards to students within CALS. These outstanding sophomores have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, and service to the University and their community.

There were a total of 83 applicants, 25 interviews and 10 awards given this year. Chair of the scholarship committee Bryan Renk said, "With a record number of students applying this year and the high caliber of the applicants, our committee had a very difficult time in selecting the award winners. We would truly like to be able to award more scholarships to support all of these very deserving students."

Winners of the Outstanding Sophomore Awards include, left to right: WALSAA President Sam Miller; William Peasley, agricultural business management, Black River Falls; James Patrick Downey, animal sciences/pre-vet, Valders; Joseph Mueller, biology, Onalaska; Taylor Holterman, life sciences communication, Watertown; William Maes, genetics, Green Bay; Kelsey Corrigan, biology and history of science, Whitefish Bay; Logan Wells, forest science, Monroe; Rachel Dvorak, biochemistry, Rice Lake; and WALSAA Scholarship Committee Chairman Bryan Renk. Not pictured are: Abigail Gadbois, genetics and East Asian studies, Woodville; and Patricia Paskov, agricultural economics and Latin American studies, Brookfield.

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President's Message: Support and recognition



WALSAA President Sam Miller

In this issue, we recognize many accomplishments. Thank you to WALSAA annual and lifetime members, contributors, sponsors, and the individuals and companies that both donate to our silent auction and purchase items at Fire-Up, for the generous support. The contributions made throughout the year support the activities of WALSAA with one of the most important being academic awards and scholarships for students. In this issue read about the 10 exceptional four-year students honored with the Outstanding Sophomore Award and Scholarship. In addition, six Farm and Industry Short Course students received scholarships and lastly, we recognize the WALSAA Outstanding Advisor, Professor Mary Smith from Biology. We commend and congratulate all of these deserving honorees.

This issue will continue to recognize 10 more of our 40 in 40 Impact Award honorees. Be certain to read about and congratulate any recipients as you see them. We also welcome a number of new annual and lifetime members. WALSAA continues to look for additional members and for existing members to continue to support and invest in the activities of the College, its students and faculty. Your financial support helps make this possible, please consider a donation to WALSAA.

WALSAA is in the midst of a transition with our administrative coordinator. We thank Allison McCarty for her dedication and excellent effort as administrative coordinator for this past year. Allison is moving on to bigger and better things and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Our new administrative coordinator is Maria McGinnis. Maria is well known to WALSAA and CALS. Maria was formerly managing undergraduate Career Services for CALS and served on the WALSAA board in that capacity. Be certain to welcome Maria to WALSAA the next time you see her.

Mark your calendars for a couple of upcoming WALSAA-related events. If you are attending Farm Technology Days in Barron County this summer, plan on attending the WALSAA picnic on July 10 at Bob and

Karyn Schauf's Indianhead Holsteins Farm. This is an opportunity to tour a world-class farm and spend some time with other WALSAA alums.

The WALSAA Football Fire-Up will be on Saturday, Sept. 7 with Wisconsin taking on Tennessee Tech. In addition to welcoming Badger Coach Gary Anderson, spend some time with WALSAA at the Football Fire-Up prior to the game. We will again be at the UW Foundation parking lot in Madison and will have a great selection of silent auction items available for purchase. This event is one of the largest fundraising events of the year and the proceeds significantly support scholarships for students. Be certain to plan on attending this great event to visit with fellow CALS alumni and students.

This year is moving by very quickly and WALSAA has had an active and exciting year. We are looking for additional alums to join WALSAA committees or to serve on the Board in the future. If you have an interest or know a CALS alum who has an interest, please contact us.

On Wisconsin!

Honor someone or leave a legacy with WALSAA

You can honor or memorialize someone important in your life...or leave your own legacy... while supporting WALSAA. If you have a question about your own planned gift (what are the benefits, what's the best vehicle, etc.) contact marketing committee member Valerie Johnson at valjohnson86@rocketmail.com or (608) 849-4970. If you'd like to honor someone or have memorials made in someone's name, donations can be directed to WALSAA with the online giving button at walsaa.org or with a check/credit card and an enclosed message noting the honoree's name. The family of the honoree will receive a list of donor names, and all donors will receive a tax receipt.

CALS Message: New grads, faces and programs



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Sarah Pfatteicher

Greetings from 116 Ag Hall! As summer comes to Madison, we are surrounded by green and blooming reminders of our Academic Affairs motto: "Come grow with us!" I always find this season bittersweet, as it is time, once again, to say farewell to the graduating class. We've watched them explore, learn, stumble and carry on – and now we know you'll welcome these talented, newly minted graduates as your incoming class of fellow alumni.

This summer we hand off to you some 650 bachelor's degree graduates (including our first crop of students completing the new Environmental Sciences major), in addition to several hundred masters and doctorate graduates and FISC participants who received their certificates in March. We hope you'll help us keep in touch with all of them.

We have a busy summer ahead. Summer enrollments keep growing, with new courses on the books again this year. Our newest assistant dean, Dr. Phil Gonsiska, will be sinking his teeth into the challenges of his new role. Gonsiska comes to us with degrees in botany and horticulture, and a wonderful knack for working with students on everything from strengthening their study skills to engaging in research opportunities. In March, campus approved of a new home for our largest major, biology. The major had outgrown its home in the cross-college Institute for Biology Education, so the departments of bacteriology (in CALS) and zoology (in Letters and Science) stepped forward in a unique partnership to offer a new space and structure. Transitions, moves and hiring take place this summer, with doors set to open in August to more visible, accessible offices in the Microbial Sciences Building.

This summer we'll also welcome another record-breaking class at SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration). We reached a milestone this past year, topping 3,000 undergraduates for the first time in college history. The impact of that number hit us at CALS

Orientation Day last August, when we realized that the incoming class of new freshmen and transfers no longer fit in the lower level of the auditorium in 125 Ag Hall, the university's largest classroom. We welcome that challenge. Those numbers mean that our programs are in high demand, and that these young adults care deeply about the disciplines and questions that have intrigued us for years.

On a more personal note, this August marks the 25th anniversary of my arrival on campus and the start of my seventh year in CALS. I am delighted to have started 2013 as the new associate dean for academic affairs. My predecessors have left big shoes to fill, and I am humbled and honored to carry on the traditions of innovation and compassion that have defined 116 Ag Hall for generations. I welcome your insights and reflections as I embark on this new journey.

On Wisconsin!

Tee off with friends at WALSAA's Fire-Up Golf Outing

Mark your calendars for the third annual WALSAA Fire-Up Golf Outing that will be held on Friday, Sept. 6 at a course yet to be determined in Madison.

Sign up to golf with existing or new friends. Whether you played last year or not this is truly an opportunity for WALSAA members and friends to get together and play some golf the day before the 38th annual Fire-Up. Style of play will be determined the day of the event. Beginner to experienced level golfers are welcome.

Tee times will start around noon and exact tee times will be communicated to all golfers once registration has been closed.

Register at admin@walsaa.org or (608) 438-1994. Sign up as an individual or in a group.

FISC Corner: Short Course graduates honored

FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard

A number of new graduates of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course received special recognition during the program's graduation ceremony held March 23 in Union South.

Among those recognized were recipients of three awards presented by the Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association (WALSAA).

WALSAA Outstanding FISC Student Awards are presented to first- and second-year FISC students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership and service to the university and their community. These students received a \$500 financial stipend to apply toward their Short Course tuition.

WALSAA Activity and Leadership Awards were given to selected students for exceptional work related to FISC activities and leadership.

WALSAA Academic Awards went to first- and second-year students who earned a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher.

Also recognized were students who had volunteered as Short Course Ambassadors, a group that helps promote the program to prospective students and assists at FISC events, and the FISC class president Bryan Cramer.



WALSAA Outstanding Student Award – Left to right: FISC Interim Director Richard Cates, FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard, David Smits, Rees Beguhl, Dana McNulty, Shane Adams, Deirdra Bollinger, CALS Associate Dean Sarah Pfatteicher, CALS Dean Kathryn VandenBosch. Not pictured: Aaron Kleeman



WALSAA Activities and Leadership – Left to right: FISC Interim Director Richard Cates, FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard, Bryan Cramer, Deirdra Bollinger, CALS Associate Dean Sarah Pfatteicher, CALS Dean Kathryn VandenBosch.



WALSAA Academic Achievement – Left to right: FISC Interim Director Richard Cates, FISC Alumni President Andrea Brossard, Jacob Schoenborn, Jena Kulp, Allen Bolstad, Brent Payne, Deirdra Bollinger, Gregory Zimdars, CALS Associate Dean Sarah Pfatteicher, CALS Dean Kathryn VandenBosch.

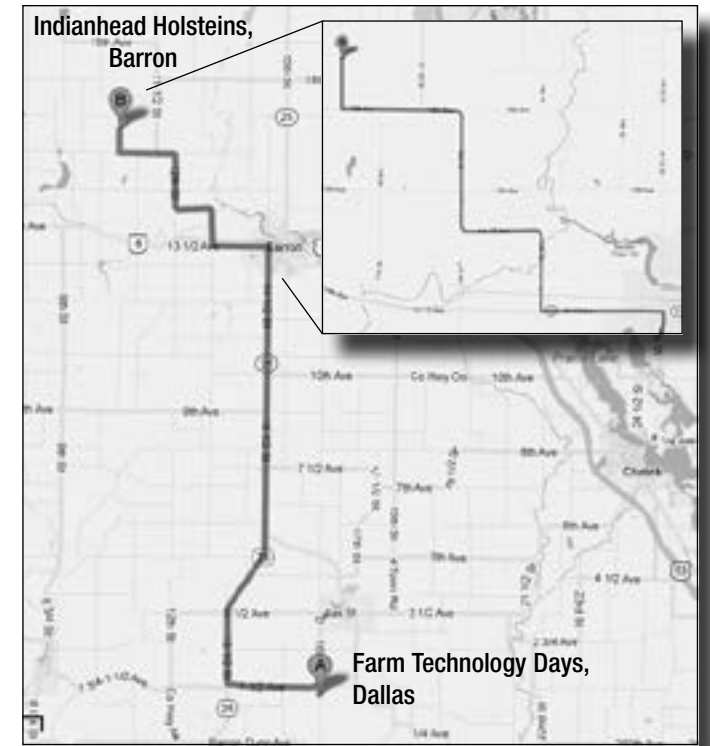
WALSAA Farm Technology Days Annual Picnic planned for July 10

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 taking place in Northwest Wisconsin.

It will be held Wednesday, July 10, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Bob and Karyn Schauf's Indianhead Holsteins Farm near Barron. Brats, burgers, salads, soda, beer, milk and dessert will be served. No reservations are needed and friends and family are welcome! Tickets to the picnic are just \$15 per person at the door.

The 2013 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days will be held in Barron County. Alex and Mary Olson of Breezy Hill Dairy will be hosting the statewide event at 147 16th St., Dallas.

To get to Indianhead Holsteins at 1659 10 1/2 St., Barron, from Farm Technology Days: take County Highway A west to State Highway 25 N. Travel northbound to Barron, and turn left on U.S. Highway 8/E Division Ave/13 1/2 Ave. Turn right on County Road T/13th St., and follow around the next three curves. On the fourth curve, continue straight onto 16th Ave. (watching for the Indianhead sign). Take the first



right onto 10 1/2 St. Watch for WALSAA signs to help direct you.

WALSAA is also looking for several volunteers to help with the picnic. If you would like to help the day of, contact WALSAA at (608) 438-1994 or admin@walsaa.org

WALSAA seeks nominations for Board of Directors

Have you thought about getting more involved in WALSAA? Here's your chance!

WALSAA is looking for Board of Director nominations. Elections will take place at this year's annual meeting held in conjunction with the WALSAA Football Fire-Up. Directors elected by the membership must be alumni of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and WALSAA annual or lifetime members. Directors serve three-year terms and can serve no more than two consecutive terms – six years total.

WALSAA board members work to support the connection of students, faculty and alumni to the College. To serve the organization, board members are expected to attend quarterly meetings and actively serve on at least one committee. Committee work includes selecting scholarship recipients, planning events like the Farm Technology Days Picnic and Fire-Up and recruiting new lifetime members.

If you are interested in a position on the Board, contact WALSAA at admin@walsaa.org or (608) 438-1994 with your name and phone number. Nominations are due by July 15.

WALSAA Football Fire-Up set for Sept. 7

The 38th annual WALSAA Football Fire-Up tailgate party and auction will be held just outside of the UW Foundation building at 1848 University Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 7, prior to the Wisconsin versus Tennessee Tech football game (Kick-off TBD).

As in years past, Fire-Up 2013 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.

WALSAA annual and lifetime members will be able to purchase discounted tickets for the luncheon and will have the exclusive right to purchase football tickets again this year.

(If you are not a current WALSAA member, please use the form on page 13 to renew your membership or become a

new member to be able to take advantage of this offer. You may send in the membership form with your Fire-Up ticket order form.)

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

Spring is here, and with spring kicks off WALSAA's annual planning efforts for another amazing fall Fire-Up tailgate party.

WALSAA is specifically seeking you help to help plan this great annual tradition, which will be held on Sept. 7. With high attendance anticipated, we need your guidance in meeting member expectations again this year!

Assistance is needed from arranging the food to soliciting for the silent auction, WALSAA's main fundraiser for the Outstanding Sophomore Awards.

If you would like to take the opportunity to assist in the planning and set-up of the 38th annual WALSAA Football Fire-Up, contact WALSAA at admin@walsaa.org or (608) 438-1994.

Thank you in advance for your time and commitment to WALSAA.

WALSAA t-shirts available at Fire-Up

Show off your support for WALSAA with this long-sleeved t-shirt. Perfect for fall football weather, this t-shirt will be available at the WALSAA Fire-Up.

The shirt is black with white lettering and offered in the following sizes: small, medium, large and x-large.

You may purchase one of these exclusive WALSAA long-sleeved t-shirts in advance for \$15 each using the order form on page 7. WALSAA will then have it waiting for you when you arrive at the annual tailgate party on Sept. 7.



2013 WALSAA Football Fire-Up order form

Saturday, Sept. 7 • Time TBD

UW Foundation parking lot, 1848 University Avenue

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
Game Day Package* Fire-Up Luncheon** & Wisconsin vs. Tennessee Tech tickets Kick-off TBD (max. 6 tickets per request)	WALSAA member: \$75 Child 3-11: \$65 Child under 3: Free***	WALSAA member: ___ Children 3-11: ___ Children Under 3: ___	\$
Fire-Up Luncheon Luncheon** Tickets Only	WALSAA member: \$30 Non-member: \$40 Child 3-11: \$20 Child under 3: Free	WALSAA member: ___ Non-member: ___ Children 3-11: ___ Children Under 3: ___	\$
Fire-Up T-Shirts	\$15 per shirt	Small Qty ___ Medium Qty ___ Large Qty ___ X-Large Qty ___	\$

Make checks payable to WALSAA.

Mail registration and payment to WALSAA at
P.O. Box 5177, Madison, WI 53705

Registration must be **postmarked on or before Aug. 28.**
After that date, tickets will be for sale at the gate
for an additional \$5 each.

Additional 100% tax deductible donation to WALSAA.	\$
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.

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

For additional information, please contact WALSAA.

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40 in 40 Impact Award honorees



Valerie Johnson

Valerie Johnson, BS '86 agricultural journalism and agricultural extension education, is CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, where she develops partnerships that build communities and homes. In addition, her work with United Way, the WALSAA Board of Directors and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation keeps her involved with businesses and the industry through many fruitful collaborations and projects. She has also contributed leadership to many other industry organizations. "Valerie bleeds Badger red," says a colleague. "She is a tried and true advocate for CALS, its students and its alumni."



Bruce Jones

Bruce Jones is a professor of agricultural economics at UW-Madison. In his 27 years with the University, Jones has published a number of publications and received a variety of honors and awards, including the Pound Extension Award from CALS and the Award for Excellence from the UW-Extension. Jones was nominated because "his students consider him one of the most effective and respected professors in CALS. His work and research in agricultural economics puts him near the pinnacle of his profession."



Jack Kaltenberg

John "Jack" Kaltenberg, BS '85 agronomy, served as the president of Kaltenberg Seed Co. until 2007 when he started Partners in Production, LLC. Kaltenberg is affiliated with the Wisconsin Soybean Association and the Wisconsin Certified Seed Association, where he currently serves as president. In 1992, he received the Alpha Gamma Rho "Grand President's Award" and has also been recognized by the Jaycees as the Outstanding Young Farmer. "Jack's smile, friendly personality and charismatic nature are only surpassed by his leadership and dedication to agriculture."



Pete Kappelman

Pete Kappelman, BS '85 dairy science, is co-owner of Meadow Brook Dairy Farms, LLC in Two Rivers. Kappelman has served on a number of committees and boards, including the board of directors of the National Milk Producers Federation, the USDA National Dairy Promotion and Research Board and as the chairman of the board of Land O' Lakes, Inc. "Pete has been an effective ambassador for the U.S. dairy industry while traveling abroad, and he has testified before Congress regarding the need to foster growth of the U.S. dairy industry by enhancing opportunities for the export of dairy products and ingredients."



Robert Kauffman

In 1995, after 30 years of teaching and conducting research at the University, **Robert Kauffman**, MS '58 agricultural economics and meat & animal sciences, PhD '61 meat & animal sciences and biochemistry, retired and now serves as an emeritus professor in the Animal Sciences Department. He is known for coordinating multiple annual student meat animal evaluation competitions and initiating the Academic Quadrathlon. "During his 35-year academic career, Kauffman had a profound effect on his students, the meat science faculty at UW-Madison and on business people in the state, national and international meat industry."

The third set of 10 recipients, in alphabetical order, are listed below. Watch future issues to learn more about the other awardees.



Alan Koepke

Alan Koepke, BS '63 agricultural engineering is a co-owner of Koepke Farms, which earned the 2011 Leopold Conservation Award. Koepke has served as a founding member of the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin, on the WALSAA Board of Directors, the Dairy Center for Profitability Advisory Committee and as president of the Wisconsin Holstein Association. "I can attest to the hundreds of young people he has guided to UW-Madison, the Farm and Industry Short Course and post-graduate careers in agriculture. His greatest joy has always been helping to develop the next generation of agricultural leaders."



Shelly Mayer

Shelly Mayer, BS '88 agricultural journalism, is a widely respected authority on dairy industry education. She has operated at the forefront of the industry for the past 15 years through her work with the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW), serving as the organization's executive director. In addition, she is a partner with her husband in Mayer Farms. She also serves as a 4-H dairy leader and through various ways in her church. Mayer serves on the executive committee for the Center for Food Integrity where she is the secretary/treasurer. Mayer's colleagues describe her as "the heart and soul" of the PDPW.



Jill Makovec

Jill Makovec, BS '00 agricultural journalism and dairy science and MS '02 dairy science, is currently an account executive with Learfield Communications. Makovec is also a Farm and Industry Short Course lecturer and a past-president of WALSAA. She is involved in the Association of Women in Agriculture and many other organizations, holding leadership positions with a number of them. "Agriculture and life science is lucky to have Jill Makovec as a leader in our industry. Jill is a 'connector' who is helping WALSAA reach out to new people and grow, which helps the college also grow in resources, status and scale."



Larry Meiller

Larry Meiller, BS '67 meat & animal sciences, MS '68 agricultural journalism and PhD '77 mass communications, is a professor emeritus and department chair of Life Sciences Communication. Meiller hosts "Conversations with Larry Meiller," a 90-minute, call-in talk show heard each week day on Wisconsin Public Radio. He has been heavily involved in college and campus committees and has received numerous awards and honors. "Professor Meiller has gone well beyond the scope of his position to provide our students with a rich educational experience. He has also had an extraordinary impact on students abroad who become connected with our college. He is an extraordinary teacher and advisor."



Sam Miller

Sam Miller, BS '84 agricultural economics, serves as managing director and group head of agriculture banking for BMO Harris Bank. He is actively involved in the agricultural community, serving as the president of the WALSAA Board of Directors, CALS Board of Visitors, the Wisconsin Dairy 2020 Council and the Dairy Business Innovation Center. He is a former chairman of the American Bankers Association Ag and Rural Affairs Committee. "While it is rare to find great leaders in any industry, Sam Miller's combination of intelligence, insight, knowledge and passion for the dairy industry is both rare and admired by all of agriculture," a colleague notes.

Meet WALSAA's Outstanding Sophomore Award recipients

WALSAA Scholarship Committee Member Jenny Dierickx

The Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association (WALSAA) recently awarded 10 students the 2013 Outstanding Sophomore Award. Students received a \$2,000 scholarship and join an elite group that represents the "who's who" in the UW science and agriculture communities. Read on for personal messages from the 2013 Outstanding Sophomore Award winners:



Kelsey Corrigan

I am from Whitefish Bay. I am majoring in biology and history of science. Currently, I work in a Human Oncology Research Lab at the UW Hospital, testing chemotherapy drugs on a rare form of cancer. I have a leadership position in two student organizations: the CALS Health and Research Society (CHARS) and the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). In addition, I volunteer for the Schools of Hope Program by tutoring elementary school students in math and science. I also volunteer at the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) at Meriter Hospital. I was previously admitted to the CALS Study Abroad Program and will be traveling to Uganda in Winter 2014 for a health and nutrition trip. I hope to attend medical school and go on to be an oncologist.

Receiving this award means so much to me. I would like to thank WALSAA for their appreciation and support in my academic, leadership and service accomplishments on campus. This personal and financial gift will help me pursue even greater heights in my remaining two years at Madison.



James Downey

I am a sophomore studying animal sciences/pre-vet. I aspire to become a food animal veterinarian and am part of the Food Animal Veterinary Medical Scholars Program offered through the UW-Madison School of Veterinary

Medicine. I will be attending the SVM after my junior year of undergraduate studies and will be focusing on working with dairy and beef cattle. I grew up on a small farm in Valders. I raise beef cattle and hogs and also own and operate a hay and straw business. I enjoy running these businesses year round and I learn volumes from the many challenges they present. I love spending time with my family, girlfriend and friends, as well enjoying the great outdoors. On campus, I have leadership roles in the Collegiate FFA, Saddle and Sirloin, and the Pre-Vet Club.

I enjoy attending UW-Madison and am sincerely thankful and humbled for WALSAA's investment in my future by selecting me as an Outstanding Sophomore. I am amazed at all that I am learning and am going to learn in the future. Thank you WALSAA!



Rachel Dvorak

I am honored to receive the Outstanding Sophomore Award from WALSAA. The financial support provided by this scholarship will assist me to maintain focus on my studies, but this award is about more than money. WALSAA is an amazing organization that actively supports many CALS students with many aspects of college. Being selected as an Outstanding Sophomore, has connected me to the organization. I look forward to the many opportunities that will result from this association. It is with great appreciation that I thank the WALSAA directors for providing this award and the scholarship committee for endowing it to me.

I was born and raised in Rice Lake, and I am currently completing my second year at UW-Madison, majoring in biochemistry. Outside of school, I serve as vice president of the UW-Madison Lions Club, tutor organic chemistry, and have a position as a student leader in my housing unit. I also conduct research in the Biochemistry Department where I study recombinase enhancement function proteins in the laboratory of Professor Mike Cox.



Abby Gadbois

I am a student from Woodville, studying genetics and East Asian studies, and I hope to gain a certificate in business Chinese. I am involved in several CALS student organizations, such as CALS Student Association, the Undergraduate Genetics Association, Horticulture Society, and the CALS Health and Research Society.

I am extremely grateful for all of the support that WALSAA gives to the growth and development of current CALS students. This scholarship is more than financial support, it illustrates the collaboration of generations of CALS students, and I am incredibly proud to be a member of such a wonderful community.



Taylor Holterman

Thanks to WALSAA for the generous awards given to all past, present and future sophomores! It is greatly appreciated, and having a community of supporters is amazing.

I am from Watertown, where I grew up on my family's dairy farm, Rosy-Lane Holsteins, LLC. I am studying life sciences communication and am currently a marketing intern for Agri-Nutrition Consulting, Inc. where I write and edit blog posts, collect testimonials and surveys from clients, and assist with the development of new literature, brochures and advertisements. On campus, I serve as secretary for Collegiate Farm Bureau, clothing coordinator for the Association of Women in Agriculture, and chair of the dairy promotion committee for Badger Dairy Club. Meanwhile, I am involved with the Agricultural Future of America through attending their Leaders Conference and also the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin through volunteering at their Annual Business Conference. I enjoy traveling, visiting family and friends, and being a life-time Badger.



Billy Maes

I am extremely grateful for WALSAA's generous support, and I cannot thank them enough for granting me this prestigious honor. For me, this scholarship is essential as I work my way toward medical school.

I am an Ashwaubenon High School alumnus in my hometown of Green Bay. I am majoring in genetics, while also obtaining certificates in environmental studies, leadership and global health. I have been deeply involved in CALS, where I have been treasurer of Student Council. As treasurer, I successfully ran the CALS silent auction, raising hundreds of dollars for student organizations. I was also social chair of the CALS Health and Research Society, where I helped facilitate a CALS-run haunted house that raised almost \$500 for charity. I have been a Badger Volunteer for the last year, volunteering weekly at Lapham Elementary School. After living in the Bradley Learning Community my freshman year, I returned this year as a Peer Mentor, and I will be going back again as a junior in the position of a House Fellow. Additionally, I have been involved in intramural hockey, the Residence Hall Advisory Board, cancer research at the UW Hospital, the CALS Leadership Retreat, and I will be studying abroad in China this summer.



Joseph Mueller

My hometown is Onalaska, where I attended Luther High School. I am a biology major with a global health certificate. My goal is to be a physician (family medicine or pediatrics). I also hope to become involved with various Christian medical missions, both domestic and abroad. I am a firm believer in the Wisconsin Idea: that our work at UW should improve lives throughout the state and beyond.



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During college I have enjoyed volunteering at American Family Children's Hospital and also tutoring at Lincoln Elementary school in Madison. Over breaks I have remained connected to my former grade school, St. Paul's Lutheran, as a Sunday School/VBS teacher and assistant basketball coach. I currently do research with the Cellular and Molecular Arrhythmia Research Program (CMARP) in the Jon Makielski Lab. We study mutations in the cardiac sodium channel and their relations to various cardiac arrhythmias. I am also involved in UW Running Club.

I thank WALSAA for their generosity displayed through this award, and I hope that, as an alumnus, I can also give back to CALS and its students. I would also like to thank Dr. Jon Makielski, Professor Dan Schaefer, and Pastor Jon Bilitz for their support in the application process.



Patricia Paskov

I feel fortunate to be studying under the roof of CALS, a school that caters to my cross-traditional fields of study. I am honored to be chosen as an Outstanding Sophomore and look forward to becoming a part of the WALSAA family.

Raised in Brookfield, I am an agricultural economics and Latin American studies major. I intend to pursue a master's degree in international public affairs and ultimately enter the field of food policy. This spring, I will be found 4,000 miles away from home, studying at Peru's top institution, Pontificia University. My thirst for new experiences has previously led me to work with immigrant communities on the Texas-Mexico border, on small-scale organic farms in California, and in the Oakland office of Food First, an institution which *The New York Times* has called one of the country's "most established food think tanks." On the UW campus, I am an active member of Associated Students of Madison, GUTS service tutoring, F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture, and Tangled Up in Blue A Cappella.



William Peasley

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I am majoring in agricultural business management. I grew up milking cows on my family's six generation dairy farm near Black River Falls. On campus I serve as the vice-noble ruler of recruitment for the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, as well as serving as the student representative on the WALSAA board of directors. I am also a member of the Agricultural Business Management Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau and Greek Intervarsity.

It is truly an honor to be named as a WALSAA Outstanding Sophomore and I am excited to be a part of such a prominent group of leaders within the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. It's great to have active and engaged alumni that are supportive of the students and their involvement on campus.



Logan Wells

Logan Wells

I graduated in 2011 from Monroe High School. I'm currently enrolled in the Forest and Wildlife Department, pursuing a major in forest science. Forestry became my passion when I joined FFA in high school and started a portable sawmill business called Smock Valley Timber. I mainly custom saw logs for people, but I built a kiln to dry lumber in so I can retail lumber and do custom wood working myself. Along with my business and studies I am currently serving as a state FFA officer, representing the Dane, Green and Rock County area. On campus I am also part of the UW Soil Judging team and Forestry Club.

I am extremely grateful to WALSAA for this award and scholarship. It's a true honor to be recognized and to represent the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at UW-Madison. By accepting this award I feel I am renewing a commitment to continue to learn as much as I can and become a leader in the Forestry industry. Thank you very much to WALSAA for this amazing award.

Join WALSAA to take advantage of Fire-Up member discounts

Become a WALSAA member today!

Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association (WALSAA) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports the connection of students, faculty and alumni to the University of Wisconsin's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS), including the college's Farm and Industry Short Course (FISC).

Established in 1972, WALSAA has embarked on a remarkable journey of service and fellowship with alumni and friends of CALS. Noted by Roger Biddick, first WALSAA president at the organizations' first meeting, "As alumni we can act more effectively than any single group to rebuild the image of greatness that this college so justly deserves and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of working together."

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WALSAA awards Outstanding Advisor

WALSAA Past President Jill Makovec

The winner of this year's WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award is Mary Smith of the Biology Department.

Biology is one of the largest majors on campus and the largest within CALS. At the time of nomination there were 1,369 students declared as biology majors. Smith has been a staff advisor for the program since 2003. During that time she has served thousands of students. Currently, she advises 592 students in the biology major through both CALS and Letters and Science.

In addition, she advises students with the molecular biology major. Overall, she is second in the number of CALS students assigned to her with 353.

Advising a cross-disciplinary major can be challenging, but Smith's campus knowledge and professionalism place her in the top tier on campus. She is familiar with faculty and courses from Agronomy to Zoology, which allows her to assist the hundreds of biology majors she advises.

In addition, Smith regularly assists students in identifying research positions on campus or internships for the summer. Behind the scenes, her organizational skills have streamlined office processes and advising documents to allow advisors to spend more time with students.

One of Smith's favorite experiences is watching her students complete their UW-Madison education at graduation, and can be found with the students on graduation day, fixing tassels and helping students across the stage.

According to one nominator, "Advising has always been an important component to my education, and I admit that early in my college career, I was concerned about how effective the guidance would be at UW-Madison given its large number of attending students. However, it did not take long for me to realize how valuable of a resource Ms. Smith is and has continued to be; I am not only grateful for her effective advising skills, but I am most appreciative for her great interest in me and my success at UW-Madison."



Pictured, left to right, are Mary Smith, WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award recipient and Sam Miller, WALSAA president.

The award was presented by WALSAA at the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Awards Program on Wednesday, April 24.

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Alumni updates

Campus Happenings

As the semester comes to a close and the weather begins to warm up the campus seems to come alive. This year the annual CALS week was held April 14-20.

The week started off with the AWA (Association of Women in Agriculture) Breakfast on the Farm held at the Stock Pavilion on Sunday. There were a total of more than 1,200 people that came for breakfast and a variety of activities including: petting different farm animals, enjoying live polka music, and other educational activities.

On Tuesday, Terry Fleck from The Center for Food Integrity led an interesting discussion on evaluating ethical and sustainable food production.

On Wednesday, more than 525 fourth graders came to the Stock Pavilion for CALS Day for Kids. Many of the different student organizations had booths to help teach about agriculture to the kids.

A blood drive was presented by the Red Cross on Thursday.

It was a great week to give the community a closer look into what is happening every day within CALS.

The spouse team Cheryl Laughren Rawlings, BS '81, MS '82; and James B. Rawlings, PhD '85; have co-published their third textbook at Nob Hill Publishing, where Cheryl is head publisher. It's another chemical engineering textbook, "Modeling and Analysis Principles for Chemical and Biological Engineers," by Michael D. Graham and James B. Rawlings, University of Wisconsin.

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Eric Welsh BS '07

New Lifetime Members

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Kevin Rademacher, BS 87
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WALSAA newsletter archive project update

A special thank you to Martin Burkhardt from Wausau and Ronald Doersch from Madison for sending copies of old WALSAA newsletters. We appreciate your help with our goal of having a copy of every issue!

We are still in need of the following:

- Spring 1973 through Vol. 7 No. 1 Winter 1978
- Vol. 7 No. 3 Summer 1978 through Vol. 9 No. 3 1980
- Vol 10 No 1 1981
- Vol 10 No 3 1981 through Vol 11 No 1 1982
- Vol 11 No 3 1982
- Vol 12 No 4 1983
- Vol 13 No 3 1984
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- Vol 18 No 2 1988
- Vol 18 No 4 1988
- Vol 39 No 1 2009 through Vol 39 No 4 2009

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Upcoming Events

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| July 10 | WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic |
| Sept. 6 | WALSAA Fire-Up Golf Outing |
| Sept. 7 | WALSAA Annual Meeting & Football Fire-Up |