Notes from the President

Many activities are underway for Gamma Sigma Delta including scheduling the Distinguished Lecture Series, seeking nominations for new members, awards and the awards Banquet to be held March 19th, 2013 at 4 pm in the Good Barn. A recent poll of members regarding a GSD Executive Committee recommended dues increase of $6.00 was approved by a 61 to 4 vote. That increases dues to $21, an odd number but necessary to offset some new accounting measures. This increase would allow GSD to continue its long-standing tradition of recognizing outstanding individuals in Kentucky Agriculture as well as our own outstanding individuals. In addition to dues we asked members for their ideas for making GSD more visible and more involved in activities within the college. Many great ideas were submitted. Besides these activities GSD participated in the Outstanding Staff Awards, Master Teacher Seminar and inducted 19 seniors during the fall induction ceremony.

It’s time to nominate deserving people in several categories including the Master Teacher Award, George Mitchell Award, Outstanding Graduate Student Awards, Master’s and Doctoral levels, Outstanding Alumnus Award, and Distinguished Service Award. Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards are determined by GPA and no nominations are needed (Award forms and guidelines may be found at: http://www.ca.uky.edu/GammaSigmaDelta/Awards.htm

Gary Palmer, President
Gamma Sigma Delta, UK Chapter

Fall induction of Undergraduate Members

Nineteen seniors accepted the UK Chapter of GSD’s invitation to join and were inducted on Nov. 1, 2012 following the Master Teacher Seminar presented by Tammy Stephenson, Senior Lecturer & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dietetics and Human Nutrition in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. Inductees include Kara Marie Bekebrede, Animal Sciences; Jennifer Lynn Brogie, Equine Science & Management; Amy Leavell Cooper, Career & Technical Education; Lauren Paige Dyer, Animal Sciences; Collin Carver Gamble, Biosystems Engineering; Lindsey Marie Goderwis, Dietetics; Bailey Regina Greene, Dietetics; Erika Eugenia Helgeson, Animal Sciences; Jonathan Thomas Johnson, Forestry; Jared Raulin Kaelin, Landscape Architecture; Joshua Knight, Sustainable Agriculture; Marissa Mae Kruthaup, Sustainable Agriculture; Kendall Annette Mallory, Career & Technical Education; Justin T. Menke, Landscape Architecture; Katherine Ruth Moore, Human Nutrition; Megan Ann Smith, Family Sciences; Michelle Banta Tate, Animal Sciences; Maegan Elizabeth Weatherly, Animal Sciences; and Katie Elizabeth Xu, Animal Sciences.
Key Calendar Events and Deadlines

- **February 1** – Deadline to nominate graduate students, faculty, staff or alumni for membership. Send nominee names to Gary Palmer at gpalmer@uky.edu.
- **February 1** – Deadline for dues. Submit ($21) to GSD Treasurer Julie Tolliver, 128 C.E. Barnhart Bldg., University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0276.
- **February 8** - Deadlines for Award Nominations including: Master Teacher Award, George Mitchell Award, Outstanding Graduate Student Awards, Master’s and Doctoral levels, Outstanding Alumnus Award, and Distinguished Service Award. Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards are determined by GPA and no nominations are needed (Other award forms may be found at: [http://www.ca.uky.edu/GammaSigmaDelta/Awards.htm](http://www.ca.uky.edu/GammaSigmaDelta/Awards.htm)
- **March 19, 2013** – GSD Awards Ceremony and Reception – E.S. Good Barn (4-6 pm)
- **TBD** – Distinguished Lecturer Series – Dr. Carol Baskin, Plant and Soils Sciences & Paul Vincelli, Plant Pathology
- **TBD** – Annual GSD Business Meeting

2012 Outstanding Staff Awards

The Outstanding Staff Awards are co-sponsored by Gamma Sigma Delta, the Agriculture and HES Alumni Association, and Partners in Agriculture. For more information about the Outstanding Staff Awards and this year’s recipients, see: [http://www2.ca.uky.edu/deanadmin/staffaward](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/deanadmin/staffaward).

The recipients in the Executive/Administrative/ Managerial/Non-faculty Professional category were Carl Redmond, Entomology and David G. Smith, Facilities Management.

The recipients in the Clerical/Administrative Staff Support category were Marilyn Hooks, Facilities Management-UKREC and Teresa Powell, Agricultural Economics-Lincoln Trail Farm Analysis Group.

The awardees in the Technician/Paraprofessional/Skilled Crafts Worker category were Joe Kupper, Plant & Soil Sciences and Lee Rechtin, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

Again, congratulations to the recipients as well as all of the outstanding staff who were nominated for this award.

**Lifetime Membership Option**

You are encouraged to make a contribution in any amount to the Gamma Sigma Delta Endowment Fund. For a $500 (minimum) contribution to the Gamma Sigma Delta Endowment fund, you will be designated as a Lifetime Member of Gamma Sigma Delta. Your contribution to the Endowment Fund in any amount will be fully tax deductible on your federal and state income taxes in the year the contribution is made. Lifetime members contributing a minimum of $500 to the fund will no longer be asked to pay annual dues to Gamma Sigma Delta.
GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

2013 Dues Notice

Our chapter is active in the college, sponsoring a variety of awards, recognitions and activities. Your service on committees, participation in activities and dedication to our mission of excellence in agriculture keeps this chapter successful and growing. Your financial support is necessary as well. Please pay your 2013 membership dues of $21 or consider the lifetime membership option. Dues support our local chapter’s day-to-day operating expenses such as the College of Agriculture Outstanding Staff Awards, Gamma Sigma Delta Awards, Cornucopia Newsletter, printing of materials, and postage. If you have questions about our chapter, please email Gary Palmer, GSD President, at gpalmer@uky.edu.

Make your check payable to Gamma Sigma Delta and send it with this form to:

Julie Tolliver
GSD Treasurer
128 C.E. Barnhart Bldg.
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0276

Name: __________________________________________________________

Current Status (please check):  □ Undergraduate  □ Graduate  □ Faculty/Staff  □ Alumni/Retired
Department or Location: ____________________________________________

☐ Check here if your address has changed since last year

Mailing Address (campus, if applicable): _________________________________
City: ______________________________________ State: __________ Zip: ________

Email: _____________________________________________________________

Please note: GSD prefers to send correspondence via email to save on postage costs. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

☐ 2013 Calendar Year Dues of $21  ________

☐ Lifetime Membership Dues $500  ________

☐ Gold Fund Contribution $1000  ________

The Gold Fund was established and endowed several years ago by 12 GSD members who each donated at least $1,000 to provide a source of revenue to support the organization’s programs. In 2008, the Lifetime Membership concept was developed and requires a donation of $500. Contributions to either are tax deductible since they are used as an endowment fund. Gold Fund and Lifetime Members are not asked to pay annual dues.