

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Block and Bridle

“Stand Out from the Herd”

2018-2019 Annual

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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 chapters formed 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 study of the animal sciences in colleges and universities.
- To enhance professionalism of students who will one day be leaders on the animal agriculture culture 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 was 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 line of the B. The distinct curves of the B are symbolic of social pleasure, mental health, 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.



Dear Block and Bridle Club Members, Alumni, and Friends:

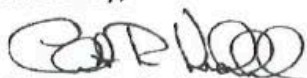
Welcome from the Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska! We are proud of all of our students who have participated in Block and Bridle Club activities throughout the 2018-2019 academic year. Block and Bridle has a rich history and strong tradition, and I am proud that the University of Nebraska was one of the founding members of the National Block and Bridle Club. The purpose of the club is to promote a higher scholastic standard, increase understanding of animal agriculture, develop our future leaders, and to bring about a closer relationship among students. Indeed, a well-rounded education extends beyond the classroom, and Block and Bridle provides our students with the opportunity to grow. I encourage our students to set high goals and standards, take advantage of open doors, serve those that are less fortunate, and to always look for opportunities to advocate for animal agriculture.

The Block and Bridle Club has several activities that contribute greatly to the department and to animal agriculture. A partial list includes the Annual Steak Fry, Lincoln Public Schools Science Fair, the Big Red Beef Show, Future Pork Leaders, and the Pork-fest, just to name a few. These activities engage our future students, clientele, and stakeholders, and provide the public with the opportunity to learn more about our programs and the livestock industries we serve. On behalf of the department, I also express my appreciation to Tom Burkey, Benny Mote, and Gary Sullivan for their leadership and oversight of the club.

The selection of Mr. Chuck Schroeder as this year's Block and Bridle Honoree continues the Club's legacy of honoring key leaders who have had a great impact on Nebraska's livestock industries and youth. Chuck grew up on the family ranch near Palisade, Nebraska. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was a Block and Bridle member and participated on the livestock judging team and the UNL rodeo team. After graduation, Chuck was a partner and manager of Schroeder Cattle Company for nine years. Subsequently, Chuck has served as Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Executive Vice President of the University of Nebraska Foundation, CEO of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, President of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, OK, and Executive Director for the Rural Futures Institute at UNL. Chuck also founded the Heartland Center for Leadership and Development, the Rural Policy Research Institute, and the Institute of Ag Futures of America. Mr. Schroeder has received numerous awards for his service to agriculture and development of opportunities for youth, including the Gallup Premier Leadership Institute People's Choice "Vision" Award; Nebraska Chapter FFA "Al Sick Award"; Nebraska Hall of Ag Achievement Inductee; UNL Ag Econ/Agribusiness Club Award; AKSARBEN Ag Achievement Award; UNL College of Agriculture Outstanding Alumnus Award; Nebraska Ag Relations Council Service to Agriculture Award; and the KRVN Outstanding Spokesperson for Agriculture Award. His leadership roles in animal agriculture and at UNL are widely recognized across Nebraska and beyond. Chuck is also an accomplished artist, and has started the Schroeder Fine Art Company. He specializes in portrait drawings of individuals he has known and respected in the livestock industry. Chuck Schroeder exemplifies the spirit and intent of the Block and Bridle Honoree award, and we are privileged to name him as the 2018-2019 Block and Bridle Honoree.

In closing, congratulations to our Block and Bridle Club members for a job well done. I wish you the very best as you continue your academic and professional careers, pursue your passions, and serve the livestock industries.

Sincerely,



Clinton R. Krehbiel
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2019 Block and Bridle Honoree



Charles P. "Chuck" Schroeder, a native of southwestern Nebraska ranch country near the rural community of Palisade, will be recognized as the newest University of Nebraska–Lincoln Block and Bridle honoree. Each year the Block and Bridle Club selects an honoree that has contributed to Nebraska agriculture through leadership, service, youth projects, community activities and involvement with the university.

As you peruse Chuck Schroeder's biography, it becomes quite evident that Chuck is a servant leader and a person with wide-ranging knowledge and broad interests. Schroeder's career has closely aligned with the Block and Bridle Club's core objectives, which are; 1) to promote a higher scholastic standard and a more complete understanding of Animal Science among student members; 2) to promote animal agriculture through development of a program of activities that will supplement students' study of the animal sciences; 3) to enhance professionalism of students who will one day be leaders in the animal agriculture industry; and 4) to bring about a closer relationship among all students pursuing some phase of animal agriculture as a profession.

Schroeder graduated from UNL (1973) with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Animal Science. During his time at UNL, Schroeder was a member of the Block and Bridle Club and participated on the livestock judging team and the UNL rodeo team. Upon graduating from UNL, Schroeder returned to his family's farming, ranching and cattle feeding enterprise, the Schroeder Cattle Company. However, Schroeder's passion to serve the cattle industry and agriculture lead him on a diverse and distinguished path in servant leadership roles. Leadership roles that Schroeder assumed included serving as the Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (1983-1986), Executive Vice-President of the University of Nebraska Foundation (1986-1995), Chief Executive Officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

(1995-2002), President of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum (2002-2013), and founder and Executive Director of the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska (2013-2018).

Over the course of his career, Schroeder has received multiple awards and recognitions including, for example: Oklahoma Humanities Council Community Leadership Award, the National Cowboy Symposium Western Museum Award, the UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumnus Award, the Ak-Sar-Ben Agricultural Achievement Award, and inclusion in “Who’s Who in the Western Livestock Industry.” Schroeder was also selected for participation in the Gallup Premier Leadership Institute and Stanford University’s Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders.

In the words of those that contributed to Schroeder’s nomination, several quotes capture the essence of Schroeder’s contributions:

*“Chuck was as comfortable in the boardroom as he was in the bunkhouse.”

*“.....an accomplished artist, and his passion for riding quarter horses and roping has been part of his life for decades.”

*“Chuck is widely known and highly respected across the livestock industry, and he has been a spokesman for the cattle industry at the local, state, and national levels..... he has had a life-long passion for contributing to and improving the cattle industry in Nebraska.....Chuck has mentored and encouraged numerous young men and women that have gone on to have successful careers in the livestock industry.”

*“...a leader with futuristic vision and commitment to both our younger generation and rural communities....a gift to motivate and inspire young college students to excel in leadership”

*“.....a champion for our youth, leadership, the beef industry, rural communities, and higher education.”

Currently, and upon his retirement from an extremely impactful tour as the founding director of the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska in 2018, Schroeder is currently engaged in “creative pursuits around art and telling the stories of elders from various cultures, which (he) believes should have an important impact on our world going forward.” Schroeder’s latest pursuit exemplifies the polymathic nature of his career as a “competing cowboy, ranch manager, livestock judge, politician, fund raiser, fist shaking activist, industry organization CEO, chief executive of a major art and cultural museum, and founder of several organizations championing the interests of rural people and communities.”

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CATTLEMEN

Past Honorees 1938 - 2018

Ashton Shallenberger-1938
 Samuel McKelvie-1938
 Everett Buckingham-1938
 Bruce McCullooch-1939
 Sam Hudson-1940
 Edgar A. Burnett-1941
 Elmer E. Youngs-1942
 Arthur Thompson-1947
 Leunis Van Es-1948
 Delmer Anderson-1949
 Sam R. McKelvie-1950
 W. Marshall Ross-1951
 Henry and Robert Mousel-1952
 E. Z. Russel-1953
 Albert Hultine-1954
 Charles J. Warner-1955
 Edwin Belsky-1956
 Andrew D. Majors-1957
 William J. Loeffel-1958
 Byron P. Demorest-1959
 James S. Kreycik-1959
 Marvel L. Baker-1960
 Harry Knabe-1961
 Parr Young-1962
 D.V. Spohn-1963
 Earl Monahan-1964
 Russell Kendall-1965
 M.A. Alexander-1966
 George Young-1966
 Willard Waldo-1967
 Henry Klosterman-1968
 Glenn Lewis-1969
 Edward Janike-1970
 Otto H. Liebers-1970
 Forrest S. Lee-1971
 Joseph Watson-1972
 Guy McReynolds-1973
 Howard Pitzer-1974
 Harold Stevens-1975

Archie White-1976
 Melvin Kuska-1977
 W. Eugene Flynn-1978
 Wesley Hansen-1979
 J. Gerald Beatle-1980
 Merlyn Carlson-1981
 H. Eugene Schroeder-1982
 Richard Sorensen-1983
 Lloyd Bevans-1984
 Julian Canaday-1985
 Jack Maddux-1986
 Harry Hart-1987
 James Roberts-1988
 John Klosterman-1989
 Robert Ahischwede-1990
 Robert Volk-1991
 R. B. Warren-1992
 Roger Wehrbein-1993
 Jerry Adamson-1994
 James Wolfe-1995
 Max Waldo-1996
 Richard Shinn-1997
 Robert Volk-1998
 David Hamilton-1999
 Harry Knobbe-2000
 Sallie Atkins-2001
 Frank Bruning-2002
 Max Kimmerling-2003
 Frank Sibert-2004
 Robert Dickey-2005
 Sherman Berg-2006
 Al Svajgr-2007
 Jay Wolf-2008
 Homer Buell-2009
 Vance Uden-2010
 Paul Engler-2011
 Bill Luckey-2012
 Bill Dicke-2013



2014
Mark Jagels



2015
William "Bill" Rishel



2016
Ann Marie Bosshamer



2017
Doug Brand



2018
Greg Ibach

Animal Science Faculty



From Left to Right: Front row- Lena Luck, Sheila Purdum, Andrea Watson, Dennis Burson
2nd Row- Kathy Anderson, Lisa Karr, Ron Lewis, Samodha Fernando, Bryan Reiling
3rd Row- Andrea Cupp, Gary Sullivan, Jennifer Wood, Steve Jones, Mary Drewnoski
4th Row- Clint Krehbiel, Matt Spangler, Jim MacDonald, Brett White
5th Row- Jessica Petersen, Dennis Brink, Hiep Vu, Chris Calkins, Tom Burkey

2018-2019 Club Members



From Left to Right: Front Row- Kurt Nelson, Abby Durheim, Chelsea Bryant, Sheridan Swotek, Megan Eickhoff, Hannah Lowe, Magdalene O'Brien, Fina Choat
2nd Row- Peter Spilker, Bailey Peterson, Carissa Cline, Julia White, Kaitlyn Dozler, Miranda Mueller Isabella Jacobson, Micayla Freeman, Kate Krebs, Shaye Koester, Krystin Oborny, Tyler Quick, Morgan Eggleston
3rd Row- Ryley Spatz, Jason Rainforth, Neleigh Gehl, Megan Murdoch, Kelsey Phillips, Mariah Heiss, Taryn Senert, Kathlyn Hauxwell, Lauren Ahlers, Haile Andreasen, Kelsey Loseke, Amber Beasley, Rachelle Allen, Paige Walker
4th Row- Oscar Munoz, Malinda Lindstrom, Heather Hunt, Kaylee Wheeler, Erin Blucher, Makayla Burg, Whitney Steckle, Asha Schneider, Ryley Johnson, Sam Steffen, Alex Heir, Darren Segner, Ashton Yost, Ronald Kramer
5th Row- Geoff Toler, Joshua Sebade, Jacob Frerichs, Unknown, Colton Drake, Katherine Schudel, Kaitlyn Thesenuitz,

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2018-2019 Officer Team and Advisors



From left to right: Top row- Fina Choat (Ambassador), Kurt Nelson (Historian), Hannah Lowe (Marshal), Megan Eickhoff (Treasurer)
Bottom Row- Abby Durham (Vice President-Beef), Magdalene O'Brien (Vice President-Pork), Sheridan Swotek (President), Chelsea Bryant (Secretary)



Dr. Benny Mote



Dr. Tom Burkey



Dr. Gary Sullivan

President's Letter

It is hard to believe that another year of learning, service, achievement, outreach, and fellowship has gone by already. As the 2018-2019 UNL Block and Bridle Club President, I couldn't be more proud of our club and what we have accomplished in the last year. The foundation of Block and Bridle's success stems directly from our advisors. I couldn't say thank you enough to Dr. Benny Mote, Dr. Gary Sullivan, and Dr. Tom Burkey for their exceptional commitment to Block and Bridle. Andi Halberg, our department contact, also deserves a sincere thank you as she knows a great deal of the "behind the scenes" details to help our club run smoothly. I would also like to thank Dr. Clint Krehbiel, UNL Animal Science Department Head, who has been a great supporter of UNL Block and Bridle in many of our events and endeavors. Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support. Without them it would be difficult to educate and inspire our members and the community about animal agriculture.

Reflecting on my past three years of attending the UNL, one of my most cherished memories will forever be my involvement in Block and Bridle. Our club is so much more than just cows, sows, and road trips. Block and Bridle has provided me endless opportunities to grow professionally, personally, and educationally. I have met amazing people through Block and Bridle, between industry leaders, supporters, faculty, and members. I am very thankful and blessed for the connections I've made and the experiences I've had through this prestigious organization.

My advice to current and future members is to go all in. Block and Bridle has so much to offer- don't let these opportunities pass you by. Between the events that we host, speakers we bring in, and so much more, you are sure to gain a great experience from being actively involved. We have emphasized that it isn't what you know, but who you know. The industry leaders, supporters, speakers, and anyone else you may come in contact with through Block and Bridle may have an internship available for you, a potential career, or could be a professional contact to reference in the future. I have seen tremendous growth in our member enrollment and involvement since my freshman year, and I would love to continue to see this upward trend continue in Block and Bridle's future years.

We are excited to announce yet again that we will be showcasing our wonderful Animal Science Department, East Campus, and Nebraska agriculture March 10-12, 2021 as we will be hosting the 101st National Block and Bridle Convention. We are excited to invite Block and Bridle clubs from across the country to display our state's livestock industry and show why there is "No Place like Nebraska."

It has truly been an honor to represent UNL Block and Bridle as your President for the 2018-2019 academic year. Again, thank you to our advisors, members, and supporters who have invested their time and energy into making this another successful year for Block and Bridle. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of the club, members, and community.



Respectfully submitted,

Sheridan Swotek
2018-2019 UNL Block and Bridle Club President

Secretary's Report

Over the last year, University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Block and Bridle has had a busy year with putting on events for campus, club meetings with a variety of speakers, learning about the industry through tours, and much more with all of our members being involved in any way possible. The new members of Block and Bridle learned about us through events in the fall. For example, The Big Red Welcome and East Campus Welcome Back Club Fair. At the beginning of the school year, the club hit the ground running with helping at the State Fair with the Cattlemen's Beef Pit Nebraska, AKSARBEN. Then we had a two-day event to welcome our new initiates with paddle making and game night. The UNL Block and Bridle hosted our annual Steak Fry with a steak meal. We also had members working with sheep, goats, cattle, and pigs for the Little Aksarben show. We even had a Poop Bingo at our show this last year to raise more money. Then to finish the semester we had a holiday party with dodgeball in the arena.

The spring semester started with sending ten students and an advisor to Louisiana State University. These students experienced the NCBA National Cattle Convention and different industries that are in Louisiana. Along with that making great connections for the future. Students helped with the Lincoln Public School Kid's Day where the kids learn about where their food, fiber, and fuel come from. The annual Porkfest happened at the start of March, it was on National Pig day too. Everyone enjoyed a nice pork meal and conversations. During CASNR Week we hosted Lunch on the ASCI Lawn and the Animal Science Olympics. Bringing the Olympics back was a huge hit with a traveling Greek Trophy. The Big Red Beef Show had another great year at the fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. Individuals of all ages all over the state got to enjoy the time of competing in the show ring. Chuck Schroeder, of Schroeder Fine Art, was selected as this year's Block and Bridle Honoree. We are very excited and honored to have him as our honoree and to hear him speak.

The UNL Block and Bridle had a very busy year. This would have not been able to be done without the help of our advisors Dr. Benny Mote, Dr. Tom Burkey, and Dr. Gary Sullivan. We also could have not done it without the help of Andi Hallberg.

It has been an amazing time and an honor to serve as the 2018-19 Block and Bridle Secretary. Through my time in this position, I have not only gained and worked on great leadership skills but made amazing connections with fellow people who share the same passions as me.



Regards,

Chelsea Bryant
2018-2019 Block and Bridle Secretary

Treasurer's Report

List of Events/Activities	Expenses	Income
Big Red Welcome	\$70.61	\$0.00
Dues	\$0.00	\$1,922.00
Steak Fry	\$1,090.75	\$3,236.52
Initiates Week	\$175.29	\$0.00
Christmas Party	\$130.10	\$0.00
Little Aksarben	\$1,267.54	\$2,040.40
Porkfest	\$545.58	\$1,700.00
Big Red Beef Show	\$12,571.00	\$17,028.00
National Convention	\$4,998.50	\$2,235.80
2017-2018 Banquet	\$5,536.25	\$3,536.25
2017-2018 Annual	\$2,875.00	\$1,010.00
Monthly Meetings	\$971.15	\$0.00
Grill	\$3,270.00	\$0.00
Awards Paid Out	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total:	\$35,501.77	\$34,708.97
Total Balance:	\$12,734.64	

Overall, Block and Bridle had a very productive year. We were able to host, attend, and volunteer at a variety of events where we were able to broaden our knowledge and skills. Our main fundraising events included Steak Fry, Porkfest, and the Big Red Beef Show. Our club is beyond grateful for all of our sponsors and donations over the past years. All the donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated and we want to thank everyone for their continued support. We look forward to everyone's contributions in the future and are thankful for the generous donations received.



Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Eickhoff
2018-2019 UNL Block and Bridle Club

Historian's Comments

It has been a great honor to serve as the 2018-2019 Block and Bridle Club historian. I have had a great time going around to all of the events, taking pictures and interacting with club members. It is amazing to see just how many events Block and Bridle puts on every year. I have a had a great time looking back at old annuals comparing events that we do now to how they were run in the past.

I had a great time as a member of the club over the first two years of my college career, but it has been really great to be an officer as a junior. It has opened my eyes to the amount of hard work and dedication it takes to keep a club running. I had a great time taking pictures at Steak Fry and Little Aksarben because they are two of our largest events. It was great to see all of the people who came out to those events to support the club. I have learned a lot of skills from being the historian including learning better communication skills from contacting sponsors and leadership skills from being an officer.

I would like to thank the advisors, Dr. Benny Mote, Dr. Tom Burkey, and Dr. Gary Sullivan for being so helpful and dedicated this year. I would also like to thank Andi Hallberg for everything that she does for the club. It would not be possible to do the events that we do without the help of the advisors and Andi. I would also like to thank the sponsors of our events and the annual. It would not be possible to put on the events without your generous support. Finally, I would like to thank the other officers for their help with putting together the annual. They were always there to help with picture taking, writing and advertisement hunting.



With regards,

Kurt Nelson
2018-2019 Block and Bridle Club

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Senior Spotlight

Kailey Conway

Graduation date: May 2019

Major/Option/Minor: Agribusiness: Banking & Finance with Animal Science and Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars minors

Future Plans: Feedlot Management

What have you gained from being in Block and Bridle?

Leadership skills, industry connections, and lifelong friendships.

Favorite Block and Bridle event/activity and why?

Big Red Beef Show because it brings together our students and the industry. We are given the chance to connect with professional adults to fundraise and put the show together. We interact with students and children who will be the future of the agriculture industry.



Rachelle Allen

Graduation date: May 2019

Major/Option/Minor: Agricultural Education--Teaching Option--Animal Science

Future Plans: I will use my degree to help grow and develop the York Public Schools Agricultural Program, as I recently accepted a teaching position there. Through my teaching, I will help students grades 6-12 become better prepared for a career, more informed as a consumer and proficient in leadership skills.

What have you gained from being in Block and Bridle? Block and Bridle provided an experience for me that was second to none. The framework of Block and Bridle sets its members up for success by offering countless opportunities for involvement and leadership. Pursuing leadership roles in this organization was one of the best decisions I ever made. These leadership roles gave me experiences, connections and friendships that will benefit me forever!

Favorite Block and Bridle event/activity and why? My favorite Block and Bridle event is for sure Little AKSARBEN. I have been heavily involved with the committees that have been tasked to bring back this event the past three years and it has been amazing to witness its growth! This past year I served as a co-committee chair for this event with Kurt Nelson. We helped grow the event's participation as well as gained financial sponsorship and involvement from outside businesses. Although this event takes a lot of volunteer time, I find it the most rewarding to see experienced showman excel as well as new showman learn and experience the industry. I can't wait to see the future success this event has the potential to have!



Senior Spotlight

Lexi Ostrand

Graduation date: May 2019

Major/Option/Minor: Animal Science-Veterinary Science Option, Leadership and Entrepreneurship Minor

Future Plans: As of right now, the plan is to pursue my Master's Degree in Quantitative Breeding and Genetics and eventually end up back in Northeast Nebraska so that I can continue my family's breeding sheep program.

What have you gained from being in Block and Bridle? I have gained a broader network of individuals as well as many opportunities to learn how to communicate effectively and efficiently with an array of individuals across various facets of the animal industry.

Favorite Block and Bridle event/activity and why? My favorite Block and Bridle event/activity is the Honoree Banquet because it brings together students, faculty and staff, industry leaders, and the families of all of those individuals. After being on the planning side of things last year and sending out the invitations/making name tags, it really is incredible how many individuals we are able to bring together to celebrate the honoree and the members.



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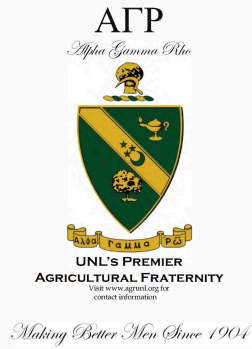
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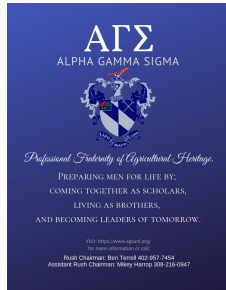


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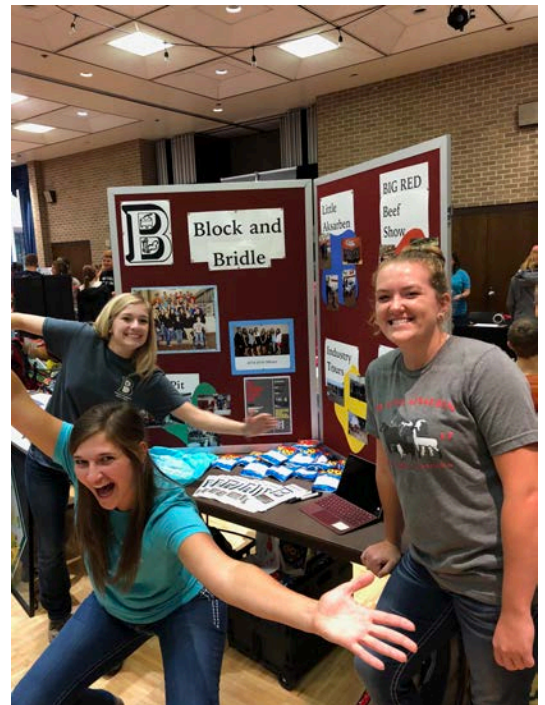


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East Campus Welcome Back

The Block and Bridle club made their fall debut at the East Campus Welcome Back Fair on Thursday, August 23rd held in the East Campus Union due to the rainy weather conditions. Despite the gloomy weather outside, we were still able to enjoy our time at the club fair.

The East Campus Welcome Back was an opportunity to showcase our club to potential new recruits. We showcased our events that we partake in throughout the year such as the Beef Pit, Steak Fry, Little Aksarben, our industry tours, National Convention, and Porkfest to name a few. The officer team got the opportunity to speak with numerous individuals, which proved to be successful as we had a large sum of new members join the club. We look to watching our club members grow as individuals, and see our club grow as the year progresses.



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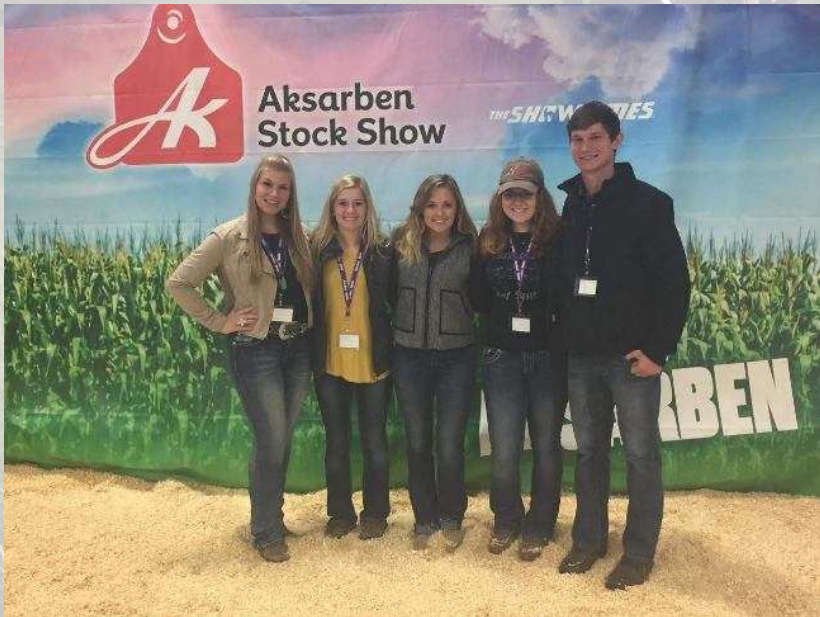
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AK-SAR-BEN

Several Block and Bridles members volunteered their time in Grand Island during the last weekend in September to help with the 2018 AK-SAR-BEN Stock Show. The handful of members helped with the Swine show, Cattle show, Sheep and Goat show as well as Quiz bowl. They helped with check-in, keeping the arenas clean and handing out ribbons and banners. It was a great opportunity for the members to network and work with other AK-SAR-BEN volunteers, exhibitors, and each other.



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KSU Cattle Women

The KSU Collegiate Cattlewomen Club traveled to Lincoln on October 26-28th for an industry tour in Nebraska and to meet with the UNL Block and Bridle club. They toured cattle and dairy operations on the 26th and then we hosted a club social at the Animal Science Complex, Saturday the 27th followed by a tour of the animal science building. The next day several club members joined the KSU Cattlewomen on their tours throughout the day and were able to visit and network with many operations around the Lincoln area. Our members and the KSU Cattlewomen had a great time getting to know each other. The KSU Cattlewomen were excited to learn about CASNR and the animal science program on campus.

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Beef Pit

On August 25, 2018, fourteen members ventured west to the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island to work alongside the Nebraska Cattlemen to serve in the Beef Pit. Members worked a six-hour shift making sandwiches, dishing up coleslaw and corn, pouring drinks, cleaning tables, and keeping condiments stocked. The hours flew by and were filled with commentary, humor, networking, and story sharing between members of Block and Bridle and the members of the Nebraska Cattlemen.



20th Annual Steak Fry

Block and Bridle's 20th annual steak fry on September 7th was a sell out! Cargill graciously donated 250 steaks for this event. Laura Oltman, who is an Animal Science Alum and is working at Cargill, brought her grill team and served up some delicious strip steaks. Officers and committee chairs were outstanding in selling tickets. Flyers were hung up around both campuses the second week of school and the event was shared on various types of social media and by word of mouth. All tickets were sold out the day of the event. There were over 320 people who attended, while we projected for only 250 people this year. Cheesy potatoes, green beans and a cookie were the sides to the meal. In addition to Cargill, other sponsors for the event were NE Cattlemen, Dicke Consulting, Midwest Livestock Systems, Inc., Connealy Angus Ranch, Feller & Company, Wolf Brothers & Reich Inc., Phibro Animal Health, Bill's Volume Sales, Inc., and Donald & Judy Meiergerd. The Animal Science staff and faculty signed up to help serve at the event which is always greatly appreciated, and club members helped clean up and tear down chairs and tables at the end. With this event being the club's first big fundraiser of the year we raised \$2600 in addition to donations received. There was so much support and such a great turnout, not only with sponsors donating money for this event, but also from volunteers helping before, during and afterwards. Block and Bridle thanks everyone for their help and support and, hopefully, we can sell out again next year!



Initiates Week

Paddle decorating has been a tradition that Block and Bridle has done for a multitude of years. This year we carried on the tradition with paint, glitter, and markers. There was an array of ideas and creativity of each initiate's paddle in the making.

Twenty-five initiates enjoyed getting to know one another and learning more about what the club has to offer. When we weren't decorating paddles, breaks were taken to indulge in snacks while listening to some good music.

The next evening was our game night. We played Jenga and figured out how to use a wobbly table to our advantage while challenging ourselves. Another game played was Speak Out. Lots of laughs were shared between members and some fun memories were made.

This year our Initiates Week was held in the Animal Science Complex, with Ambassador, Fina Choat, and Marshall, Hannah Lowe, putting together all the activities. Once members have their paddles completely decorated, they are required to get 5-10 Animal Science faculty and staff signatures.



Little Aksarben

Block and Bridle's annual Little Aksarben show took place the afternoon of Friday, November 2nd. This year's show was a huge success as we had around 60 participants show and four great sponsors. Livestock for this show was supplied by the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Students at UNL were given the chance to participate in this show in separate experienced and novice categories. Animals available to show included cattle, swine, goats and sheep.

Participants had around two and a half weeks to prepare their animals for show day. Students worked with animals and put in countless hours of training and practice. Novice students were able to participate in show clinics put on by experienced showman in each species to learn some tips and tricks. On show day, the R. B. Warren Arena was very busy. Participants were working on their animals for the show and preparing for success. The show lasted from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We had classes for each species in each division along with a Round Robin class to determine our overall showmanship winner in experienced and novice categories. Winners of each show division received a banner and the two overall showman received buckles. A free meal was provided to all participants and spectators at the end of the show.

Throughout the show, Block and Bridle officers ran a game of 'Bossy Bingo' by selling raffle tickets. People who bought raffle tickets got a chance to win a jackpot of \$80 if an animal pooped in their numbered square. This served as a great fundraiser for Block and Bridle and a fun way for audience members to participate in the show. Facebook Live was utilized in this process to help spread the word and allow online participants. This year's swine judge was Shelly Stitt. Shelly currently teaches English at Milford Public Schools while remaining involved in the 4-H community. She served as a Nebraska State FFA Officer and has received numerous leadership awards and recognition. While at UNL she was a member



of Kappa Delta Sorority, the Agricultural Education Group and was selected as a CASNR representative for the US Naval Academy Leadership Conference. Larry Kubicek was our sheep and goat judge. He is a UNL alumni who majored in Animal Science and Agricultural Education while participating on the Meats and Livestock Judging Teams. He was a member of Farmhouse fraternity and Block and Bridle all four years he attended UNL. He served as Block and Bridle Treasurer, President, and is a previous winner of Little AKSARBEN himself. He's had success in teaching and judging throughout his career and enjoys helping motivate and teach young 4-H'ers. Lindsey Upperman was this year's cattle judge. Lindsey is currently a Ph.D. student at UNL from Chambersburg, PA. She has lots of experiences with the cattle industry through 4-H and the National Junior Angus Association. Lindsey completed her B.S. at Kansas State University where she participated on the livestock judging team. All judges volunteered their time and we would like to thank them all for their expertise and participation in this event.



Above: Exhibitors participate in the novice division championship for cattle.

This event would not have been possible without the hard working staff; Brent Johnson, Jefferson Keller, and Benny Mote, who helped organize and set up for the event, as well as, source and care for the animals. Also a special thanks to Gilbert Seck and Micah Most for serving as this year's announcers. We would also like to give a huge thank you to our amazing sponsors, Aurora Coop, Bryan Hauxwell Trucking Inc., Nebraska State Fair, and Greg and Susan Gehl.

Committee chairs of this year's show were Kurt Nelson and Rachelle Allen. They were supported by an excellent committee of 16 people: Sheridan Swotek, Paige Walker, Miranda Mueller, Alex Heier, Malina Lindstrom, Katharine Schudel, Jacob Frerichs, Kaitlyn Thesenuitz, Kathlyn Hauxwell, Kelsey Loseke, Ralston Ripp, Kodi Gehl, Shaye Koester, Felicia Knoerzer, Neleigh Gehl, Emily Tenski, and Ron Kramer. Thanks again to all who helped make this event possible!



Above: Exhibitors participate in a class of expert division cattle.



Above: Exhibitors participate in a class of expert sheep.

Holiday Party

Around the end of the semester everyone needs to have a little fun and a pick-me-up before finals, right? Well the officers and members did just that at the Holiday Party on December 6th. Ugly sweaters, Raising Canes' chicken tenders, a gift exchange, and some friendly (or as some would say very intense) rounds of dodge ball in the R.B. Warren Arena, made for a lively night to round off dead week. A large number of members were in attendance with a few new friends to join in on the shenanigans.

As some of you may know, ugly sweaters are a must, especially when you want to show off your holiday spirit. There were lit up sweaters, sweaters with pom-poms, bows, and garland, and then sweaters of all sorts of designs giving everyone a good chuckle when trying to decipher which ones were ugly, cool, or funny. Several members participated in a white elephant gift, where there were snacks, games, and decorations exchange between members.

Finally it was time for members to bring out their competitive side and stretch their arms. Some took the game extremely serious while some just delighted in the fun of the game. After several rounds and being caked in sand it was time to head home and hit the books again for final exams coming up in the coming days.



2019 National Convention

Ten members of the University of Nebraska Block & Bridle Chapter attended the 99th National Block & Bridle Convention that was held January 29 – February 1, 2019 in New Orleans, LA (Hosted by Louisiana State University, in conjunction with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association). The theme for this year's convention was "Block and Bridle on the Bayou."

Student member representatives of the chapter included Erin Blucher, Chelsea Bryant, Hannah Lowe, Kelsey Phillips, Lindsay Peters, Magdalene O'Brien, Mariah Heiss, Ronald Kramer, Taryn Saynert, and Sheridan Swotek. On Tuesday, January 29 club representatives arrived in New Orleans, LA and attended the National Block & Bridle business meeting where UNL club president SHERIDAN SWOTEK provided an update with respect to the UNL Block & Bridle Club's preparations in hosting the 101st National Block & Bridle Convention in the Spring of 2021. Later that evening, members attended the welcome ceremony and opening keynote presentation delivered by comedian, Jerry Carroll.



On Wednesday, January 30, members attended NCBA's Cattlemen's College which included thought-provoking, stimulating sessions. For example, members attended sessions that provided ideas for generating more efficient cattle operations, improving your business, building a better herd, and maintaining healthy herds. Following Cattlemen's College, members attended the annual Block & Bridle Awards Luncheon and attended the NCBA (#CATTLECON19) Opening General Session. Members were fortunate to be able to attend the opening session which featured Louisiana native, Hall of Fame NFL quarterback, and cattleman, Terry Bradshaw. After the opening general session, members explored the 6.5-acre NCBA trade show.

On Thursday, January 31, members were provided the opportunity to choose from a variety of industry tours including:

- * LSU Tour: The Louisiana State University tour included touring the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, LSU AgCenter Aquaculture Research Station, and LSU Tiger Stadium.
- * New Orleans Tour: Tour exploring the incredible history and culture of New Orleans!
- * Equines in South LA: This tour included stops around New Orleans and the gorgeous Lake Pontchartrain North Shore.
- * Louisiana Culture: This tour included stops related to Louisiana's culture and Cajun heritage including the oak trees, plantations, swamps and sugar cane.
- * Beef Tours: The beef tour included stops at Kent Farms (a commercial cow-calf operation with marketing of their own grass-fed beef) and K Bar Farms (Brahman operation that ships ships cattle to 12 countries).

On Friday, February 1, members had time to further explore New Orleans and the NCBA Cattle Industry convention.

Mark your calendars! In 2020, the 100th National Block & Bridle Convention will be hosted by Iowa State University in Ames, IA.

4th Annual Porkfest

The 4th Annual Porkfest was held on March 1st in the Animal Science Commons. There were around 100 meals served by members. The meals consisted of a pork loin sandwich, cheesy potatoes, corn, and a cookie. We would like to thank our sponsors for this year's event, which include Fast Genetics, Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Swine Management Services, Tyson, Green Gable Contracting, Plymouth Ag Group, Mighty Mo's Barbeque Sauce, Maschhoffs, and Schwartz Farms. We would also like to thank Brent Johnson for helping with the set up for this event and the meat lab for the preparation of the loins.



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1st Annual Animal Science Olympics

This year we brought back an event Block and Bridle hosted several years ago. The first annual Animal Science Olympics was held Wednesday, March 6th in the R. B. Warren Arena. This event was a great addition to the CASNR Week celebration and brought together students, faculty, and clubs from Animal Science and other department areas.

Everyone fueled up with a free meal before the events began. We had six teams of four compete in different events such as piggy-back barrel races, bale stacking races, roping, and more. Prizes included a \$75 academic scholarship per member for the first-place overall team, \$25 visa gift cards per team member for the second-place overall team, a traveling trophy for the top placing Greek team, and candy for the top individual in each event. Congrats to Hannah Nelson, Shaye Koester, Nicholas Loth, and Anna Bohlken of Team SNAH for winning first place overall team. Also, congrats to AGS for winning the second-place overall team and the top placing Greek team.

This event was a success thanks to the generous time and effort put forth by those who coordinated the Animal Science Olympics and hosted competitions. The clubs involved in this were Block and Bridle, ASGSA, Pre-Vet Club, FFA Alumni, ASCI Ambassadors, Meat Science Club, Rodeo Association, AGS, and Sigma Alpha. Also, thank you to the Animal Science Department for sponsoring our awards and providing the materials we needed for certain competitions. Finally, thank you to the CASNR Dean's Office for advertising the Animal Science Olympics and donating a majority of the food toward the event. We hope to see you next year at the second annual Animal Science Olympics!



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Big Red Beef Show

The Block and Bridle Club hosted its annual Big Red Beef Show on March 8th and 9th, 2019, at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. With the remarkable support of many people and businesses, we were able to host another successful show! Exhibitors and their families really appreciated how well we ran the show and the hard work of the 25 committee members that made the trip.

The committee made some impressive moves in finding unique sponsorships and donors for this year's show. We had over 20 families and businesses to sponsor! Their donations included everything from monetary values to free advertising. We welcomed Sullivan Supply Inc. and Final Drive Show Supply as our show supply trailers. We mixed things up with our food truck and welcomed Angus McGee's to the show for the first time. They pride themselves on serving Brad Paisley (country artist) "the best prime rib sandwich" he's ever had! The committee is so excited at the new relationships we built this year.

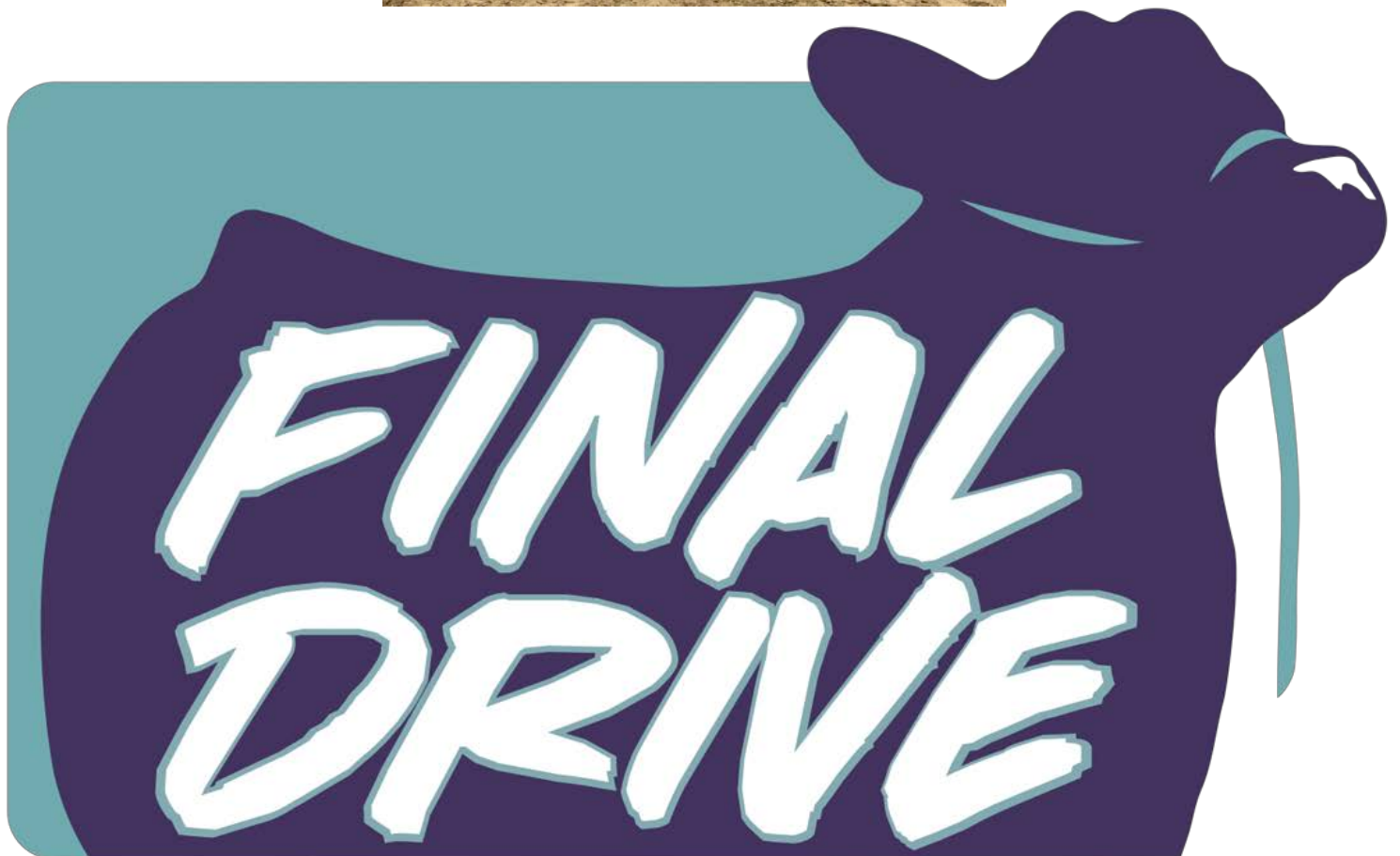
After several months of preparations, we opened the barn doors and watched it fill with families and cattle of all kinds. The showmanship competition began promptly at 7:00 pm Friday night, following check in. We were excited to have Nebraska native, John Tucker, as a showmanship judge. He kept up his long-time tradition of giving a crisp dollar bill to every junior showman that walked in the ring. Our showmanship prizes consisted of embroidered coolers, backpacks, and boot bags. They were donated by Bryan Hauxwell Trucking.

Saturday morning started bright and early at 5:00 am with a second check in to be more accommodating to people's schedules. We cut off changes to the program at 8:00 am and initiated the breeding heifer show in Ring A with our second judge, Jeff Berry, from Wyoming. John Tucker in Ring B followed shortly behind. We had 16 breeding heifer divisions and 12 market beef breed divisions.

As far as prizes go, we opted for a chance to give out more physical prizes. Class winners received rope halters donated by Sullivan Supply Inc. Breed champions in Ring A received red five gallon buckets and scrub brushes donated by Final Drive Show Supply. Breed champions in Ring B received embroidered folding chairs donated by the Block and Bridle Club. Legacy Livestock Imaging sponsored breed champions of the breeding heifer show with one of a kind banners. All breed champions returned to the rings later that afternoon for the final champion selections. Our judges selected top seven animals in each ring. Metal champion signs were given to the top two market beef and breeding heifers in each ring. The signs were donated by The Burg Family. The committee awarded cash payouts to the top five for both rings of the breeding heifer and the market beef show. In total, we paid out 20 exhibitors. Our payouts are actually made out to the exhibitors directly in order to let the kids decide what to do with their winnings. For some folks that means paying the feed bill for their calf... for others it goes into a college savings account!

We owe a big thank you to our sponsors: KRVN Radio, Final Drive Show Supply, Cottonwood and Pine Ranch, Legacy Livestock Imaging, Wilson Trailers, Sullivan Supply

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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, attend key industry meetings, tour and cutting edge enterprises. As 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.

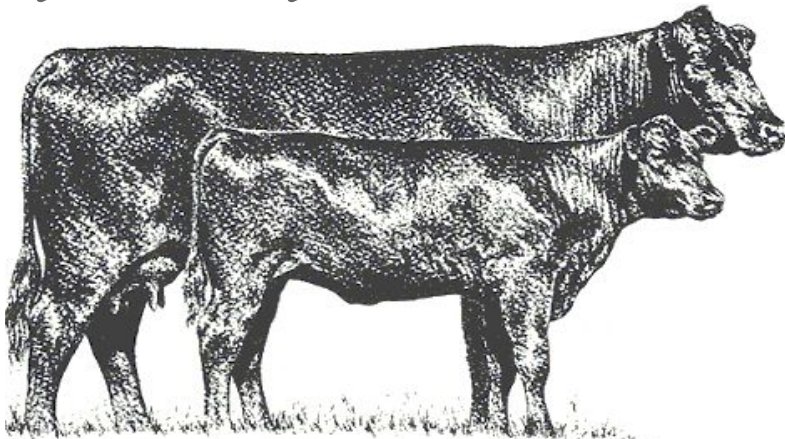


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Beef Merchandising Class

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 ENREC, 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.



From left to right: First Row- Seth Johnson, Megan Murdoch, Elizabeth Forbes, Jessilyn Sayers
Second Row- Jeremy Henkel, Zach Nelson, Katelin Oborny
Third Row: Hayden Sandall, Zach Kaup, Colton Drake, Peyton Barner

Livestock Judging

The 2019 University of Nebraska Livestock Judging Team is again built from a mold of future leaders, pioneers, and industry movers that agriculture will rely on going forward. Twelve students from across the U.S. are the dedicated, driven ones who spend their weekends in a judging van making industry contacts that will last a lifetime. Jeremy Henkel (Campbell, NE), Sophia Lentfer (Firth, NE), Lexi Kaiser (Eagle Point, OR), Keeley Russman (Wisner, NE), and Sydney Williams (Wisner, NE) make up this year's group.

Preparation for the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado started during the fall semester in ASCI 300B (Livestock Selection and Evaluation) and spilled over into workouts over the Christmas holiday. After the 1st of January, the team was making final preparations, which consisted of stops around the Midwest and a mock contest held at Kansas State University before making the final trip west. The day was highlighted by Keeley Russman being named the 8th High Individual in Sheep & Goats. Unique to Denver, the contestants also get the opportunity to judge in the Carload contest on Friday. This puts a different spin on things and challenges the participants to evaluate pens of bulls and heifers from the Yards, as well as a group of feedlot cattle.

The work continued after returning to Lincoln to begin classes and the team traveled to the next contest in Valentine, NE at the Heart City Bull Bash. This was a first year contest organized by a UNL alumni member. The huskers had a successful day with a Second High Team finish. Individually, Sydney Williams ended up 3rd High Overall, 3rd in Placings, and 4th in Reasons. Sophia Lentfer was 4th in Placings and Lexi Kaiser was 3rd in Reasons to top off the day.

Immediately following the Bull Bash, the team made a trip to Des Moines, Iowa for the Iowa Beef Expo. This is a contest that features cattle exclusively, and is always high in quality. Once again, the huskers had a promising showing with Lexi Kaiser, Keeley Russman, and Sydney Williams all hitting the top 25.

Next, the team stayed close to home and judged at the Nebraska Cattleman's Classic in Kearney. This year the NCC contest had its up and downs due to the blizzard that hit the area. Our team showed dramatic improvement amongst a stout group of competition while battling the weather. Many teams along with us were stranded on the way home but rode the storm out and returned safely.

The final spring contest took us to Houston, TX for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The 2019 group closed out the spring with Lexi Kaiser setting the pace as she finished 11th in Sheep/Goats and 11th in Cattle.

As we begin the final leg of the 2019 judging year all those involved with the UNL Livestock Judging family would like to sincerely thank those who make what we do possible. Without this kind of support, students would not have this opportunity and we would not have the chance to mold them into the future leaders and pioneers that this industry needs in the next generation. The support of the Kimmel Foundation, Nebraska Cattleman's Foundation, and Department of Animal Science, as well as the numerous donors, alumni, and producers is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.



Horse Judging Team

The 2018 University of Nebraska- Lincoln Horse Judging Team had a successful year competing across the nation. This year's team included Valerie Skaalrud of White Bear Lake, MN, Ryan Sedlacek of Gretna, NE and Devin Jakub from Dwight, NE coached by Dr. Kathy Anderson and assistant coach Haylee Lavoie, graduate student from Riverton, WY.

A variety of contests allowed this year's team to see a large diversity of the equine industry and meet professionals all over the world. The 2018 team competed in three competitions with the highlight of the season at the National Reining Horse Association Intercollegiate Horse Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, OK. The team finished 10th overall even with the disadvantage of only having a three-member team. Valerie Skaalrud finished 6th overall at the NRHA with all team members placing in the top 20.

The team also competed in Columbus, OH for the All American Quarter Horse Congress Intercollegiate contest. Devin Jakub finished 8th overall in the limited division with 14 teams competing. After a great contest in Ohio at the largest single breed horse show in the world, UNL continued to the 2018 AQHA World Championship Intercollegiate Horse Judging Contest. The AQHA contest was held on November 13th in Oklahoma City, OK with 110 individuals and 16 senior college teams competing for the World title.

Some of this year's team members were fortunate enough to compete in the limited division so they can compete as a team in the senior division to represent University of Nebraska-Lincoln next year. Next year's season looks to be promising with a new and upcoming team beginning this spring to represent the great state of Nebraska. University of Nebraska Lincoln's horse judging team would like to thank the Department of Animal Science for their support through another year to participate and learn about the equine industry!



Academic Quadrathlon

The Academic Quadrathlon is a competition held at the local, regional and national levels. Teams are comprised of university undergraduate students and compete in four events: Laboratory Practicum, Written Exam, Oral Presentation, and Quiz Bowl. Winning teams move up to the next level of competition. The national winning team is determined at the American Society of Animal Science national meeting in July of each year. The purpose of the competition is to stimulate academic excellence among undergraduate students and for the students to attend American Society of Animal Science/American Dairy Science Association scientific meetings to meet faculty and students and to attend scientific research presentations.

The 2019 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon local competition was conducted on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Five teams of four students competed in events organized by Department of Animal Science faculty, staff, and graduate students. The team of Spencer Carter (Berkey, OH), Joe Sonderman (Columbus, NE), Emmet Caldwell (Edgar, NE), and Fina Choat (Saint Edward, NE) were declared overall champions for the 2019 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 10 and 11, 2019 in conjunction with the American Society of Animal Science Midwest Sectional meetings in Lincoln/Omaha, NE. At the regional competition, the UNL team recorded a 3rd place finish in the oral presentation portion of the competition on their way to a 6th place finish overall out of 11 institutions that competed in the regional competition.



From left to right: Fina Choat, Emmet Caldwell, Spencer Carter, and Joe Sonderman

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