



BLOCK AND BRIDLE

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BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

History:

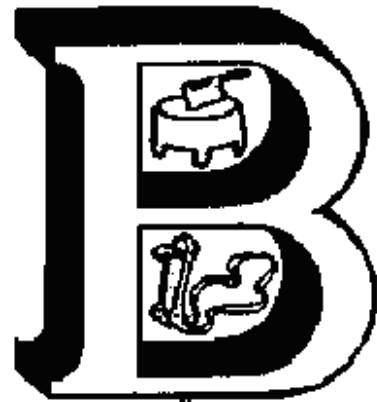
The National Block and Bridle Club was formed on December 2nd, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois by student representatives from four animal husbandry clubs. These clubs from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri became the charter chapters of the new national organization. During their meeting, the chapter's former a constitution including a statement of the club's objectives that have been revised over the years to read as follows:

- To promote a higher scholastic standard and a more complete understanding of Animal Science among student members.
- To promote animal agriculture through development of a program of activities that will supplement students' study of the animal sciences in colleges and universities.
- To enhance professionalism of students who will one day be leaders in the animal agriculture industry.
- To bring about a closer relationship among all students pursuing some phase of animal agriculture as a profession.

Emblem:

The Block and Bridle symbol represents the principles on which the club is built. Character, sincerity, and a moral life are asked of members when they are initiated into the Block and Bridle Club. These attributes are depicted in the straight vertical like of the B. The distinct curves of the B are symbolic of social pleasure, mental energy, and the determination of Block and Bridle members.

The meat block and cleaver inside the top half of the B represents the material aspects of our life and our profession. The bridle in the bottom half stands for the behavior of members, the control over ourselves that we try to maintain, the mannerisms and respect we show towards others, and the manner in which we treat our livestock.



Letter from Dr. Larry Berger, Animal Science Department Head



March 3, 2016
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

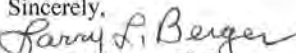
Dear Block and Bridle Club Members:

Congratulations to all members of the Block and Bridle Club for having a truly great year. Having a well-rounded education is more than just the classroom experience. Taking advantage of opportunities through the Block and Bridle Club to enhance your leadership skills, to network with students who have similar interests and to work towards a common goal are all experiences that will benefit you for the rest of your life. I want to encourage you to continue to set high goals, to find your true passions and to be diligent to take advantage of the opportunities available through Block and Bridle.

The Animal Science Department appreciates your contributions to our academic programs and sponsored activities. The hands-on activities you provide for Lincoln Public Schools Science Fair and the Big Red Beef Show gives the public the opportunity to learn more about our programs and the livestock industries we serve. The addition of the Future Pork Leaders and the Pork-fest activities diversifies the opportunities for our students. On behalf of the Department, I also want to express appreciation to Dr. Ty Schmidt, Brad Bennett and Dr. Tom Burkey for their leadership and oversight of the Club.

Your selection of Ann Marie Bosshamer as this year's Block and Bridle Honoree continues the Club's legacy of honoring key leaders who have had great impact on Nebraska's livestock industries. As Executive Director of the Nebraska Beef Council, Ann Marie is responsible for the effective investment of over \$3.5 million for the promotion of Nebraska beef on an annual basis. For example, Ann Marie has organized tours of Nebraska cow-calf operations, feedlots, and packing plants for chiefs, food journalist and thought leaders to help them better understand the sustainability, wholesomeness and high-quality of Nebraska beef. When she became the Executive Director of the Nebraska Beef Council she immediately expanded the internship opportunities for students to gain experience connecting consumers and producers. She has provided over a dozen students a job shadowing experience. Her support for UNL is demonstrated by the fact that she has given 43 presentations to our students. Cattle Business Weekly magazine recognized Ann Marie as one of the Top 10 Under 40 Leaders in the cattle industry. This year's recipient is a most worthy role model for all Block and Bridle members and one that you can be proud to have as your Honoree.

In summary, I want to congratulate each member of the Block and Bridle Club for a job well done. I wish you the very best as you continue your academic and professional careers.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Berger, Ph.D.
Marvel L. Baker, Head

Block and Bridle President's Letter

The National Block and Bridle club strives to promote animal agriculture through the activities of the club, to supplement students' study of the animal sciences, and to bring about a closer relationship among students who choose to be a part of the organization. I believe the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Block and Bridle Club has been very successful in carrying out the mission of our organization. Our club has had an exciting year, with an increase in active memberships and the addition of numerous new events. I sincerely thank all of the officers and members who have put countless hours into making this year a success.

I would also like to thank the Animal Science faculty and staff who provide support and guidance to our club. I am grateful to have the opportunity to interact with faculty and staff who are passionate about students and willing to invest their time and resources into student organizations and individuals. I especially want to thank our advisors who are a vital component to our club. A big thank you to Senior Advisor, Dr. Ty Schmidt, Junior Advisor, Brad Bennett, and Freshman Advisor, Dr. Tom Burke. I would also like to give a special thank you to our administrative advisor, Andi Hallberg. Andi goes above and beyond for us, serving as the club department contact and helping us to coordinate events, print programs, collect payments, and so much more.

Over the past three years, Block and Bridle has provided me the opportunity to interact with industry leaders in various sectors of the agriculture industry. This has further developed my passion for animal agriculture, and I have built an excellent network of individuals who have common interests. It is my hope that our members have gained experiences and relationships that will continue to benefit them in the future.

Thank you again to all of our members, officers, and advisors for your dedication to Block and Bridle and your commitment to making this year a success. It has been an honor to serve as the 2015-2016 President. I look forward to seeing the club continue to grow and improve as we build on the traditions and principles of the Block and Bridle Club.

Sincerely,



Ashtyn Shrewsbury

2015-2016 Block and Bridle President

2016 Block and Bridle Honoree

- Ann Marie Bosshamer



The University of Nebraska–Lincoln Block and Bridle Club is pleased to recognize another Nebraskan who exhibits character, dedication, and enthusiasm towards agriculture and the beef industry. Ann Marie Bosshamer is our 2016 Block and Bridle Honoree.

Ann Marie is currently the executive director of the Nebraska Beef Council where she leads a team to collect and manage beef checkoff funds in the state of Nebraska. Known throughout Nebraska as the “Voice of Beef,” Ann Marie has made countless presentations to producer groups, spent numerous hours showing international visitors Nebraska farms, and has narrated dozens of radio advertisements to promote beef.

Communicating beef to a national and international audience is a passion of Ann Marie’s. She works with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to share the story of beef to international guests and other influencer groups. Her tours for national media and agricultural influencers have helped define Nebraska in the national psyche as a place where people care about animals and nurture the land.

In addition, Ann Marie is a leader in youth mentorship. She has committed many hours to youth and students, having made several presentations to classes at UNL.

The Nebraska Beef Team, created by Ann Marie over 10 years ago, has become a national model for beef education. A joint program with UNL, the Nebraska Beef Team places students in grocery stores to provide credible information and help customers select and cook great beef. Ann

Marie graduated from UNL with a degree in diversified agriculture in 1992. She worked as a Nebraska Extension assistant in Lancaster County until she began her career with the Nebraska Beef Council in 1996. She currently resides in Amherst with her husband Brian, and their two daughters, Brianna and Brooke.



Each year, after the Honoree has been selected, Block and Bridle members meet with the honoree to tour their operation or to discuss their career activities. This year the members met in one of the conference rooms in the Animal Science Complex to listen to Ann Marie tell us about her life and career in the beef industry and about what she does for the Nebraska Beef Council and Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Since the Beef Council works closely with the US Meat Export Federation in Denver, Ann Marie set up a video conference with Greg Hanes who is the assistant vice president for international marketing and programs, to talk to us about the role of the federation in trade and the different policies that affect it. He also focused on beef and how they work to expand market opportunities worldwide. The presentation was very informative and we truly appreciated meeting with Ann Marie and speaking with Greg.

We are honored to be recognizing Ann Marie as this year's Honoree.



1938

Ashton Shallenberger

Governor and Congressman
Owner of Ashbourn Farms



1938

Samuel McKelvie

Livestock Breeder
and Exhibitor



1938

Everett Buckingham

General Manager of Union Stock
Yards, Friend, Loyal Citizen, Man
of Vision and Action, Builder of the
West



1939

Bruce McCulloch

Editor of Omaha Daily
Journal-Stockman



1940

Sam Hudson

Producer of Feeder Cattle



1941

Edgar A. Burnett

Educator, Investigator
Administrator at the University of
Nebraska



1942

Elmer E. Youngs

Farmer, Feeder,
Herford Cattle Breeder



1947

Arthur Thompson

Nationally Recognized
Livestock Auctioneer,
Friend, Admirer of Young
People



1948

Leunis Van Es

Scientist, Teacher, Author,
Chairman of the
Department of Animal
Pathology and Hygiene



1949

Delmer Anderson

Master Farmer, Feeder,
Pioneer Soil Conservationist,
Community Builder



1950

Sam R. McKelvie

Statesman, Publisher,
Sandhills Hereford
Breeder



1951

W. Marshall Ross

Pioneer, Teacher, Civic Leader,
Master Farmer, Livestock
Feeder and Breeder,
Marketing Specialist



1952

Henry Mousel and Robert Mousel

Noted Breeders and Improvers of Hereford Cattle



1953

E. Z. Russell

Swine Research Administrator,
U.S.D.A. Writer, Improver of
Durocs, Swine Judge



1954

Albert Hultine

Noted Breeder and Improver of
Polled Shorthorn Cattle



1955

Charles J. Warner

Statesman, Agriculturist, Hereford
Cattle Breeder, Lieutenant-
Governor of the State of Nebraska



1956

Edwin Belsky

Constructive
Hereford Breeder



1957

Andrew D. Majors

Leader in livestock Marketing,
Dedicated to Education,
Community Betterment and Civic Progress



1958

William J. Loeffel

Teacher, Swine and Meats Authority, Administrator, Animal Husbandry Staff, Chairman of University of Nebraska



1959*

Byron P. Demorest

Editor of Omaha Daily Journal-Stockman, Exponent of Better Livestock Production and Marketing



1959

James S. Kreycik

Cherry County Rancher
Producer of Top-Quality Angus Feeder Cattle



1960

Marvel L. Baker

Teacher, Scientist and Administrator



1961

Harry Knabe

Hampshire Swine Breeder



1962

Parr Young

Livestock Feeder and Community Builder



1963

D. V. Spohn

Outstanding Sheep Breeder, Organizer and Leader of Livestock, Wool and Soil Conservation Assocs.



1964

Earl Monahan

Hereford Breeder, Commercial Cattleman, Past President of American Hereford Assoc.



1965

Russell Kendall

Nutritionist for Nixon and Company, Friend and Counselor



1966

M. A. Alexander

Teacher, Counselor, Educator at Nebraska and Turkey, Promoter of Sheep and Wool Industry



1966*

George Young

Chairman, Dept. of Veterinary Science, Pioneer of SPF Program, Scientist, Teacher



1967

Willard Waldo

Statesman, Breeder of Purebred Cattle, Sheep and Swine, Leader in Nebraska Agriculture



1968

Henry Klosterman

Community Leader, Banker, Cattle Feeder, Farmer, Supporter of State & University Programs



1969

Glenn Lewis

Cattle Feeder, Livestock Industry, Community Leader, Motivator of Young Feed-



1970

Edward Janice

Extension Administrator, Educator, Livestock Industry Leader



1970*

Otto H. Liebers

Pioneer Dairy Producers and Prof., Statesman, Nebraska's First County Extension Agent



1971

Forrest S. Lee

Rancher, State and National Livestock Industry Leader



1972

Joseph Watson

County Extension Agent, Livestock Industry Leader



1973

Guy McReynolds

Hampshire Swine Breeder



1974

Howard Pitzer

Noted Quarter Horse Breeder and Producer of Angus Cattle



1975

Harold Stevens

Dawson County Ext. Agent, Helping People Help Themselves through 4-H & Adult Livestock



1976*

Archie White

Livestock Ext. Specialist, Geo A. Hormel Co., Swine Improvement Leader



1977

Melvin Kuska

Farmer, Cattle Feeder, State & National Livestock Industry Leader



1978

W. Eugene Flynn

Registered Holstein Breeder, Dairy Industry Leader



1979

Wesley Hansen

Rancher and Livestock Leader



1980

J. Gerald Beatie

Pioneer of the NE Pork Producers Assoc., Pork Producer



1981

Merlyn Carlson

Rancher, Leader in State and Nat'l Livestock Industry, Innovator



1982

H. Eugene Schroeder

Progressive Cattle Breeder, Livestock Industry Leader



1983

Richard Sorensen

SPF Pork Producer, Farmer, State & Nat'l Swine Industry Leader



1984

Lloyd Bevans

Progressive Sheep and Turkey Producer, Livestock Industry Leader



1985

Julian Canaday

Progressive Cattle and Swine Breeder, Livestock Industry Leader



1986

Jack Maddux

Progressive Cattle Rancher and Feeder, 1st National Cattlemen's Association Businessman of the Year



1987

Harry Hart

Sheep and Cattle Breeder



1988

James Roberts

Cattleman, Agribusinessman



1989

John Klosterman

Beef Industry Leader



1990

Robert Ahlischwede

Livestock Producer and Friend to Youth



1991

Robert Volk

SPF Purebred Swine Producer and Nat'l Swine Industry Leader



1992

R. B. Warren

Teacher of Animal Sciences, Respected Judging Coach and Horseman, Nat'l B & B President



1993

Roger Wehrbein

Beef and Dairy Cattle, Swine Producer, Community & State Agribusiness Leader



1994

Jerry Adamson

Leader in Lean Beef Production & Promotion, Livestock Judge, Commercial Cattleman



1995

James Wolfe

Outstanding Cattle Breeder,
Progressive Civil Rights
Promoter



1996

Max Waldo

SPF Pork Producer, Farmer,
State & Nat'l Swine Industry
Leader



1997

Richard Shinn

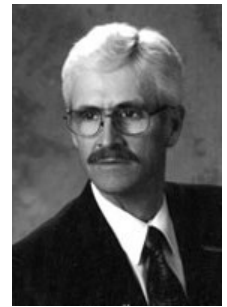
Turkey Producer, Rancher,
Leader in Poultry & NE
Agriculture, Businessman



1998

Robert Volk

Manager of Ak-Sar-Ben,
NE Cattlemen's Classic,
Premier Simmental
Breeder



1999

David Hamilton

Grasslands Manager,
Rancher, Beef Industry
Leader



2000

Harry Knobbe

Cattlemen, Cattle Feeder,
Beef Industry Promoter &
Community Leader



2001

Sallie Atkins

Exec. Director of Nebraska
Beef Council, Beef Industry
Leader, Mentor to Youth



2002

Frank Bruning

Cattlemen, Businessman,
Rural Community
Advocate, Creator of
Educational Opportunities



2003

Max Kimmerling

Dairyman, Promoter of Dairy
Industry and Youth Activi-
ties, Community Leader



2004

Frank Sibert

Rancher, Banker, Scholar-
ship Provider, Cattle
Feeder, Cattle Industry
Leader



2005

Robert Dickey

Agricultural Producer,
Industry Promoter,
Community Leader, Mentor
to Youth



2006

Sherman Berg

President Emeritus of the
Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben
Foundation, Agricultural
Ambassador,



2007

Al Svajr

Cattlemen, Cattle Feeder,
Banker, Beef Industry Pro-
moter & Leader



2008

Jay Wolf

Cattlemen, Rancher, Avid
Supporter of UNL and the
Beef Industry, Cattle Feeder



2009

Homer Buell

Cattlemen, Rancher, Supporter
of UNL and the NE Youth, Beef
Industry Leader



2010

Vance Uden

Cattlemen and
Seedstock Producer



2011

Paul Engler

Supper of UNL and Entrepre-
neurial Aspirations of Young
People, Beef Industry Leader



2012

Bill Luckey

Agricultural and Swine
Industry Leader, Supporter of
UNL & NE Youth



2013

Bill Dicke

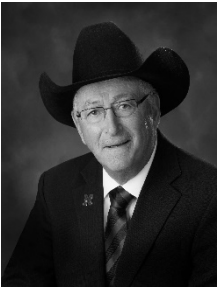
Nutrition Consultant,
Beef Industry Leader



2014

Mark Jagels

Cattlemen, Farmer,
USMEF Chairman



2015

William "Bill" Rishel
Visionary Angus Breeder
Innovator of Genetic
Evaluation
Beef Industry Leader

ANIMAL SCIENCE FACULTY



Larry Berger



Don Adams



Kathy Anderson



Brad Bennett



Dennis Brink



Tom Burkey



Dennis Burson



Chris Calkins



Dan Ciobanu



Kimberly Clark



Archie Clutter



Andrea Cupp



Mary Drownowski



Rob Eirich



Galen Erickson



Samohda Fernando



Rick Funston



Ronnie Green



Deb Hamernick



Lori Jaixen



Karla Jenkins



Steven Jones



Lisa Karr



Rick Koelsch



Paul Kononoff



Ron Lewis



Lena Luck



Matthew Luebbe



James MacDonald



Phillip Miller



Gota Morota



Benny Mote



Jessica Petersen



Sheila Purdum



Rick Rasby



Bryan Reiling



Amy Schmidt



Ty Schmidt



Matt Spangler



Aaron Stalker



Rick Stowell



Gary Sullivan



Andrea Watson



Brett White



Jack Whittier



Jennifer Wood



Dustin Yates

Block and Bridle Members



(Front Row): Kelsey Scheer, Jennifer Posthuma, Ashtyn Shrewsbury, Kara Riggle; (Second Row): Gavin Harsh, Hannah Kesterson, Morgan Jones; (Third Row): Lexi Ostrand, Miranda Wordekemper, Rachelle Allen, Alex Medina, Emily Wegener; (Fourth Row): Blair Hartman, Julianna Krotz, Taylor Schultz, Shelby Cammack, Jane Werner, Mikaela Wilshusen (Fifth Row): Ronald Kramer, Eleanor Wagner, Alex Cumming, Austin Holiday; (Sixth Row): Gilbert Seck, Savannah Schafer, Kailey Conway, Elizabeth Cast; (Seventh Row): Scott Gates, Blake Stengel, Susan Rasmussen, Morgan Fangmeier

2015-2016 Officers and Advisors



From Left to Right: Gavin Harsh (Vice President), Kelsey Scheer (Historian), Jennifer Posthuma (Marshall), Kara Riggle (Ambassador), Hannah Kesterson (Secretary), Ashtyn Shrewsbury (President), and Morgan Jones (Treasurer).



Dr. Ty Schmidt
Senior Advisor



Brad Bennett
Junior Advisor



Dr. Tom Burkey
Sophomore Advisor

Secretary's Report

This year Block and Bridle members welcomed new initiates; held events to allow for fellowship among students, faculty, and supporters; helped spread the story of Nebraska agriculture; and even had time for some fun social activities.

Officers started off the fall semester with the Big Red Welcome event on City Campus and the East Campus Club fair. We were excited to see lots of new faces eager to become involved in Block and Bridle's Collegiate Cattlemen and Pork Leaders interest groups. As we do each year, we attended the state fair in Grand Island to help with the Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Pit. Another tradition to bring in the new school year is our Annual Steak Fry. The smell of steaks grilling and the sound of attendees catching up and meeting new people filled the air outside the Animal Science Complex. After learning what Block and Bridle is all about, initiates were invited to attend a week of events to connect with each other in a fun environment. They were also given the opportunity to meet faculty and staff within the college by having their decorated paddles signed. It was a busy start to the year!

We are very grateful to all those in the Animal Science department who have helped and supported us throughout the year. To show our appreciation, we held a Holiday Gathering in the Hub, where faculty and staff could pick up a hot breakfast and treats during dead week. Members celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas Party, complete with food and games, a Secret Santa gift exchange, and a food drive to support the Lincoln Food Bank.

In the spring, members volunteered at the Lincoln Public Schools science fair by hosting a booth where students could learn about Nebraska agriculture through interactive activities. The Big Red Beef Show is another huge event that took place in March. It was a beautiful day; showmen from multiple states and the help of numerous Block and Bridle members made for a very successful event. This year we hosted the Porkfest dinner which, in addition to Steak Fry, we plan to make an annual event. Attendees enjoyed a pork loin sandwich meal while a few brave individuals attempted to eat two pounds of bacon in our first Bacon Eating Contest. It was an entertaining evening!

It is hard to believe I have been at the University and a member of Block and Bridle for four years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people, to learn from them, and to serve the club and others throughout my time in Block and Bridle. I sincerely thank the advisors and other faculty in CASNR who support not only the Block and Bridle club, but each student they had the opportunity to work with. This club would not be what it is today without its dedicated members. I encourage each of you to stay involved and to cherish your time as a student at the University of Nebraska.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Kesterson

2015-2016 Block and Bridle Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Events	Expenses	Income	Net
Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit	\$ (169.91)	\$ -	\$ (169.91)
Membership Recruitment	\$ (1,956.32)	\$ 170.00	\$ (1,786.32)
Clothing	\$ (1,261.65)	\$ 182.29	\$ (1,079.36)
Steak Fry	\$ (1,484.33)	\$ 3,357.91	\$ 1,873.58
Membership Dues	\$ (410.00)	\$ 2,033.00	\$ 1,623.00
Judging Competition	\$ (32.34)	\$ -	\$ (32.34)
National Convention	\$ (1,115.00)	\$ 485.00	\$ (630.00)
Social Event	\$ (397.41)	\$ 60.00	\$ (337.41)
Holiday Gathering	\$ (116.46)	\$ -	\$ (116.46)
Big Red Beef Show	\$ (9,620.07)	\$ 19,161.00	\$ 9,540.93
Big Red Beef Show Concessions	\$ (421.52)	\$ 1,347.75	\$ 926.23
Pork Fest	\$ (1,181.28)	\$ 1485.64	\$ (304.36)
Kid's Day	\$ (84.77)	\$ -	\$ (84.77)
Collegiate Cattlemen	\$ (3,106.06)	\$ 2,280.00	\$ (826.06)
Annual 2016	\$ (730.00)	\$ 755.00	\$ 25.00
Scholarships 2016	\$ (700.00)	\$ -	\$ (700.00)
Banquet 2016	TBD	TBD	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ (827.24)	\$ 570.00	\$ (257.24)
Total			\$ 8,273.23
Beginning Year Balance	\$ 18,042.82		
Ending Year Balance	\$ 26,316.05		

Morgan Jones

2015-2016 Block and Bridle Treasurer

Historian's Comments

Dear members, supporters, family, and friends,

As another year is coming to a close, I had some time to look back on all the changes that have taken place in the past year. We welcomed our second interest group into Block and Bridle, the Future Pork Leaders. We have also initiated a Skills Committee that has had several good outcomes to events lined up including a meat and livestock judging practice contest, and a resume building session with Julie Obermeyer who works in CASNR's Career Services.

I would like to thank all of the members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The club advisors, Dr. Ty Schmidt, Brad Bennett, and Dr. Tom Burkey have been instrumental in helping us to grow as individuals and advocates for agriculture. Andi Hallberg, the Block and Bridle Club department secretary was extremely helpful throughout the year, and thank you for having patience with us, when we were unorganized. I am positive that this year would not have been as successful without the help and support from our advisors and secretary.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors who have believed in the future of our club. We are so appreciative of the support that we were given throughout the year. I would also like to thank all of the faculty and staff at the University that helped us out throughout the year. Your support does not go unnoticed. Being able to interact with the faculty in the Animal Science Building has been a valuable experience because they are always willing to make a personal investment in the students. I am truly grateful for experiences and learning skills that being in the club has provided me with and will be beneficial to my future career. I believe that the Block and Bridle Club is in good hands, and I am excited for the greener pastures that it will see.

Respectively Submitted,

Kelsey Scheer

2015-2016 Block and Bridle Historian



Senior Spotlight

Name: Laura Gorecki

Major: Animal Science, Business Option

Minor: Agribusiness, Leadership & Communications,
Entrepreneurship

Parents: Don and Kathy Gorecki

Hometown: Farwell, NE

Favorite Part: My favorite part of Block and Bridle was starting the UNL Collegiate Cattlemen as part of Block and Bridle for students interested in the beef industry.

Graduating in May 2016

Name: Morgan Jones

Major: Agricultural Economics

Minor: Agronomy

Parents: Shawn and Julie Jones

Hometown: Benkelman, NE

Favorite Part: My favorite part of Block & Bridle was having the opportunity to network with individuals in the beef industry. The connections I have made over the years will benefit me greatly as I continue to expand my cattle herd and stay involved in the beef industry.

Graduating in May 2016





Name: Hannah Kesterson

Major: Agribusiness

Minor: Animal Science

Parents: Clint and Kristin Kesterson

Hometown: Alliance, NE

Favorite Part: My favorite part of Block and Bridle has been the people I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with, including fellow members, faculty, and industry leaders.

Graduating in May 2016

Name: Kolin Scheele

Major: Animal Science, Production
Management Option

Minor: Entrepreneurship Agribusiness

Parents: Sam and Joann Scheele

Hometown: Odell, NE

Favorite Part: My favorite part of Block
and Bridle would be getting the
opportunity to help create and develop the
Collegiate Cattlemen group.

Graduating in May 2016





Name: Emily Elizabeth Wegener

Major: Agribusiness with a Livestock Production Option

Minor: Agronomy

Parents: Tim and Kerry Wegener

Hometown: Fairmont, MN

Favorite Part: My favorite part of Block and Bridle was meeting so many great people that have the same passion as myself.

Graduating in August 2016

Name: Kelsey Scheer

Major: Animal Science, Livestock Production Management Option

Minor: Agriculture Economics

Parents: Tim and Amy Scheer

Hometown: Saint Paul, NE

Favorite Part: My favorite part of Block and Bridle was networking with many industry leaders and getting to know more people that share the love of agriculture.

Graduating in December 2016



UNL Collegiate Cattlemen:

This was the third year of the UNL Collegiate Cattlemen group as part of the Block and Bridle Club. The group's mission is to develop the next generation of industry leaders through education and service. The officers for 2015-2016 included: President Laura Gorecki, and Vice Presidents Kolin Scheele, Emily Wegener, Hannah Helms, and Brigitte Rathey. Collegiate Cattlemen continues to work closely with the Nebraska Cattlemen organization to learn about policy and assist with events. Attending the Nebraska Cattlemen Annual Convention in Kearney, Nebraska was a highlight for our members, with a special reception for collegiate members and the Nebraska Cattlemen board members to kick off convention. Members traveled back to Kearney the next day to attend committee sessions, assist NC staff with notes and banquet preparation, and network with cattlemen across the state. Collegiate Cattlemen members also helped during 4-H and FFA weekend at the Nebraska State Fair. This was a great opportunity to promote the organization to younger students and give back to the livestock community and the State Fair. Also, the Collegiate Cattlemen members played a major role in the planning and execution of the Big Red Beef Show held at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in March. The beef show saw significant growth from the previous year and many Collegiate Cattlemen and Block and Bridle members joined together to help make the show run smoothly. Collegiate Cattlemen also went on a tour of Cargill's beef packing plant in Schuyler, NE in November. For most of the students on the tour, it was their first time visiting a packing plant and it proved to be a worthwhile experience. Throughout the year, members also gained insight from guest speakers Melissa Jolly, a staff member in the UNL Animal Science Department and Pete McClymont of the Nebraska Cattlemen. We were very happy with the engagement from our members this year and look to continue growing our organization in the future.

UNL Future Pork Leaders:

This year was the inaugural year for the Future Pork Leaders, an interest group within Block and Bridle that is focused on providing students with an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of the pork industry and being able to explore the different aspects of the industry. The group was excited to have four advisors jump on board, Dr. Tom Burkey, Dr. Benny Mote, Dr. Amy Schmidt, and Kyla Habrock, Youth Education Director at the Nebraska Pork Producers Association. The group was fortunate enough to be able to visit



Smithfield Farmland in Crete to tour the facility, which is Smithfield Farmland's second largest facility in the US. While there, the group learned about how all parts of the pig are utilized and some issues that are currently facing the pig industry. Furthermore, there have been opportunities for students to tour a wean-to-finish barn open house and a boar stud operation. In the future, the group hopes to expand with learning opportunities such as classes through the Pork Center of Excellence as well. We are very excited to expand our group and have more hands on opportunities to learn about the pork industry in Nebraska in the years to come.

Skills Committee:

The skills committee is an addition to Block and Bridle this year with intentions to have more valuable added activities for our members. Working with a committee of 16 members produced many ideas that were laid on the table to complete. The first activity was getting our members ready for the Block and Bridle Judging Contest. A few weeks prior to the contest, we held both livestock and meat judging practice sessions where Brad Bennett and Sara Sieren taught members proper evaluation. About 25 students attended and with the positive feedback, we are looking to add horse judging next year.

Moving into the spring semester, the committee added a resume building session prior to the career fair. Julie Obermeyer presented at our January meeting and discussed what employers are looking for on a resume that distinguishes you from the other applicants. To utilize her knowledge we followed that up with a personal resume critique and mock interview. Alli Raymond graciously gave her time to advise and prepare our members for the career fair. Rounding out the year, we attended a seminar presented by Dr. Temple Grandin from Colorado State University that the Animal Science department and the Animal Science Graduate Student Association coordinated. Dr. Grandin gave a presentation on low stress cattle handling and members took advantage of this rare opportunity and enjoyed listening to one of the most influential people in the industry.

The Skills Committee has taken a step in the right direction and has laid the foundation for more ideas to be implemented next year to continue to push Block and Bridle to a higher level.

Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Pit:



Block and Bridle members took the opportunity to volunteer at the Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Pit at the Nebraska State Fair. A group of members made the trip to Grand Island the weekend after school started in August to serve meals to numerous customers. Volunteers helped take orders, make sandwiches, side dishes, and clean tables. This trip provided a great experience for Block and Bridle members to reconnect after summer and to meet many new members. All of the members that attended also joined the club.

Big Red Welcome and East Campus Welcome Back Fair:

At the beginning of the school year, the Block and Bridle officers began recruiting new members to the club by attending the Big Red Welcome and East Campus Welcome Back Club Fair. The officers spoke with interested individuals describing the new sub-groups and events that the club did. There was a large display at the events that helped the officers convey what Block and Bridle was all about. Potential new members were given animal crackers with a sticker on the package that detailed when and where our first meeting would be, and were also encouraged to provide their contact information so we could email them a reminder about the first meeting. The officer team was excited about the number of students that were interested in joining.



Initiation Week:

For member recruitment, Block and Bridle holds a traditional Initiation Week for the new members. The Block and Bridle provided four events for the initiates to attend. On the Scavenger Hunt, there were approximately 15 stations that the participants had to take pictures in front of and then submit them to the UNL Block and Bridle page to get voted. The picture with the most votes won a pizza party. The purpose of this event was to help new students on campus get acclimated with both campuses and what they all offer.



On Wednesday, we had a fun night at Defy Gravity of Lincoln. Defy Gravity is a gymnasium full of trampolines and the initiates had a really fun time jumping and playing dodgeball. On the last night of Initiates Week, we showcased the aspect of Block and Bridle that promotes the development of industry skills by having an advisor help students through a livestock judging workshop. In this workshop, initiates were taught how to judge market hogs, market steers, and market lambs. At the end of the week, initiates were given the traditional paddles to decorate. After decorating the paddles, members were encouraged to have Animal Science faculty and staff sign the paddle, which was a great way to get students introduced to the members of our department.

Steak Fry:

The 2015 Steak Fry was a great success. We served over 250 meals, which included a steak, baked potato, beans, cookie and a drink. Cargill Meat Solutions donated and cooked, with the help of faculty and grad students, all of the steaks that were served. Students and faculty came together to enjoy a great meal and conversation. Club members, faculty and staff helped with preparation and serving during the event.



Meat & Livestock Judging Contest:

Each year the Block and Bridle Club hosts a livestock and meats judging contest in the Animal Science Complex. We had 38 participants take part in the contest! The purpose of the judging contest is to encourage students of all majors to test out their livestock judging abilities while competing alongside those with collegiate experience. We split the contest up into two divisions, those who have judged at a college level and those who have not. The contest consisted of two divisions: a meats portion and a livestock portion. In the meats judging portion, the contestants evaluated beef carcasses, pork loins, rounds, and hams. In the livestock judging portion, the competitors judged market steers, two market lambs classes, market hogs. Following the contest, the club provided refreshments and cookies to all who participated.



Scholarships were awarded to the top competitors in each division. We would like to thank Sara Sieren and Brad Bennett for being the official judges for the contest, as well as all those who facilitated this event. Placing in the novice division were Gavin Harsh, first, and Jennifer Posthuma, second. Receiving first in the collegiate division was Rachel Johnson.

Holiday Gathering:

In December, Block and Bridle held a Holiday Gathering in order to show appreciation to the Animal Science Department. Members prepared a variety of breakfast and desserts including breakfast burritos, poppy seed bread, banana bread, cookies, kolaches, muffins, fruit and drinks. We hope the refreshments were a welcome break from the business of dead week for all who attended. The event was a great way for members to interact with faculty and staff and to say thank you for everything they do for us throughout the year.

Kid's Day:

Kid's Day was held at the Lincoln Public Schools science fair to provide an agricultural education experience for 4th – 8th grade students. The Science Fair was held at the Lancaster Event Center. Students from across Lincoln participate in the fair, showcasing their own experiments and demonstrations. In addition, other groups set up booths and activities to entertain and educate these science minded students. Block and Bridle members set up and lead an activity in which students were able to see how products found at a baseball game are related to the agricultural industry, specifically in Nebraska. The fistulated steer in the Mobile Beef Lab trailer was a huge hit with the students and other volunteers alike, and the possibility of being sprayed with rumen fluid didn't deter the line of people eager to take their turn in the trailer. The Science Fair was a great way to connect with hundreds of LPS students and to teach about animal agriculture in a fun and interactive way.



Big Red Beef Show:

The University of Nebraska's Collegiate Cattlemen and Block and Bridle hosted its annual Big Red Beef Show on Saturday, March 5th, 2016, at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand



Island, NE. With the great support of our numerous sponsors and the Nebraska State Fair staff, we were able to host another successful show. Once again, we put on a sanctioned show that allowed the contestants to earn double the points by showing in both rings. We were excited to see many familiar faces, as well as numerous new exhibitors with attendance from several states.

Thanks to the beautiful weather we had a good turnout of cattle with a total of 233 entries and over 100 exhibitors that were evaluated by our judges, Scott Bush and Shawn Varner. We could not have had this event if it was not for the help of our club members that helped organize, set-up, and run the show. We would like to thank everyone who attended this year's show and encourage you to join us again in 2017!

PorkFest:

The 1st Annual Block and Bridle Porkfest was a huge success. We served 175 pork loin sandwich meals, which resulted in a great fundraising event for the club. In addition to the meal, we held a Rib Cook Off and Bacon Eating Contest. Joe Buntyn and Curt Bittner won the inaugural Rib cook-off. The Bacon Eating Contest had 13 contestants who raced to eat the most of a two pounds of bacon in 10 minutes. A large crowd gathered to cheer on contestants. Nick Corbo was the champion of the Bacon Eating contest, consuming about 1.5 pounds of bacon in 10 minutes. We had a great time and are looking forward to continuing this event next year!

Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars:

The Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars (NBIS) Program is a unique minor available to UNL students. This program is part of a greater effort to improve beef education and research in the state of Nebraska, the Beef State. The NBIS program allows undergraduate students in any major at UNL the opportunity to



network with beef industry leaders and attend key industry meetings, tour cutting edge enterprises. More importantly, NBIS focuses on developing communication and critical thinking skills through a specialized suite of courses centered on industry issues and beef centric policy that enhance the fundamental beef and economics courses required to educate the future leaders of the beef industry.

Beef Merchandising Class:

The UNL Bull Sale, held the second Saturday in April, merchandises approximately 45 bulls to commercial producers. In addition to these 45, more bulls are sold to other UNL herds. This event, made possible by the teaching herd resources at Agricultural Research Division Center, supplies reliable genetic resources to commercial producers in Nebraska and surrounding states, provides a unique educational experience for students, and is an opportunity to educate producers



about breeding practices and tools for genetic improvement. The Beef Cattle Merchandising class is responsible for all facets of the sale including advertising, preparation of the bulls, putting together the sale catalog and conducting the sale. The class also benefits from multiple invited speakers during the semester representing seedstock producers and allied industry representatives who share their knowledge and experiences with the students.

Meats Judging Team:

The 2015 Senior Meat Judging Team consisted of Kelsey Scheer, Rachel Johnson, John Essink, and Joseph Bennier and was coached by Sara Sieren. The team competed in five contests in the fall of 2015. The contests were: The Hormel National Barrow Show in Austin, MN, the Eastern National Meat Judging Contest in Wyalusing, PA, the American Royal Meat Judging Contest in Omaha, NE, the Cargill High Plains Meat Judging Contest in Friona, TX and the International Meat Judging Contest in Dakota City, NE. At the Hormel National Barrow Show the team finished 2nd in total placings, 4th in fresh meat, 4th in processed meat, 5th in total questions, and 3rd high team overall, where Joseph Bennier was 5th in processed meat, 6th in total placing, 10th in questions, and 5th high individual overall, John Essink was 4th in total placing, and Kelsey Scheer was 5th in total placings. At the Eastern National, the team placed 3rd in total placing, 5th in pork judging, 5th in total reasons, and 7th high team overall, where John Essink placed 7th in total placings, Rachel Johnson placed 2nd in lamb judging and 10th in total reasons, and Kelsey Scheer placed 3rd in pork judging and 6th in beef grading. The team placed 5th in beef grading and 8th high team overall at the American Royal where, Joseph Bennier was 10th in lamb judging, John Essink was 6th in lamb judging and 10th in beef grading, and Rachel Johnson placed 4th in beef grading and 10th in total beef. At the Cargill High Plains contest, the team placed 8th overall, 3rd in pork judging, and 3rd in total placing, where John Essink placed 7th in beef grading, Rachel Johnson placed 7th in beef judging and 9th in total placings, and Kelsey Scheer placed 4th in pork judging and 8th in total placings. Wrapping up at the International, the team finished 11th overall, where individually Kelsey Scheer was 9th in total placings.



The 2016 Junior Meats Judging Team consisted of Jennifer Posthuma, Nicolas Herrera, Maranda Kegley, and Will Sandbothe and was coached by Sara Sieren. The team competed in three contests this spring. The contests were: The National Western in Greeley, CO, the Southwestern in Fort Worth, TX, and the Iowa State Invitational Meat in Ames, IA. At the National Western, the team was 11th overall. The team placed 8th overall at the Southwestern and individually Jennifer Posthuma placed 2nd in beef judging, 9th in lamb judging, 10th in overall beef and 4th in total placings and Nicolas Herrera was 8th in beef grading. To wrap up the spring at the Iowa State Invitational, the team finished 6th overall, 5th in lamb judging, 4th in total reasons, 3rd in summer sausage judging and 3rd in cured ham judging, where individually Nicolas Herrera placed as 10th high individual, 9th in beef judging, and 3rd in total placing and Jennifer Posthuma placed 2nd in specifications, 1st in lamb judging, and 3rd in total reasons.

The 2016 team will travel to the Hormel National Barrow Show in Austin, MN, the Eastern National Meat Judging Contest in Wyalusing, PA, the American Royal Meat Judging Contest in Omaha, NE, the Cargill High Plains Meat Judging Contest in Friona, TX and the International Meat Judging Contest in Dakota City, NE this fall.

Academic Quadrathlon

The 2016 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition was conducted on Sunday, February 21 and Monday, February 22, 2016. Seven teams of four students competed in four different events including a lab practicum, written exam, oral presentation, and a quiz bowl.

The team of **Taylor Barnes**, **Hannah Wachal**, **Rebecca Gunderson**, and **Justin Judge** were declared **overall champions** for the 2016 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition.

The overall champion team represented the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the Midwest Regional Academic Quadrathlon competition that was conducted on March 13 and 14, 2016 in conjunction with the American Society of Animal Science Midwest Sectional meetings in Ames/Des Moines, IA. Due to an illness **Joseph Bennier** substituted for Hanna Wachal at the regional competition. At the regional competition, the UNL team recorded 4th place finishes (out of the 15 schools that competed) in the written exam and quiz bowl portions of the competition.

Dr. Thomas E. Burkey, Faculty Coordinator



Livestock Judging Team:



Front Row: Aksel Wiseman, April Gibson, Kara Reimers, Kellie Bowlin
Back Row: Dr. Larry Berger, Dept. Head; Kinsey Freeman, Asst. Coach;
Brad Bennett, Coach

The 2015 University of Nebraska Livestock Judging Team consisted of the above team members, who spent the better part of the year representing our department and university across the United States. Competition started at the National Western Stock Show (Denver, CO) in January and ended at the North American International Livestock Exposition (Louisville, KY) in November. These young individuals competed in 13 different contests, visited 12 different states, and traveled over 25,000 miles throughout the year. They were afforded the opportunity to see some of the premier livestock in the country and better their professional development in decision making, communications, and teamwork.

In the face of adversity, these young people displayed the utmost passion and professionalism and worked tirelessly to perfect their craft. Beyond the awards and trophies, it is individuals like these that will be future leaders within our industry and always be excellent representatives of this program and the benefits of livestock judging in general. Their personality traits and desire to succeed trumps most, and the University of Nebraska is proud to have had them as a part of the Livestock Judging program in 2015. This team was coached by Mr. Brad Bennett with assistance from graduate student Ms. Kinsey Freeman.

Meat Animal Evaluation Team:

Tana Almand – Vinita, OK	Jefferson Keller – St. Paul, NE
Joseph Bennier – Unadilla, NE	Railen Ripp – Kearney, NE
John Essink – Syracuse, NE	Clay Roland – Greenfield, IN
Andrea Gurney – Huntley, WY	Kelsey Scheer – St. Paul, NE
Gavin Harsh – Bartley, NE	Reese Tuckwiller – Lewisburg, WV
Rachel Johnson – Raymond, NE	Wyatt Williamson – Newark, IL

The National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest is a three-day competition that combines the principles of meats and livestock judging with real-world valuation of market animals, along with a basic understanding of current issues among the meat and livestock industries. The 2016 contest was held at the University of Nebraska in mid-April and was made possible by a large contingent of dedicated faculty and staff. Dr. Bryan Reiling, Dr. Steve Jones, Dr. Dennis Burson, Calvin Schrock, Clyde Naber, Brent Johnson, and Dr. Larry Berger did a masterful job of making this one of the best contests held in recent memory.

It is truly a capstone event that is as practical and industry-relevant as any competition UNL is a part of. This year's national competition included 12 teams and 129 individuals, which ranks as one of the largest contests ever held. In a competitive contest, UNL brought home a 5th place finish overall. This was highlighted by a 3rd place finish in the communications division where students are asked to analyze a topic and provide their opinions. UNL also finished in the top-5 in the following categories: Market Animal Evaluation, Breeding Animal Evaluation, Meats Evaluation, and Beef Judging. Numerous students had extremely consistent results throughout and were just outside of the top-10 individually. More important than the rankings, participation on this team provides an opportunity for students interested in livestock production to better understand all aspects of the industry; from selection of breeding stock, to feeder calf grading, fat cattle, and carcass pricing. These experiences will hopefully provide a catalyst for their future career success in the livestock and meats industries. The team was coached by Brad Bennett and Kinsey Freeman with tremendous experience and knowledge provided by Dr. Bryan Reiling.

Horse Judging Team:

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Horse Judging Team had a very successful 2015 season. The team traveled multiple weeks and weekends this fall semester. We started the school year off by traveling to Tulsa, Oklahoma to participate in the Tulsa State Fair Judging Contest. This contest was great practice for our new team members. We made the trip very memorable by stopping at our favorite southern restaurants like Whataburger and Braums! After Tulsa, we had a quick week at school and then made the journey to Ohio to participate in the All American Quarter Horse Congress. We spent the week in Columbus, Ohio practicing on all the amazing horses and spent our free time shopping at the huge trade show. After Congress, we had a few weeks to polish our oral reasons back in Lincoln and then we made the trip south again to attend the AQHA World Championship Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We spent that week watching and judging some of the world's best horses and horseman. The team had a successful year and they are all fired up and ready to come back next fall and compete in the senior college division. The individual results are listed below. Great job ladies!

Kate Bonham

- 2nd overall high individual in performance at the All American Quarter Horse Congress

Lyndsay Drudik

- 2nd overall high reasons individual at the All American Quarter Horse Congress
- 11th individual in performance at the AQHA World Championship Show

- 13th individual overall at the AQHA World Championship Show

Rachel Sorensen

- 2nd high individual overall at the All American Quarter Horse Congress
- 4th individual in performance at the AQHA World Championship Show
- 6th individual in reasons at the AQHA World Championship Show
- 8th individual overall at the AQHA World Championship Show

Rebecca Gunderson

- 1st high individual in halter at the All American Quarter Horse Congress
- 1st high individual in reasons at the All American Quarter Horse Congress
- 1st high individual overall at the AQHA World Championship Show
- 1st high individual in halter at the AQHA World Championship Show
- 4th individual in reasons at the AQHA World Championship Show
- 5th individual in performance at the AQHA World Championship Show



Equestrian Team:

The UNL Equestrian Team is part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The team is made up of both Western and Hunt Seat teams. The teams compete as part of IHSA Zone 8, Region 5, primarily against schools in Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming. The unique aspect of IHSA comes into play in that students ride horses that are provided by the hosting school without schooling and/or warm up on unfamiliar track to compete for points for their team and individually. Each team is comprised of riders from a walk/trot (beginner) division up to Open (experienced) riders.

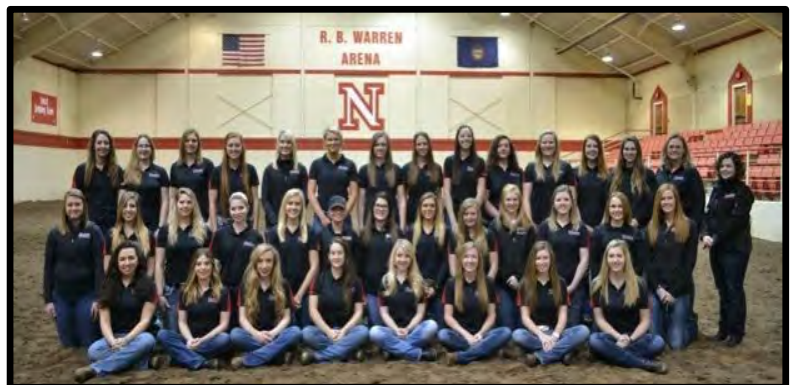
The Husker Equestrian team has had another incredible season. Coach Lori Jaixen and the Western Team locked in their twelfth consecutive Regional Championship, qualifying them for Semi-Finals. They went on to place second as a team at Semi-Finals in Gala, Illinois, qualifying the Team for a spot at IHSA Nationals.

Western and Hunt Regionals were hosted in combination this year at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Sophomore Selena Finn was Regional High Point Rider, for the second consecutive year. In addition, seven riders qualified to ride at regionals. Four of these riders placed in the top two, qualifying them for semi-finals. Semi-Finals was hosted by Black Hawk Community College in Illinois and Bailey Peterson, Melissa Braun, and Selena Finn finished in the top three, advancing them to Nationals. On the Hunt Seat team, three riders qualified for the regional competition. Sydney Kinstler, a junior open rider, advanced to IHSA Zone finals held at Stanford University in California. At zones she finished Reserve Champion and qualified for IHSA Nationals.

The Huskers would like to thank the community and the Animal Science Department for all of their support. The team could not have done it without you! The fall philanthropy, Boo at the U was another great success and we look to more years of fun, dressing up our horses, playing spooky games, and welcoming the community into the barn to share the love of horses. Over the course of the year the team also worked hard to fundraise by selling Eileen's cookie dough, volunteering at Kimmel Orchard, selling t-shirts and advertisements for home show programs, and assisting with various AQHA shows at the Lancaster event center, all to make this season possible.

Don't forget to wish your Huskers good luck as they represent the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at IHSA Nationals at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky May 5th-8th.

A big thank you goes out to all who have donated their time and support for the Husker Equestrian Team!



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