



WALSAA awards Dr. Chris Day as Outstanding Advisor

The winner of this year's WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award is Dr. Chris Day. He advises students in the genetics and biology majors, as well as teaches a variety of courses from the genetics freshman seminar to the capstone course. "In this prism I have the luxury of getting to know our students as they grow from wide-eyed freshman into the experienced graduates we see leave. For me, this is the reward of our job; seeing students transform over that four-year period," Day says.

He adds he can relate to the freshman experience from the time he first came to Madison in 2002 as a plant geneticist with very little teaching or advising experience. Day was educated at the University of Edinburgh, so he had only a vague idea of a typical undergraduate experience in the U.S.

"I have been lucky to be surrounded by a community of dedicated advisors and teachers in Madison," Day says. "From them, I have been able learn the craft, to bounce around ideas, as well as receiving positive feedback."

After receiving this award presented by WALSAA at the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Awards Program, Day says, "I'd like to thank WALSAA for realizing that advisors need cheerleaders too, and they do a fantastic job in promoting excellence in education within CALS. We all appreciate the support and encouragement that they give us; it really does activate us to do our best. Thank you."

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President's Message: A time to recognize achievements



WALSAA President Bryan Renk

In this issue you will see us recognizing many accomplishments and thanking some very deserving people. First of all; 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. Without your support we would be a lesser organization and could not do some of the activities WALSAA does throughout the year. I also wanted to thank the WALSAA Board and the individuals who chair our committees; their effort, energy and dedication really are a strength for WALSAA and its continuing activities.

We also get to recognize the accomplishments of the students in FISC and CALS for the awards that they received. For FISC we support several awards: Activities and Leadership – Sawyer Roberts and Staci Suda; Academic Award – Maverick Ashbeck, Allen Bolstad, Derek Kamphuis, Luke Schaffer, Jacob Schoenborn and Brady Weiland; and Outstanding Student Award – Evan Ensign, Katelyn Kreye, Sawyer Roberts, Staci Suda and Jacob Wichmann. This spring WALSAA announced its 10 Outstanding Sophomore Awards for CALS, which you will read more about later in this issue. There are some exceptional students attending Madison in both FISC and CALS degree programs.

In addition, WALSAA recognized this year's Outstanding Advisor – Chris Day from Genetics.

Since the last newsletter, members of WALSAA attended the FISC graduation, hosted a scholarship reception, attended CALS commencement and the FISC alumni celebration event, and are busily planning for the final events of the year. WALSAA's annual Farm Technology Days Picnic to be held on Aug. 13 at Hancock Agricultural Research Station. If you like Barn Dances, the 125th celebration of CALS is being supported by the CALS Board of Visitors and Crane Farms on June 28 in Burlington.

The WALSAA Football Fire-Up will be on Saturday, Sept. 6 with Wisconsin playing Western Illinois. We will again be at the UW Foundation parking lot in Madison and have a great selection of silent auction items available for purchase. This event is our largest fundraising event of the year and the proceeds significantly support scholarships for students through the awards I mentioned previously. Please plan on attending this great event to visit with fellow CALS alumni and students.

The year is moving by 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. If you have an interest or know of a CALS alum who has an interest, learn more about this opportunity on page 6.

Happy 125th and On, Wisconsin!

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Visit www.walsaa.org to view biographies and contact information for each of the Board members.

CALS Message: Meet our new faculty



CALS Senior Associate Dean Richard Straub

Faculty excellence is a key strength of our college. Our faculty's cutting-edge research, commitment to teaching, and dedication to sharing their knowledge with the people of Wisconsin and beyond are among the most important attributes that make CALS CALS.

If you're not here on campus, you may not have many chances to meet new faculty. I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce you to several newcomers in the *WALSAA Express*. These new faculty are our future and will ensure our college's greatness and connection to alumni and the state.



Brian Luck

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Brian Luck joined CALS in January as an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering and a UW-Extension precision agriculture specialist. His undergraduate and master's degrees are from the University of Kentucky, where he specialized in machine systems automation. He earned his doctorate at Mississippi State University, focusing his research on characterizing air velocity distribution within broiler production facilities.

Luck's Extension program and research are directed toward agricultural machinery and precision agriculture issues. Machine management, variable rate technology, agricultural "big data" management, and remote sensing are some of his specific areas of interest. His applied research program will be developed based on the needs of stakeholders within the state.



Paul Koch

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In January, Paul Koch became an assistant professor in the Department of Plant Pathology and a UW-Extension turfgrass pathology specialist – but he's a familiar face. All of Koch's degrees are from CALS (bachelor's

degree in horticulture and soil science, master's degree and doctorate in plant pathology). Along the way he served as manager of the UW's Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab.

Koch's research and Extension programs focus on reducing the negative, non-target impacts of turfgrass management in urban and suburban environments, with an emphasis on more sustainable disease management practices. "Reducing the negative impacts of turfgrass management while still providing quality turfgrass will provide both environmental and human health benefits to urban and suburban communities," he says.



Julie Dawson

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Julie Dawson joined CALS last summer as an assistant professor in the Department of Horticulture and a UW-Extension urban agriculture specialist. She did her undergraduate work in plant sciences at Cornell University and a doctorate at Washington State University. She also spent time in Washington, D.C. with the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and did postdoctoral research in France and at Cornell.

Her research and Extension work focuses on diversified farms that serve urban and regional markets. This includes urban agriculture and community gardens, as well as farms on the urban-rural interface that may market directly to consumers or create value-added products for regional markets. Research projects will depend on farmers' needs, she says, and could include variety and management trials for high value or specialty crops, rotations and cover crops for small-scale farms, and collaborations with social and economic scientists to strengthen regional food systems and food security. Dawson is also interested in the conservation and use of crop genetic diversity for regional agriculture.

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FISC Corner: Summer is a busy time for FISC



FISC Interim Director Jessie Potterton

Greetings, WALSAA!

The 2014 class of FISC students may have graduated, but we are as busy as ever. We had a great time at the Alumni Celebration, candidates for the permanent FISC director search are being considered and applications are rolling in for the 130th class. It's an exciting time in FISC!

Our application numbers are impressive and show that the word is out about this great program. There is still time to help recruit students though – the deadline to apply for 2014-15 is Aug. 1.

As I have mentioned, the applications for a permanent FISC are being reviewed and the search committee plans to select finalists later this month. It has been a pleasure working with – and getting to know – those of you with whom I've interacted over the past few months.

Our on-campus advisory group, the FISC Planning Council met several times throughout the 2013-14 FISC year and made decisions on the FISC calendar, incorporated additional admissions practices and began discussing offerings in the program. These discussions



At the March commencement ceremony, several FISC students were recognized by WALSAA for their achievements.

will continue this fall.

We want you to stay connected! Stay tuned for pictures and a recap from our anticipated FISC Alumni Celebration on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/farmandindustryshortcourse) and visit www.fisc.cals.wisc.edu – we are constantly updating the website with events, news, student and alumni information. If you have any questions or want to provide feedback, please call or email us at (608) 263-3918 or fisc@cals.wisc.edu.

Best wishes for a safe summer, strong crop and healthy livestock!

Campus Happenings By WALSAA Student Representative Will Peasley

The end of the academic year is an exciting time of transition as we begin new chapters in our lives. The CALS seniors that are graduating face the challenge of deciding where they want to head in their career. Underclassmen are heading back home for the summer, staying in Madison to take summer classes, or starting an internship with a company. Despite all of these changes, I know our time spent on UW-Madison's campus will help us to overcome the challenges that we will face.

In my own life, I am looking forward to the changes ahead of me. This summer I will be interning for Badgerland Financial as a credit intern in the corporate office in Sauk Prairie. I will then follow that with an

internship at a dairy consulting company called Best Fed, located in Osorno, Chile in the fall semester. I am excited to be able to take what I have learned in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations.

As my term comes to a close as the WALSAA student representative, I am thankful for the opportunity to represent the undergraduate students in CALS and for the alumni that I have had the privilege to meet along the way. I have a much greater appreciation for the support WALSAA gives to the college. I'd like to end by thanking all of the alumni who support WALSAA for your continued contributions, which are making an impact on our campus.

On, Wisconsin!

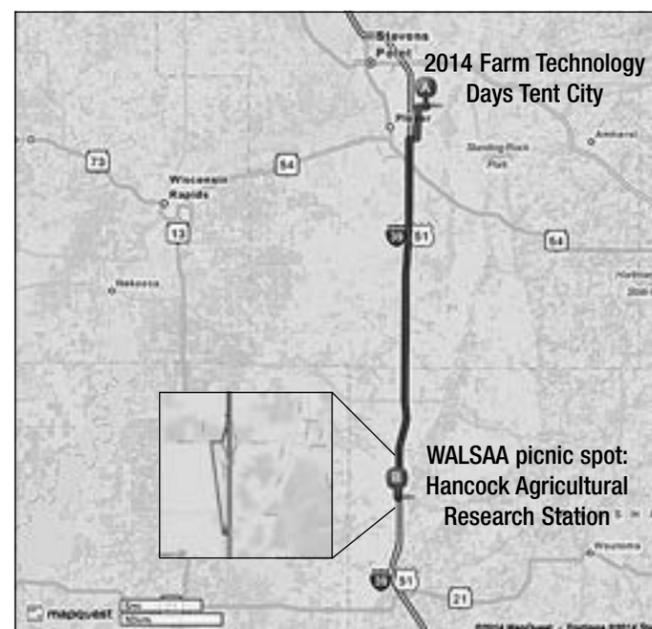
WALSAA Farm Technology Days Annual Picnic set for Aug. 13

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. It will be held Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Hancock 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 \$15 per person at the door.

The Hancock Research Station is a 412-acre vegetable crop research farm located in the Central Sands area of Wisconsin. Field trials at the station are related to potatoes, field corn, sweet corn, soybeans, snap beans, carrots, cucumbers and switchgrass. More than 500 varieties of perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees from many seed and plant sources will be showcased in the station's A.R. Albert and Villetta Hawley-Albert Horticultural Garden.

The 2014 Farm Technology Days host farms are Blue Top Farms and Feltz Family Farms, which are located east of Plover, south of Highway HH in Portage County.

The WALSAA picnic site is located south of the FTD site. The research station address is N3909 County Rd V, Hancock, WI 54943. The easiest way to get from FTD to the picnic site is to take 39/51 south and take the exit for



County Hwy V, (Exit #131), and turn right. Turn left at County Hwy V (the frontage road following the highway south). The station is located about 1 mile south on the right hand side. The main office is the brick building. Signs will be posted to direct traffic from the show to the WALSAA picnic.

To participate in planning the WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic or volunteer to help the day of, contact WALSAA at (608) 438-1994 or admin@walsaa.org.

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Beth Olson

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Beth Olson joined CALS last spring as an associate professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences and a UW-Extension nutrition specialist. She, too, is a familiar face, having earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry at CALS before going on to a doctorate in nutrition at the University of California-Davis. Olson then spent a number of years in research and development with the Kellogg Company and conducted

research and outreach with Michigan State University and MSU-Extension.

Her research focuses on education and interventions that help mothers and families feed their infants and young children. This includes providing support to low-income and working women on breastfeeding their babies, and helping families transition their babies from breastfeeding and baby foods to eating with their families. "Most parents really want the best for their children, and I hope the research I do can be used to help them achieve their goals of healthy and happy children," Olson says.

Save the date! WALSAA Football Fire-Up planned for Sept. 6

The 39th annual WALSAA Football Fire-Up tailgate party and auction will be held at the UW Foundation building at 1848 University Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 6, prior to the Badgers versus Western Illinois football game (Kick-off TBD).

As in years past, Fire-Up 2014 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, use the form on page 11 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.)

Plan to join WALSAA for this wonderful opportunity to connect with CALS, CALS and FISC alumni and fellow WALSAA supporters to network and share your Badger pride. To order tickets, use the form on the following page. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Fire-Up volunteers wanted

Summer is here, and the season 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. 6. With high attendance anticipated, we need your guidance in meeting member expectations again this year!

Assistance is needed from arranging the food to acquiring items 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 39th 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 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, phone number and/or e-mail address.

2014 WALSAA Football Fire-Up order form

Saturday, Sept. 6 • 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. Western Illinois 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.		Additional 100% tax deductible donation to WALSAA.	\$
Mail registration and payment to WALSAA at P.O. Box 5177, Madison, WI 53705			
Registration must be postmarked on or before Aug. 25. After that date, tickets will be for sale at the gate for an additional \$5 each.		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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Ten Outstanding Sophomores recognized by WALSAA

WALSAA recently continued its proud tradition of promoting student excellence at UW–Madison. After an unprecedented 86 submitted applications, the WALSAA scholarship committee narrowed down its search for the top 10 Outstanding Sophomores through a rigorous prescreening process that focused equally on academic achievement, campus involvement/leadership, community service, and relevant experience. From these 86 applicants, 24 were selected to interview in front of a panel of three WALSAA board members. Ten final awardees were selected based on interview performance.

“It’s truly amazing what these students can accomplish in less than two years at Madison,” said Robb Bender, co-chairman of the scholarship committee. “Although difficult to choose just 10 students, these well-rounded individuals are the cream of the crop.”

Winners of the Outstanding Sophomore Award include, Abigail Ball, Waterford, animal science/dairy science; Erica Ballmer, Janesville, dairy science/life sciences communication; Amanda Belltrame, Brookfield, biochemistry; Patrick Carney, Madison, genetics; Bethany Dado, Amery, dairy science/genetics; Luke Drachenberg, Arena, agricultural business management/economics; Daniel Fox, Deerfield, Ill., biology; Katherine Griswold, Black Earth, life sciences communication; Maria Gruetzmacher, Stillwater, Minn., dietetics; and Jayne-Norah Ntambi, Fitchburg, nutritional sciences. Read on for personal messages from the 2014 Outstanding Sophomore Award winners.

Abigail Ball – I hope to become a large animal veterinarian and attend the UW School of Veterinary Medicine. I grew up working on a small goat dairy where I gained much of my passion for small ruminants, which are the species I hope to specialize in as a veterinarian.

On campus, I live at Babcock House, and I am also involved in Saddle and Sirloin Club, Pre-Veterinary Club and Badger Dairy Club. Additionally, I milk cows and do chores at the Dairy Cattle Center and work on a dairy goat study at the Livestock Laboratory.

Last summer I completed a pre-veterinary internship



Winners of the Outstanding Sophomore Award include, from left to right, WALSAA Scholarship Co-Chairman Robb Bender, CALS Dean Kathryn VandenBosch, Abigail Ball, Katherine Griswold, Maria Gruetzmacher, Bethany Dado, Amanda Belltrame, Daniel Fox, Luke Drachenberg, Jayne-Norah Ntambi, Erica Ballmer, Patrick Carney and WALSAA President & Scholarship Co-Chairman Bryan Renk.

at Kettle Moraine Equine Hospital, and this summer I am excited to assist in large animal surgery at the UW Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

I would like to sincerely thank WALSAA for selecting me as an Outstanding Sophomore. I am very humbled for your consideration of me for this award and grateful for your investment in my future.

Erica Ballmer – I am interning for UW–Extension: Wisconsin Dairy Youth Program, where I assist with planning and preparation for events, including Badger Dairy Camp, 4-H Dairy Judging and 4-H Dairy Bowl.

On campus, I am involved in National Agri-Marketing Association, Association of Women in Agriculture, dairy judging, Collegiate Farm Bureau and Collegiate FFA.

I am truly honored and humbled to receive the Outstanding Sophomore Award from WALSAA. I really appreciate the generous support. I am very grateful for all of the support WALSAA gives to CALS students.

Amanda Beltrame – It is an honor to receive the WALSAA Outstanding Sophomore Award. I am extremely grateful for the support that WALSAA provides.

I plan to continue my education by attending dental

school. I am extremely interested in pursuing a Ph.D./D.D.S. degree in pediatrics to allow me to combine my love for clinical practice and patient interactions with research.

As a peer mentor in the Women in Science and Engineering Learning Community I have the opportunity to mentor freshman women who are interested in pursuing a job in science, technology or mathematics.

To share my love of opera, I founded the CRC Opera Club, an interest group within my dorm to expose students to opera. In the All University Strings orchestra, I play violin with other students who want to continue in music performance.

Patrick Carney – I currently work in McArde Laboratory for Cancer Research in a colon cancer lab. I am the vice president of CALS Ambassadors for the 2014-15 school year and am involved in Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med group. I volunteer at UW-Hospital and Bayview International Center. This summer I will be traveling to Uganda as part of the CALS Study Abroad Program. Outside of the classroom I am also a member of the UW Club Tennis Team. In the future, I hope to attend medical school and study oncology.

Receiving this award is a huge honor and I’d like to thank WALSAA for the support of my academic and extracurricular activities on campus. I really enjoy being part of CALS and am thankful we have an alumni base that is very involved and supportive of its current students.

Bethany Dado – I hail from Amery, Wis., where I live on a 450-cow dairy farm with my parents and three siblings. I hope to attend graduate school to study dairy or crop genetics. I have served as the genetic intern at Endres Jazzy Jerseys, and I will spend this summer working for the Dairy Forage Research Center and the UW Dairy Science Nutrition Lab as an undergraduate research assistant.

I remain active on campus in the Association of Women in Agriculture, Badger Dairy Club, Collegiate Farm Bureau, St. Paul’s Catholic Church and UW Marching Band. Some of my favorite experiences as a Badger have been attending

the 2013 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, studying in Union South, and becoming best friends with my freshman roommate.

Luke Drachenberg – I would like to express my sincere gratitude to WALSAA for making the Outstanding Sophomore Award possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and am deeply appreciative of your support. By presenting me with this award you have helped to lighten my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on my academics and extracurricular activities.

I grew up on an 800-acre family farm. Upon graduation I plan to go into agricultural finance or banking, where I hope to work lending money to agribusinesses and farmers, in the process helping rural America grow and thrive. This summer I will be interning with Badgerland Financial as a risk management intern.

On campus, I serve as president of the Agricultural Business Management Club, am a Renk Agribusiness Institute scholar, and am active member in Collegiate Farm Bureau. Off of campus I am involved with Agriculture Future of America and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation as a 40 Chances Fellow, where I spend extensive time exploring agriculture and food-related issues, especially related to addressing world hunger.

Daniel Fox – I currently aspire to become a neurologist working in a teaching hospital. During school, I work at the Grinblat Lab, which studies the genetic mechanisms underlying brain shaping and growth of vertebrates during embryonic development. I am a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honors Society, the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, the Undergraduate Genetics Association and CALS Honors in Research Program. I volunteer at the UW-Hospital in the Psychiatric Unit. I am also a Jewish community intern at the UW Hillel.

I am extremely grateful to receive this award. I would like to thank WALSAA for the recognition and generous contribution towards my academic, leadership and service

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pursuits. This award will assist me in completing my goals, both here at the university and in my career.

Katherine Griswold – Thank you WALSAA for the amazing support of the past, present and future sophomores. I truly appreciate the recognition that this award provides and look forward to joining the community of support that WALSAA provides.

I grew up on a hobby farm, showing beef cattle and hogs. I have held internships at John Deere and Filament Marketing and will intern with DuPont Pioneer this summer as a sales and marketing intern. On campus I am involved in the National Agri-Marketing Association, the Association of Women in Agriculture, Collegiate Farm Bureau and CALS Ambassadors. Annually off campus I have participated in the Agriculture Future of America Conference in Kansas City and volunteered at Wisconsin DECA career development events.

Maria Gruetzmacher – After completing a dietetic internship, I will obtain my master's degree in nutrition and specialize in pediatrics. Outside of the classroom, I represent CALS as an ambassador. Serving as an information guide, I do the same for the university. I am also involved in the Food Science Club and the Dietetics and Nutrition Club, and I work in a Nutritional Sciences lab studying Phenylketonuria (PKU).

It is truly an honor and blessing to be the recipient of the Outstanding Sophomore Award. Thank you to everyone who made this award possible. This award will help me in the future to encourage others to reach for their dreams, just as you all have done for me.

Jayne-Norah Ntambi – I grew up in Madison, but my family and I are first generation immigrants from Uganda. I aspire to go to medical school after finishing my undergraduate degree. Outside of my direct academics, I work in a medical research lab that focuses on type 1-diabetes in children. On campus I have a leadership position in VHP (Village Health Project), and I am a student ambassador for diverse students in STEM majors. One day I hope to return to Uganda where I can share the valuable knowledge I have obtained here.

I am truly honored to have been a chosen candidate for the WALSAA Outstanding Sophomore Award scholarship for this is the first time I have been recognized for my contributions to the University as a whole. The award has revamped my passion to learn and accelerated my want for success. With its impressive outlook on its standing students as well as perspective students, I plan to continue to establish myself within CALS for the college has been nothing but good to me. Thank you WALSAA.

Alumni Updates

Sarah Young, BS'05 ag journalism and agronomy, joined Filament Marketing, LLC as a marketing executive. Young will be working with the company's client management teams assisting with the development and implementation of strategic marketing communications plans and initiatives.

Zoey Brooks, BS'14 animal science, was selected as Wisconsin's 67th Alice in Dairyland. As a member of the sixth generation on her family's dairy and grain farms, she looks forward to growing the business in the future. Her job will be to promote Wisconsin agriculture and to teach the public about the importance of agriculture in Wisconsin. Brooks served as Dane County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom coordinator and as a director at-large for her Collegiate Farm Bureau.

New Lifetime Members

Donna Behnke
Wallace Behnke
Andrew Hoffman, BS'10
Thomas Janczewski, BS'98
Kimberly Kammes, MS'07
Amanda Miller, BS'13
Brenda Murphy, BS'97
Kristin Natzke-Olson, BS'10
Staci Suda, FISC'14

Connect your friends to WALSAA

As a WALSAA member receiving this newsletter, you already know WALSAA connects students, faculty and alumni to the University of Wisconsin's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALC).

Help us extend our reach by asking a former roommate, classmate or friend if they are a WALSAA member.

WALSAA has a special way of bringing together like-minded alumni who care about helping others, improving the college and participating in their industry. Help widen our reach of this important group.

WALSAA membership rates:

- Annual membership – \$50.00
- Lifetime membership – One-time payment of \$500.00 or installment payments of \$105 per year for 5 years (there are special offers for new graduates and in honor of the college's centennial in effect this year).

WALSAA membership benefits include the *WALSAA Express* newsletter and invitations to WALSAA events such as the Football Fire-up, Farm Technology Days Picnic, and spring Hit the Ice Hockey event or Brew Crew Bash. A WALSAA membership allows you to reconnect with CALS and give back to the college where it all began. Your membership dollars allow WALSAA to carry out its efforts to award scholarships, fund CALS Ambassadors, support student leadership and recognize exceptional faculty – all in support of the college and the alumni's connection to it.

Send an email, make a call or visit with a friend today and ask them to join you in your support of WALSAA by becoming a WALSAA member. Anyone interested can go to www.walsaa.org/membership to sign-up online or download a brochure.

2014 WALSAA Membership Form

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): _____

Field(s) of study: _____

Membership level: Annual – \$50 Lifetime – \$500 Lifetime installment – \$105

Additional donation to support WALSAA: \$ _____

Total amount: \$ _____ Check Money order Amer. Express Discover MasterCard Visa

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

Cardholder's 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: _____

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

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Upcoming Events

- June 28** **CALS Barn Dance, Crane Farms, Burlington, Wis.**
- Aug. 13** **WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic, Hancock Agricultural Research Station, Hancock, Wis.**
- Sept. 6** **WALSAA Football Fire-Up, UW Foundation parking lot, Madison, Wis.**