Outstanding Agriculturalist Honored at GSD Honors Brunch

This year we are pleased to have honored state veterinarian Jim Logan of Riverton as our chapter’s Outstanding Agriculturalist.

The Awards Brunch was April 14 at the UW Union in Laramie. An excellent crowd of about 110 came out to support UW's top agriculturalist and our many excellent students.

Logan was a practicing veterinarian in the Riverton area for more than 20 years, and has served as Wyoming state veterinarian for more than 11 years.

"Jim genuinely has producers’ best-interest in mind at all times," said Dannele Peck, assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, while presenting the award.

"He is not afraid, however, to tell them tough things they need but don’t always want to hear," she said. “When Dr. Logan says 'We need to get serious about this issue' or 'We need to take a hard look at what we are doing here,' producers and colleagues take note."

Logan has not only shown leadership in brucellosis issues but also in sheep industry concerns, said Jim Schwartz, former director of the Wyoming Livestock Board, in his nomination letter.

"Whatever the issue, he has worked toward solving problems based on science instead of yielding to emotional or political pressures," he stated.

Bob Meyer, Wyoming’s assistant state veterinarian, noted Logan does far more than normally expected from many state veterinarians.

“Besides his involvement with many agriculturally oriented organizations here in Wyoming, Jim also serves as chairman of various committees for national organizations,” he said. “These organizations support and protect our livestock producers from the effects of several livestock diseases, and having Jim’s close involvement serves to keep Wyoming’s interests front and center.”

Congratulations Jim!
Outstanding Student Awards
Outstanding Freshman Female – McKensie Harris, Laramie, Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Outstanding Freshman Male – Shane Bell, Winnemucca, Nev., Ecosystem Science and Management
Outstanding Sophomore – Amanda O’Donnell, Spring Creek, Nev., Ecosystem Science and Mngmnt
Outstanding Junior – Erin Anders, Cheyenne, Agroecology and Anthropology
Outstanding Senior – Sara van Knapp Jennings, Burbank, Calif., Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Outstanding Master’s Student – Sarena Olsen, Norridge, Il, Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Outstanding Doctoral Student – Rebecca Cockrum, Chesterfield, Md., Animal and Veterinary Sciences

Departments Recognize Students
At the annual Gamma Sigma Delta Honors Brunch each department within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources honored some of its top students. Below are this year’s honorees.

Agricultural & Applied Economics
  WAEA Outstanding Senior Award – Kailey Barlow
  Honor Book – Randa May

Agricultural Communications
  Honor Book – Kaitlynn Glover
  Honor Book – Megan Tanaka
  Honor Book – Kelsey Tramp

Animal Science
  Honor Book – Brice McIntosh
  Honor Book – Stephanie Schroeder
  Honor Book – Saralyn van Knapp Jennings
  Honor Book – Tori Walsh

Family and Consumer Sciences
  Honor Book – Kati Stoll

Molecular Biology & Microbiology
  Honor Book – Anna Justis
  Irene Rosenfeld Scientific Achievement Award – Ryan Griesbach
  Harold F. Eppson Scholarship – Madeleine Francis

Plant Sciences
  Honor Book – Tessa Peters
  Honor Book – Bailey Hallwachs

Ecosystem Science and Management
  Honor Book, Rangeland Ecology & Watershed Management – Cara Noseworthy
  Honor Book, Soil Science – Kristi Mingus
  Honor Book, Entomology – Ariana Roe
  Honor Book, ESM Graduate Student – Kyle Lilly

Animal and Veterinary Sciences
  Honor Book – Julia Ransom
New Members

We are pleased to announce that 29 people have accepted membership in Gamma Sigma Delta in 2012. Each student is in the top 15 percent of their class (as measured by GPA) and faculty and staff have shown superb ability in their work. Congratulations!

**Undergraduate**
- Keah Cross – Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Ryan Griesbach – Molecular Biology
- Anna Justis – Molecular Biology
- Tessa Peters – Plant Sciences
- Lauren Schiermiester – Animal and Vet. Sciences
- Amanda Thomas – Animal and Vet. Sciences
- Kelsey Tramp – Agricultural Communications
- Tori Walsh – Animal and Veterinary Sciences

**Graduate**
- Sherry Adrianos – Molecular Biology
- Prakriti Bistaghimire – Plant Sciences
- Peter Burgess – Ag and Applied Economics
- Caleb Carter – Plant Sciences
- Carl Coburn – Plant Sciences
- Wahid HS Dakhel – Veterinary Sciences
- Andrea Garfinkel – Plant Sciences
- Matthew Jolivet – Plant Sciences
- Jack Leonhardt – Veterinary Sciences
- Louise Lorent – Plant Sciences
- Levi Lowder, Molecular & Cellular Life Sciences
- Kathleen Meyers – Entomology
- Lauren Millett – Molecular Biology
- Evgeniy Panzhinskiy – Molecular Biology
- Brekke Lane Peterson – Plant Sciences
- Jordan Steele – Ag and Applied Economics
- Amy Williams – Veterinary Sciences
- Megan Wilson – Entomology and Botany
- Anna Yedinak – Veterinary Sciences

**Faculty and Staff**
- MD Anowarul Islam – Plant Sciences
- Steve Miller – Communications & Technology

Sonya Meyers and Kati Stoll

John Tanaka with Kyle Lilly, Ariana Roe and Kristi Mingus

Gerry Andrews and Lacey Favazzo

Ed Bradley and Randa May

Tessa Peters Steve Herbert and Bailey Hallwachs

Prakriti Bistaghimire, Louise Lorent, Kathleen Meyers