

WALSAA's 10 Outstanding Sophomores for 2015 include, left to right, front row: Sara Schoenborn, WALSAA president; Kelly Wilfert; Elizabeth Endres; McKenzie Rae Rowley; Alexa Roscizewski; Sara Harn; back row: Robb Bender, WALSAA scholarship chairman; Ryan Rebernick; Samantha Anne Miller; Siddak Kanwar; Sydney Endres; Courtney McCourt; and Kate VandenBosch, CALS dean and director.



## 10 outstanding sophomores named

WALSAA recently continued its proud tradition of promoting student excellence at UW–Madison. After receiving a number of 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 there, only a chosen few were selected to interview in front of a panel of three WALSAA board members. Ten final awardees were selected based on interview performance.

WALSAA's Outstanding Sophomore Awardees for 2015 include:

- Elizabeth Endres, Waunakee, Dairy Science
- Sydney Endres, Lodi, Dairy Science
- Sara Harn, Brooklyn, Dairy Science
- Siddak Kanwar, Rochester, Minn., Life Science Communications
- Courtney McCourt, St. Cloud, Dairy Science
- Samantha Anne Miller, Oconomowoc, Neurobiology
- Ryan Rebernick, Caledonia, Biochemistry
- Alexa Roscizewski, Eagle, Animal Science
- McKenzie Rae Rowley, Loyal, Life Sciences Communication
- Kelly T. Wilfert, Two Rivers, Agriculture and Applied Economics

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# President's Message: Ways to help WALSAA

WALSAA President Sara Schoenborn



I recently had the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at Competitive Edge – a college preview day on campus hosted by Alpha Gamma Rho and the Association of Women in Agriculture. It was a wonderful experience, being able to introduce prospective students to the many opportunities available in the UW–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

One of the points in my presentation – other than get involved and stay involved, be passionate, accidents happen, etc. – was value your alumni. I spoke of how their alumni are here to support, encourage and mentor them.

That is where you come in.

Have you considered all of the ways you can give back to the CALS students? WALSAA is continually looking for help in the following areas:

## 1 New board members

A term on the WALSAA board is just three years. This is your opportunity to have an active role in all WALSAA activities and efforts.

## 2 Committee volunteers

Do you have a special talent for marketing or event planning? We welcome anyone to serve as a volunteer member of any of our committees: events, FISC, finance, marketing and development, and scholarship.

## 3 Event Volunteers

Is your schedule such that you can really only commit to a one-day activity? Then how about helping us plan and facilitate one of our annual events?

## 4 Historians

Next time you are cleaning your files, consider sending a copy of those fantastic photos you have from your collegiate days to WALSAA. Send it over and you may just see it on our Facebook page.



The WALSAA Board of Directors is always looking for ways to improve our current efforts and new ideas to maximize our impact. We welcome your thoughts, input and time.

Thank you for supporting your industry, your college and WALSAA. *You* are a valuable resource and one that we gladly invite to share in our passion and successes!

## Welcome new WALSAA members

### New lifetime members

Mary A. Bradley, BS'80  
Robert Cooney, BS'83, MS'90  
Dan Crooks, BS'86  
Jeff Edwards, BS'75  
Taylor Holterman, BS'15  
Pamela Severson, BS'79  
Heather Sorum, BS'98  
David Thompson, FISC'76, BS'83  
Robert Thomsen, BS'84  
Kelly Wilfert, CALS student

### New annual member

Wayne Horman, BS'89

# CALS Message: New faculty on campus

CALS Senior Associate Dean Richard Straub



Faculty excellence is essential to making our college strong. Our faculty's research prowess, dedication to teaching and commitment to sharing its knowledge around Wisconsin and around the world help make CALS a global leader among institutions of higher education.

I'd like to introduce you to several new faculty members. I hope you have opportunities to meet them in person over the coming years.



Craig Johnston

Craig Johnston joined the faculty in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology earlier this year. His research focuses on forest management and its potential for mitigating climate change. "Governments around the world are quick to adopt legislation that rely on forests as an answer to climate change, yet little is known about the true cost of these policies," Johnston says. "My goal is to better understand how we can maximize the carbon sequestration potential of forests while also improving the economic viability of the forest products industry. With this in mind, my research group works on issues in forest management, international trade and bioenergy systems."

Johnston received his doctorate degree in economics from the University of Victoria in Canada, where he examined how climate change mitigating policies affect global forestry markets. During that time, he also worked with the Industry, Trade and Economics Research Group at the Canadian Forest Service on regional and national forestry issues.

Brad Bolling, BS'02, PhD'07, joined the Department of Food Science faculty last July. In his research he seeks to understand how foods prevent chronic disease. "Our focus has been on how yogurt, berries and nuts act in the gut to inhibit chronic inflammation associated with obesity, colitis and cardiovascular disease," he says.



Brad Bolling

"We are also actively working to better characterize plant polyphenol composition and their metabolism after consumption, as these may be responsible for the health benefits of certain foods. Our latest work in this area has been with aronia berries and almonds."

Bolling did his undergraduate and graduate work at CALS, but he was a postdoctoral fellow at Tufts University and an assistant professor in nutritional sciences at the University of Connecticut.



Kristin Thorleifsdottir

Kristin Thorleifsdottir came to UW–Madison last summer with a joint appointment in the CALS Department of Landscape Architecture and the Department of Design Studies in the School of Human Ecology. Thorleifsdottir, who was born and raised in Reykjavik,

Iceland, looks at behavioral impacts of planning and design.

"My primary area of interest lies within the area of environment and behavior studies (EBS), in particular issues regarding aspects of daily life in urban environments and the influence environmental design and urban planning have on a population's behavioral patterns, attitudes, use, function, health and wellbeing," she says.

She holds a doctorate degree in community and environmental design from North Carolina State University. She was an assistant professor at the Agricultural University of Iceland and also taught at the Iceland Academy of the Arts. She has worked as a registered landscape architect in Iceland.

Dhanansayan "Dhanu" Shanmuganayagam, BS'97, PhD'06, is new to the Department of Animal Sciences

# FISC Corner: Celebrating the past, working for the future



WALSAA FISC Chairman Bob Behnke

In late March, WALSAA representatives attended the Farm & Industry Short Course graduation ceremony held at the brand new Gordon Event Center, just blocks from the Kohl Center. More than 600 people were in attendance to witness an exciting day.

FISC is the longest-standing program in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin. Classes are held during the winter months and are taught by UW instructors. The focus is production agriculture. WALSAA was on hand to present awards to some very gifted students and to add some comic relief about our past days gone by on campus.

In our last issue, we mentioned our five outstanding FISC student awards chosen in January. At graduation, we recognized these students, as well as the activity and leadership award winner, Holly LaPlant, and the academic excellence award winners, Marlena Boyd, Amanda Davis, Anneka Moss, Samuel Nelson and Anthony VanDeloo. These students represent the top five GPA's in the FISC program.

With more than 6,000 alumni of the FISC program, WALSAA is very excited to have the opportunity to work together to keep the program strong, trying to keep up with the ever-changing world of agriculture. Together we can make a difference in future students' lives.

WALSAA is in the process of assembling the FISC Alumni Committee – and we need your help! If you are



At the March commencement ceremony, several FISC students were recognized by WALSAA for their achievements. They were, left to right, front row: Bob Behnke, WALSAA FISC board member; Amanda Davis; Holly LaPlant; Marlena Boyd; Derrek Kamphuis; Kate VandenBosch, CALS dean and director; back row: Robb Bender, WALSAA scholarship chairman; Wayne Conard; Samuel Nelson; Anneke Moss; Dustin Muenster; and Jessie Potterton, FISC director.

willing to serve on this committee, please contact me at (608) 279-4243 or rjb5@frontier.com. The time commitment is minimal and your ideas are critical in moving the FISC alumni initiative forward.

To that end, please save the date for our 2016 FISC Alumni Reunion – Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Coliseum Bar in Madison. The keynote speaker for the reunion will be attorney George Twohig, who will give a presentation on farm transition planning.

models of human diseases.

“The genetic proximity of swine to humans and the overwhelming similarities in anatomy, physiology and nutrition makes swine the ideal model for preclinical studies of the interaction between genetics and nutrition as it relates to diseases,” says Shanmuganayagam. “The use of such models accelerates the rate at which discoveries can be developed into applications and technologies that benefit human and animal health.”

## CALS Message cont.



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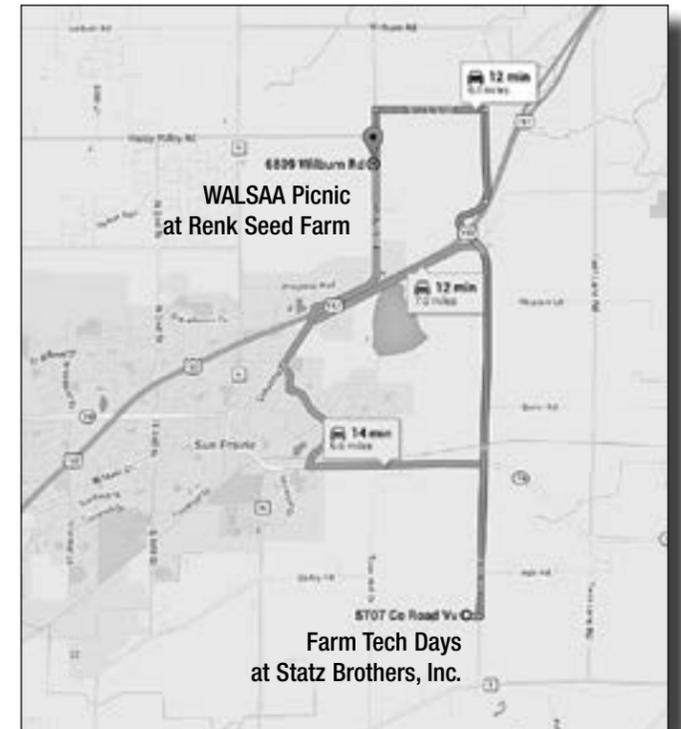
as a faculty member – but, as he notes, “I have been at the University of Wisconsin – Madison my entire career.” Shanmuganayagam earned his bachelor's degree in bacteriology and his doctorate degree in nutritional sciences. Today he focuses on developing genetic swine

# WALSAA Farm Technology Days Annual Picnic set for Aug. 26

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. 26, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Renk Seed Farm in Sun Prairie. After a day at the show, enjoy a barbecue dinner with your WALSAA friends!

Tours of the Renk Seed Farm will be available as well as yard games for the whole family. We are even going to have another excellent (and exclusive) silent auction. Tickets for the event are just \$20 per person. Large crowds are expected (and we have improved our meal choices), so please RSVP in advance at [www.walsaa.org](http://www.walsaa.org). Walk-ins will be accepted, but RSVPs are much appreciated!

The host of the 2015 Farm Technology Days in Dane County is Statz Brothers, Inc., which is located southeast of Sun Prairie on County Road VV. The WALSAA picnic site is located just 12 minutes north of the FTD site. The Renk Seed Farm address is 6809 Wilburn Road, Sun Prairie. The easiest way to get from FTD to the picnic site is to take County Road VV north crossing Hwy 151. Turn left on E. Branch Road and then the first left on to Wilburn Road. 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 by emailing [admin@walsaa.org](mailto:admin@walsaa.org) or calling (608) 438-1994.

## It was a win at Hit the Ice with WALSAA

Although the wins were tough to come by for the Badger hockey team this year, they pulled one out for us with a 2-to-1 win against Michigan State at this year's WALSAA Hit the Ice event on Feb. 20. Everyone gathered at Wando's Bar and Grill before the game. Wando's always has great food for us and this year was no different with a mini fish fry!

There were eight auction items available this year, as well as a 50/50 raffle. Auction items included a mini hockey stick signed by UW Men's Hockey Head Coach

Mike Eaves, a WALSAA Football Fire-Up package, an opportunity to direct the UW Marching band during the 5th quarter at a football game, a 12-year-old bottle of scotch and a WALSAA lifetime membership.

If you've never been to our spring event, this is a good way to catch up with WALSAA friends and see a great hockey game. Did you know that as alumni you can stay at the Fluno Center hotel? Wando's is across the street and the Kohl Center is just two blocks away. Hope to see you next year!

# WALSAA announces Football Fire-Up for Sept. 12

Join hundreds of your former classmates, network or just have fun at this fall's 40th annual WALSAA Football Fire-Up on Saturday, Sept. 12. The big event will be held prior to the University of Wisconsin Badgers and the Miami University of Ohio Redhawks football game at its regular location in the parking lot of the UW-Foundation, 1848 University Avenue, Madison.

Plans include musical entertainment, a visit from Bucky Badger, a host of great silent auction items and a huge steak meal including everything from beer to potatoes and ice cream. To encourage more family attendance this year, games for the entire family will be added.

We are currently seeking sponsors for the event. To reach hundreds of expected attendees, contact Valerie Johnson at [vjohnson@habitatdane.org](mailto:vjohnson@habitatdane.org) or (608) 235-5595 for a list of available opportunities. Most sponsorships include complimentary Fire-Up tickets.

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 or go online to [www.walsaa.org](http://www.walsaa.org) 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.)*

Football tickets are limited, so order early.

## WALSAA Football 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 your help to help plan this great annual tradition, which will be held on Sept. 12. 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 and FISC awards.

If you would like to take the opportunity to assist in the planning and set-up of the 40th annual WALSAA Football Fire-Up, contact WALSAA at [admin@walsaa.org](mailto:admin@walsaa.org) or (608) 438-1994.

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

## WALSAA Board of Directors 2014-2015

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# 2015 WALSAA Football Fire-Up ticket order form

**Saturday, Sept. 12 • Time TBD**

**UW Foundation parking lot, 1848 University Avenue**

Please go online to [www.walsaa.org](http://www.walsaa.org) or fill in ALL information below to complete your registration.

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

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

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

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

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

Event	Cost	# of Tickets	Total
<b>Game Day Package*</b> Fire-Up Luncheon** & Wisconsin vs. Miami (OH) 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: ___	\$
<b>Fire-Up Luncheon</b> 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 <b>postmarked on or before Aug. 28.</b> 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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# Member profile: Past Outstanding Sophomore Louann Hausner

Louann Hausner hailed from Spring Green, Wis., before attending UW–Madison where she majored in agricultural journalism and agricultural and applied economics. Hausner was a recipient of the Outstanding Sophomore Award and Outstanding Senior Aggie. She received her bachelor's degree in 1999. Read on to learn more about Hausner.

## What is your current occupation?

I am a division customer support manager at John Deere. I'm very proud to say that I've worked for John Deere Company my entire professional career. Through these 16 years working for Deere, I have had the opportunity to live in five states and had responsibilities spanning six continents. I have worked with John Deere agriculture, construction, turf and forestry products, working to strengthen the Deere dealer channel and being an advocate for customer needs within product development at factories on three continents. Just this year, I accepted a position in Deere that has enabled me to relocate to Annapolis, Maryland, managing a team on the East Coast.

## Why did you choose to enroll in CALS?

CALS and UW-Madison were the best of both worlds for me. CALS provided small class sizes where you know your professors by first name, yet with all of the resources and opportunities of a top-ranked university.

## What student clubs or activities did you participate in while on campus?

National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) because it provided a realistic, hands-on education of what it takes to work with a team to assemble and present a marketing plan. Professor Tom Schomisch, who skillfully guided NAMA all four of my years, put his heart and soul into generously passing along his knowledge and inspiring our teams to realize our true potential.

Due to the connection with collegiate & professional NAMA, I was able to connect with many agri-marketing professionals and gain numerous career insights. This

experience led me to become a member of professional NAMA after college, where I was a chapter president in Iowa.

The Association of Women in Agriculture (AWA) enabled me to connect and collaborate with other strong women that shared my passion for agriculture. Those women inspired me when I was starting out and continue to strengthen me on a personal and professional level today.

By representing the college as a CALS Ambassador, I was able to see the college from diverse perspectives, whether that was from the view of a nervous potential student or an anxious parent looking to help their child make an important decision. From those perspectives, I was able to better understand all that CALS had to offer and appreciate it while I was still there!

## What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

Take every advantage of job shadowing and internship opportunities in college. It's the most realistic way to "try on" a career and a company to see if it is a good fit for you. If you are interested in a specific career, shadow several people in that job because no two people do a job exactly the same.

Identify, articulate and embrace those attributes that make you unique. Those are your differentiators that will set you apart from the crowd in what you can bring to any team or business. Don't assume that everyone else enjoys or excels at the same things.

Be intentional about connecting with your college friends after you graduate. I am so thankful that six of my CALS friends and I have made a commitment to connect at least two times a year, since our graduation 16 years ago, because these connections are important to our lives. We took a trip to New York City for our 30th birthdays and ironically, ran into one of our ag journalism professors while we were at Rockefeller Center – small world! As life takes us in different directions and growing families bless our lives, it's challenging to schedule time for friends, but remember, you must put on your air mask



Louann Hausner set a goal to run a race on all seven continents. Here she is finishing a marathon in Antarctica.

before assisting others! It is so important to foster those relationships that strengthen you, and in turn, continue to support those that have become your chosen family.

## What one or two specific experiences did you have while a student that impacted your career?

When I was young, I dreamed of doing work that would allow me to travel the globe and work with different cultures. The summer of my sophomore year, I participated in a CALS international studies summer program to study agriculture marketing at a university in France. While there, I worked in a vineyard as a tour guide. I was delighted when local farmers that had learned that I was American had gone out of their way to ask me to come and see their "American John Deere tractors." That was the "ah-ha" moment for me, when I realized that I could follow my passion for international business, working with an admired company that had a strong global footprint. I came back from France, pursued an internship with Deere, and the rest is history!

Through NAMA, I had the opportunity to talk with people within John Deere while still in college that gave me the advice to learn the core of the business, first, and start my career working with the dealer channel. This advice drove me to pursue my first position in Deere in the Minneapolis branch as a territory aftermarket manager in North Dakota. That experience has been the core foundation of my career.

## Why do you think students and alumni should connect to the college through an alumni group such as WALSAA?

WALSAA is a living connection of the alumni of [www.walsaa.org](http://www.walsaa.org)



After graduating in 1999, Hausner continues to stay close to her college friends. They are, left to right, Tracy (Daluge) Sagan, Hausner, Lynn (Strebel) Kroll, Amy (Bollinger) Herendeen, Rhonda (Treinen) Meinholz, Alysia (Krause) Beck and Jenny (Topel) Spoke.

CALS, whether current or future alumni. This organization can be an easy introduction point to key contacts, but also, an ongoing resource pool for ideas, support and potential opportunities.

## What have you found to be most rewarding in your career or volunteer work?

The most rewarding part of volunteering for me is building relationships. I have had the privilege of volunteering on four medical mission trips to Haiti and two educational and agricultural mission trips to Western Africa. There is great challenge, and reward, in breaking through the language and cultural barriers by demonstrating your dedication with repeated visits and carrying through with agreed upon goals. I'm especially excited about the work I am doing in Haiti, because now, due to my church's continued work with the village of Jean Denis, we have built a strong relationship with the community, gained their trust, and now earned the right to take our support to the next level. Next, we will be working to grow economic stability in this village by supporting the local rice farmers through improving their irrigation infrastructure.

## What is something you achieved in the last five years?

You are never too young, or old, to set audacious goals! A few years ago, I set a goal to run a race on all seven continents. After running races on the steep stairs of the Great Wall of China, the soft beaches of the Gold Coast of Australia, and the rocky ocean cliffs outside of Cape Town, South Africa, just to name a few places, I'm proud to say that with a cool, icy marathon I ran in Antarctica in 2013 I have achieved that goal.

# WALSAA awards Outstanding Advisor

The winner of this year's WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award is Robin Mittenthal with the Global Health Institute.

Mittenthal studied biology and Chinese at Carleton College in Minnesota before serving as an agricultural advisor with the Peace Corps in The Gambia, West Africa.

In the mid 1990s, Mittenthal returned to the U.S. and worked as a farmhand and manager on both conventional and organic farms in several states. He earned master's degrees in nutrition from Tufts University and library and information science from University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign. He also completed most, but not all, of a doctorate in entomology at UW-Madison, exploring the impact of organic

fertilizers on both plants and their insect pests.

He has worked with K-12 students as both a librarian and a teacher and now enjoys helping college students think about local food production, the concept of sustainability and other food-related aspects of health.

Mittenthal has traveled in China, speaks rusty Mandarin and reads about Chinese environmental issues when not gardening or working to address disparities in access to food that exist in Madison. He is also now studying Spanish and advising groups attempting to provide social services to Wisconsin's large but mostly invisible population of Latino farm workers.

The award was presented in April at the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Awards Program.

## Campus Happenings

By Matt Olson and Logan Wells, WALSAA Student Representatives

With the semester wrapped up and many students working at home or at internships, here is a snapshot look at some of the campus events from the end of the spring semester.

The fifth annual Ag Day On Campus, hosted by Collegiate Farm Bureau, was very successful. The group handed out 1,500 milk chugs and had pedal tractor races around Library Mall. "The event was a true success due to the students' efforts and passions for sharing their agricultural stories. I could not be more proud as the retiring president," said Taylor Holterman, Collegiate Farm Bureau president.

The Alpha Gamma Rho Dairy Dash, held on May 3, brought more than 135 people together to raise funds in memory of John Klossner, an undergraduate studying dairy science who passed away in summer of 2013. More than \$2,500 was donated to the Brain Injury Association of America in his memory.

The Association of Women in Agriculture hosted its annual Breakfast on the Farm. General Chairwoman Michele Gutenberger said, "The breakfast was a huge success this year with great weather and more than 1,700



The Collegiate Farm Bureau hosted a successful Ag Day On Campus. people in attendance."

The National Agri-Marketing Association Marketing Team competed in a national competition hosted in Kansas City. The team earned Reserve National Champion for its marketing plan of CoTrio Baking Oils, a flavor-infused cottonseed baking oil.

With the assistance of many student organizations, the CALS Student Association hosted many area grade school students for the CALS Day for Kids. Students rotated around the Stock Pavilion and learned about different topics in CALS and agriculture.

# 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).

Save time, sign up online!

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 organization's 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."

### 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

Advantages of being a WALSAA member include WALSAA Express newsletter delivered several times per year and invitations to WALSAA events, such as the Football Fire-up, Farm Technology Days Picnic, Hit the Ice Hockey event and 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 will be used to aid WALSAA as it carries 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. Become a WALSAA member today!

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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| <b>Aug. 26</b>  | <b>WALSAA Farm Technology Days Picnic<br/>Renk Seed Farm, Sun Prairie</b> |
| <b>Sept. 12</b> | <b>WALSAA Football Fire-up</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 23</b>  | <b>FISC Alumni Reunion, Coliseum Bar, Madison</b>                         |