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# BLOCK AND BRIDLE



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# BLOCK AND BRIDLE

The National Block and Bridle Club was formed on December 2, 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 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.

## OUR HISTORY

## THE 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 line 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.



March 20, 2014

Dear Block and Bridle Club Members:

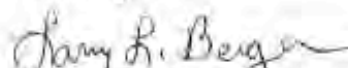
Congratulations to all members of the Block and Bridle Club for having a truly great year. Having a well-rounded education is more than just the classroom experience. Taking advantage of opportunities through the Block and Bridle Club to enhance your leadership skills, to network with students who have 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 leadership you provide for Kid's Day and the Big Red Beef Show gives the public the opportunity to learn more about our programs and the livestock industries we serve. On behalf of the Department, I also want to express appreciation to Drs. Steve Jones, Gary Sullivan and Ty Schmidt for their leadership and oversight of the Club.

Your selection of Mark Jagels 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 Chairman of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, Mark has lead an effort to make U.S. meat available to enhance the protein nutrition of consumers around the world. Towards this end, Mark has completed trade missions to Cuba, Japan, South Korea, the European Union, Poland, and Hungary. Mark has also had significant leadership roles in Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Cattlemen, Agricultural Builders of Nebraska, U.S. Grains Council, and the National Corn Growers Association. It was a pleasure for me to hear about the sincerity, vision, and sense of purpose the leaders used in selecting Mark Jagels from an outstanding pool of candidates. 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 E. Berger, Ph.D.  
Marvel L. Baker Head

# FROM 'THE PRESIDENT'

Over the past school year, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Block and Bridle Club has had a substantial amount of accomplishments, as well as, hosting many successful events. It is my great pleasure to recognize and thank all of the officers and members who went out of their way to make it happen. I would also like to thank the Animal Science Department faculty and staff for all of their support and guidance throughout the year. Our advisors are a key component to our club. They work as our support system and are the drive behind our success. A big thank you to our advisors: Senior Advisor, Dr. Steven Jones; Junior Advisor, Dr. Gary Sullivan; and Freshman Advisor, Dr. Ty Schmidt. I would also like to give a special thank you to our club department contact, Andi Hallberg. She has been there to help us from sending out sponsorship letters to answering all of our questions. Thank you, Terri Behl, for stepping up to the challenge of club department contact and keeping stride with us during our busy year. Without our advisors, officers, and members our club would fail to exist. Thank you!!

Through my past four years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Block and Bridle has served as a way for me to meet new people, better my leadership and aid in the promotion of several industries that I hold dear. It is my belief that education should not only encompass classroom learning, but also the experiences you gain from taking part in collegiate activities. Block and Bridle has provided me with an opportunity to grow as a person and a leader. It is my sincere hope that this past school year has allowed the members of the club to also grow as leaders.

It has been my honor to serve as the 2013-2014 Block and Bridle President. I wish to commend the members of this club for being driven, hardworking, and talented individuals. I feel they have all shown a great amount of dedication to production agriculture and truly take pride in Block and Bridle. I believe that with the successes accomplished this year, the club will continue moving forward, reaching for new heights in the years to come. I want to wish future club members, officers and advisors the best of luck as they continue to promote and build on the traditions of the Block and Bridle Club.

Sincerely,  
  
Grant D. Jones  
2013-2014 Block and Bridle President

# BLOCK AND BRIDLE HONOREE

## MARK JAGELS

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club is pleased to recognize another Nebraskan who exhibits character, dedication, and enthusiasm towards agriculture; Mark Jagels is our 2014 Block and Bridle honoree.

Mark Jagels is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. Mark is the fourth generation to operate his family farm that was homesteaded in 1883. Along with his wife Suzanne, they run a diversified operation that grows white corn, yellow corn, and soybeans; has a cow/calf operation; feeds cattle, and operates a trucking business. He also represents District 2 of the Nebraska Corn Board and has been serving as a director for the Nebraska Corn Board since 1999.



Along with serving on the Nebraska Corn Board, Mark's leadership and commitment to the livestock and grain industries, as well as his community is evidenced through his service on local, state, national, and international levels. He is a graduate of the Nebraska Lead XI (II) program. In 2007 he received the Outstanding Nebraska LEAD Alumni award. Mark also received the Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award from the Nebraska Agribusiness Club.



On the State level, Mark is an Agriculture Builders of Nebraska member, Nebraska Cattlemen member, and participated in Nebraska governor's Trade Mission to Cuba. Nationally, Mark has been very active with the U.S. Meat

Export Federation by serving on various committees and is currently serving as the vice-chair. He has also been actively involved with U.S. Grains Council, National Corn Growers Association, and has lobbied senators and representatives in Washington D.C. for the Nebraska Corn Board, National Corn Growers Association, and Nebraska Cattlemen. Mark as also played a key role representing agriculture on the international level by hosting trade teams and traveling to Japan, South Korea, South America, European Union, Poland, and Hungary representing the USMEF and the Nebraska Corn Board.

# CONGRATULATIONS

When Mark isn't busy representing agriculture on the state and national levels, he can be found serving in his local community. He is a former District 4 Representative for the Nebraska Farm Bureau Young Farmers/Ranchers Committee, participant in the Nebraska Farm Bureau Ag Pen Pal Program, Thayer County Livestock Feeder member, Thayer County Farm Bureau member, and a Davenport Lions Club member. He has also served as a beef leader for Circle D 4-H Club and has served as a youth group sponsor, church secretary, and is a member of the Voter's Assembly.

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He was also elected to serve on the school board for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Mark has also volunteered as an umpire and was a former coach for the local summer baseball league.

Mark and his wife have three sons. Derek a merchandiser for AGP in St. Joseph, Missouri, Brett and his wife Kristin, live in Austin, Texas where he teaches third grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School, and Jason who has returned to the family farm to become the fifth generation.

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# A LASTING TRADITION

The following pages include the past honorees of the Block and Bridle Club at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. We are pleased to continue the tradition of honoring leaders in the livestock industry who give their time and effort to support youth in their communities as well as supporting the youth attending the University of Nebraska, especially within the Animal Science Department and the Block and Bridle Club. We greatly appreciate their selfless gifts and investment in the future of the livestock industry.











# ANIMAL SCIENCE FACULTY



Larry Berger



Aaron Stalker



Amy Schmidt



Andrea Cupp



Brad Bennet



Brett White



Bryan Reiling



Chris Calkins



Daniel Ciobanu



Dennis Brink



Dennis Burson



Donald Beermann



Dustin Yates



Galen Erickson



Gary Sullivan



Gota Morota



James MacDonald



Jennifer Wood



Jessica Peterson



Karla Jenkins



Kathy Anderson



Lena Cottle



Lisa Karr-Lilienthal



Lori Jaixen



Mary Drewnoski



Matt Spangler



Matthew Leubben



Merlyn Nielsen



Paul Kononoff



Phil Miller



Rick Funston



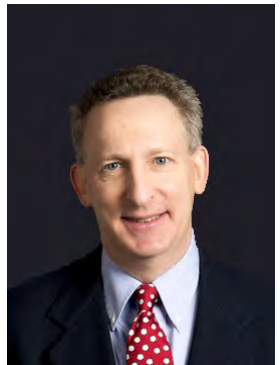
Rick Rasby



Rick Stowell



Rob Eirich



Ron Lewis



Samodha Fernando



Sheila Purdum



Steve Jones



Tom Burkey



Ty Schmidt

# BLOCK AND BRIDLE MEMBERS



Back Row (from left): Lukas Fricke, Grant Jones, DJ Lunkwitz, Kolin Scheele,  
Third Row: Ashley Buescher, Skyler Adamek, Dana Eikmeier, Autumn Lemmer, Kelsey Scheer  
Second Row: Kate Quiring, Erin Blum, Rebecca Urian, Ashtyn Shrewsbury, Debra Wray  
First Row: Hannah Kesterson, Abby Wehrbein, Lacey Uden, Chrisinda Scheideler, Laura Gorecki

Not pictured: Melissa Matulka, Valerie Matulka, Ashley Probst, Levi Schroer, Kaydee Caldwell,  
Joseph Bennier, Ty Alexander, Roger Carpenter, Cole Geiser, Travis Scheifelbein, Katie  
Ochsner, Kinsey Freeman, Emily Long, Molly Goïn, Michelle Albrecht, Cameron Meanard, Claire  
Anderson, Ashley McCoy, Patti Schlickbernd, Elizabeth McDonald, Chrisindra Scheidler, Grant  
Mitchell, Jefferson Keller, Curtis Wetovick, Paul Bauer, Haley Bladesdoe, Morgan Kumpfe,  
Destiny Peickert, Lisa Temme, Caleb Kemnitz, Cody Drudik, Josh Nelson, Krysten Fries, Daniel  
Bauer, Lauren Cobb, Meghan O'Callange, John Esink, Macauly Mumm, Kerbie Large, Nick  
Greene, Brandon Burrus, Heidi Black, Kaity Wilmes, Lance Johnson, Aleisha Dethlefs,  
McKenna Frevert, Trey Mogenson

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# ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

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Are you an active member  
the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just content  
that your name is on the list

Do you attend meetings  
and mingle with the flock

Or do you stay at home  
and criticize and knock

Do you take an active part  
To help the work along

Or are you satisfied to be  
the kind that "Just Belongs"?

Do you ever go to visit  
a member who is sick

Or just leave the work to a few  
and talk about the clique

There's quite the program scheduled  
that I'm sure you heard about

And we'll appreciate it if you  
will come and help us out

So come to meetings often  
and help with hand and heart

Don't be just a member  
but take an active part

Think it over member  
you know right from wrong

Are you an active member  
or do you "Just Belong"?



# 2013-2014 OFFICERS



From left:

Dr. Gary Sullivan, Junior Advisor

Laura Gorecki, Marshall

Hannah Kesterson, Historian

Lacey Uden, Secretary

Grant Jones, President

Debra Wray, Vice President

Lukas Fricke, Treasurer

Kolin Scheele, Ambassador

## & ADVISORS



Dr. Steven Jones  
Senior Advisor



Dr. Gary Sullivan  
Junior Advisor



Dr. Ty Schmitt  
Freshman Advisor

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2013-2014 year of Block and Bridle was filled with such an active and willing group of members that my fingers could hardly keep up on the keyboard taking record! In the spring of 2013, the newly elected officers got a jump start in bonding by making a cake for the banquet auction and after that never looked back. The club was as busy as ever before with activities and events throughout the year.

The school year started off with the Big Red Welcome, NE Cattlemen's Beef Pit, Steak Fry, and our first couple meetings which led to the recruitment of one of our largest groups of Block and Bridle initiates. We put on a week-long event of initiation activities so the eager new members could get to know one another and get involved. This of course included the annual tradition of getting their paddles signed by the officers and faculty throughout Animal Science. It was fun to see the creativity members put into their new paddles to decorate them. As the fall semester came to a close we had some engaging meetings with guest speakers and hosted a breakfast holiday gathering in order to thank faculty in the department.

With a new set of officers came new ideas and the club members were vital in carrying those out. The club changed the Kid's Day to be hosted at the Lincoln Public Schools Science Fair in March at the Lancaster Events Center. Interacting with students and parents alike, the event was a job well done. Another notable success story was our Big Red Beef Show hosted in Grand Island. We all know how variable Nebraska weather can be, but the freezing cold weekend and wind didn't slow us down.

The Block and Bridle club would not be what it is today without the dedicated members involved and support of the advisors and faculty throughout the Animal Science Department. It has been an honor to work with such a fun group of individuals and I greatly appreciate the time spent with my fellow officers and members. As a current sophomore, I look forward to more memorable moments ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Uden

Block and Bridle Secretary

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Event	Expenses (\$)	Income (\$)	Net (\$)
Member Recruitment	-5233.56	50.00	-5233.56
Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit	50.00	50.00	50.00
Steak Fry	50.00	\$1,447.67	\$1,447.67
Judging Dynasty	50.00	50.00	50.00
Kids' Day	-5429.87	50.00	-5429.87
Holiday Gathering	-188.24	50.00	-188.24
Big Red Beef Show	-9,056.90	\$10,795.24	\$1,738.24
Scrapbook	-18.70	50.00	18.70
Miscellaneous	-546.61	\$241.12	-305.49
Membership Dues	50.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00
Annual 2014	-955.60	\$495.00	-460.60
Scholarships 2014	-800.00	\$800.00	50.00
Banquet 2014	780	780	780
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,229.48</b>	<b>\$15,803.93</b>	<b>\$3,611.85</b>

Beginning Balance: \$12,704.46

Ending Balance: \$16,316.31

Submitted by,

Grant D. Jones

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## Grant Jones

Major: Animal Science - Business Option

Minor: Agricultural Economics

Parents: Shawn and Julie Jones

Hometown: Benkelman, Nebraska

Future Plans: Return home to family farm and ranch operation.

Favorite Part of Block and Bridle: The connections that you make. I can't believe how many people I have met over the past few years through Block and Bridle.

Advice to Underclassmen: Get out there and network with peers, professors, industry leaders, and alumni of the university.



## Debra Wray

Major: Agribusiness

Parents: James and Carole Wray

Hometown: Ord, NE

Future Plans: I will spend the summer in Washington, D.C. interning for Senator Johanns before starting law school in the fall at the Nebraska College of Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Advice to underclassmen: take advantage of the many opportunities that you have during your college years.

## Katie Ochsner

Major: Animal Science, Business Option

Minor: Leadership and Entrepreneurship

Parents: Blake and Chrissy Ochsner

Hometown: Torrington, WY

Post-Graduation Plans: Pursue a Master's at UNL in Animal Breeding and Genetics under the direction of Dr. Matt Spangler.

Favorite part of Block and Bridle: Having the opportunity to listen to speakers at various meetings who play an important role in our industry.

Advice to Underclassmen: Get involved! You're only in college once, and many of the opportunities you have as an undergraduate will not be available to you post-graduation.



## Melissa Matulka

Major: Animal Science and Agribusiness

Parents: Mike and Deb Matulka

Hometown: Thedford, NE

After graduation: Serving as an Extension Assistant in western Nebraska and pursuing my Master's degree to become an Extension Educator.

Favorite Part of Block and Bridle: Being able to interact with a variety of industry professionals, college students, and children all in the hopes of promoting agriculture.

Advice to Underclassmen: Always keep an open mind and allow yourself to explore new opportunities.



## Kinsey Freeman

Major: Animal Science (Production Management Option)

Parents: Bryce & Pam Freeman

Hometown: Cheyenne, WY

After Graduation: I will be attending Graduate school beginning in August. I will also be the assistant livestock judging coach here at UNL.

Block & Bridle: My favorite part about B&B are all the connections and opportunities that are made possible.

Advice: Always remember where you came from, its what got you here!



# — BEEF PIT —

The Nebraska Cattlemen once again asked Block and Bridle members to assist at the annual Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit during the Nebraska State Fair. We had 13 members and 1 advisor make the trip out to Grand Island to take orders, make sandwiches, dish sides and clean tables. This provided a great experience for members to meet and talk with members of the Nebraska Cattlemen representing the beef industry in Nebraska. During our shift, Block and Bridle members helped serve over 3,000 sandwiches!

# B&B STEAK FRY

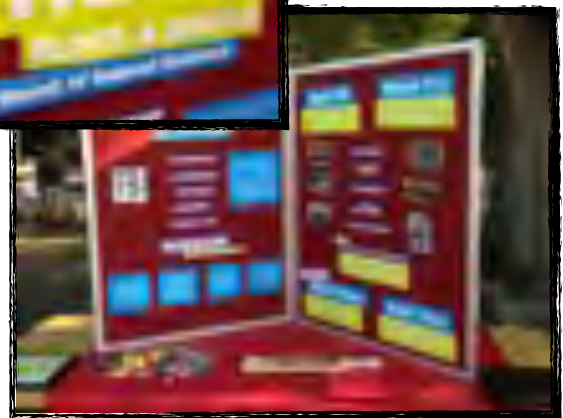
On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the UNL Block and Bridle Club hosted its annual Steak Fry event.

Students, faculty, and staff spent the afternoon enjoying each other's company as well as exceptional steaks donated and cooked by Cargill. Block and Bridle members sold tickets, helped to set up, and served food along with animal science faculty who volunteered their time. Over 250 steaks were sold. Thank you to Cargill and to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to make this year's Steak Fry a great success!



# BIG RED WELCOME &

The Block and Bridle Club kicked off another year at the UNL Big Red Welcome and the East Campus Welcome Back Club Fair. The Marshall, Laura Gorecki, and Ambassador, Kolin Scheele, represented the club to recruit new members. Laura and Kolin were available to answer any questions potential members may have and to give details about club involvement. They also engaged in conversations about how to become involved in the animal science industry while on campus. The display showcased the numerous activities the club participates in throughout the year with pictures and a brief description. Potential members were encouraged to provide their contact information to provide a database for information sharing about meeting schedules and activity sign-ups. The officer team was very excited about the interest students expressed in the club and the large attendance at the first meeting.



# WELCOME BACK CLUB FAIR



# INITIATION WEEK

In coordination with member recruitment, the club hosted the traditional Initiation Week for new club members. In the weeks prior, initiates decorated wooden paddles and then collected signatures from Animal Science faculty members. This activity is designed to help new students start building a relationship with professors within the Animal Science Department and become familiar with the faculty offices. The paddles were also judged by faculty and staff members. Other Initiation Week activities included an Ag Olympics competition and a team Jeopardy game. The Block and Bridle Club is excited to welcome several new members and the new ideas and leadership they provide.



From left: Chrisinda Schiedler, Kerbie Large, Joseph Bennier, Kelsey Scheer, Aliesha Dethlefs, Kate Quiring, Abby Wehrbein

Congratulations to the female initiate paddle winner Chrisinda Schiedler and DJ Lunkwitz, the male initiate paddle winner!

# HOLIDAY GATHERING



In order to show our appreciation to the faculty, staff, and graduate students in the Animal Science Department, Block and Bridle held a Holiday Gathering in the Hub on December 11th. Members got together the night before Holiday Gathering in order to prepare a variety of breakfast and desserts including poppyseed bread, banana bread, cookies, pudding dessert, scotcheroos, and festive almond bark dipped oreos. The homemade items, fresh fruit, and meat and cheese trays were a welcome break from the business of dead week.

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.

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# CATTLEMEN'S CLASSIC

On February 22nd, a selfless group of Block and Bridle Members got up in the wee hours of the morning around 4 a.m. and took a day road trip to Kearney, Nebraska. They did this in order to dedicate their Saturday volunteering at the Kearney Classic Livestock Judging Contest. We get the contest organized in the morning, led the cattle over from the barns to the contest area, and then showed the cattle for the contestants to judge. For a few members leading and setting up bulls was a new learning experience - which is just what we hope to accomplish here in the Block and Bridle Club. This event gave members yet another opportunity to get involved and allowed us to do some volunteer work in the community.

# UNL COLLEGIATE CATTLEMEN

This school year it was decided it would be a great opportunity for students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to partake in a Collegiate Cattlemen group. Ensuring youth have direct experiences and leadership involvement in the beef industry is an important aspect for students preparing for careers in Nebraska, the epicenter of the beef industry. To fulfill this need, we wanted to provide a group for students to assist them in a direct relationship with the Nebraska Cattlemen and their membership. From these relationships, students are able to take a proactive role as a future leader in the beef industry and make an impact in their agricultural communities.

As future leaders in agriculture, we see a continued need to prepare ourselves to find leadership roles within the beef industry. We feel that the best way to accomplish this is through service to both consumers and the Nebraska Cattlemen membership. We hope that our hands-on education of young consumers, as well as community service projects will help strengthen beef demand and bridge the gap between producer and consumer. We also want to help NC membership any way we can to learn about the strengths and challenges facing the industry as we become beef producers ourselves. To provide learning



Tom and Laura Field speaking at the first Collegiate Cattlemen meeting



opportunities, we are looking to host guest speakers at our meetings to provide insight on current trends within the industry.



The Collegiate Cattlemen group is off to a great start as an interest group under Block and Bridle. We have been able to have some great industry speakers to encourage and share their knowledge with us. We plan to continue to develop this group and see the group move forward.

# KID'S DAY AT THE LPS SCIENCE FAIR



This year, instead of hosting Kid's Day in the Animal Science Complex, the event was moved to the spring to be held at the Lincoln Public Schools Science Fair in order to reach a more appropriate age group of attendees. The Science Fair was on March 20th from 5 to 8pm at the Lancaster Event Center.

Fifth through eighth grade students from Lincoln participated in the fair, showcasing their own experiments and demonstrations. In addition, other groups were welcome to have a booth in order to entertain and educate these science minded students. Block and Bridle members set up and lead an activity in which students were able to mix and eat a "feed ration" out of pretzels, raisins, cheerios, and M&Ms, each representing a group of ingredients added to livestock feed.

They learned how the feed animals need to survive and grow is similar to the food we need. We also partnered with the Mobile Beef Lab to provide a new and exciting experience for the students. The fistulated steer in the Mobile Beef Lab trailer was a huge hit with the students and other volunteers alike,

and being sprayed with rumen fluid didn't even deter the line of people eager to take their turn in the trailer. The Science

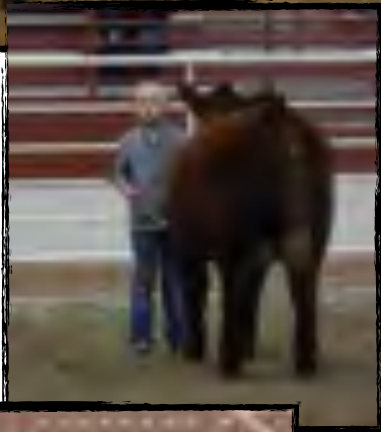
Fair was a great way to connect with hundreds of LPS students and to teach about animal agriculture in a fun and interactive way. We hope to continue this tradition in future years.

# BIG RED BEEF SHOW

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The University of Nebraska's Block and Bridle club hosted its annual Big Red Beef Show on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. With the great support of our numerous sponsors we were able to host a successful beef show. Once again, we put on a beef show that allowed the contestants to earn double the points by showing in both rings with attendance from several states. Despite the weather we had a good turnout of cattle with a total of 113 entries that were evaluated by our judges, Brad Bennett and Dr. Kelly Bruns. We could not have had this event if it was not for the help of club members that helped organize, set-up, and run the show. Overall, with a few changes and dedication we were able to have another beef show! We look forward to holding another beef show next year!





# GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

# ACADEMIC QUADRATHALON

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The 2014 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition was conducted on Sunday, February 23 and Monday, February 24, 2014. Nine teams of four students competed in four different events including a lab practicum, written exam, oral presentation, and a quiz bowl.

The team of Laura Gorecki (Farwell, NE), Hannah Kesterson (Alliance, NE), Ashtyn Shrewbury (Alliance, NE), and Kolin Scheele (Odell, NE) earned first place in the lab practicum, written exam, oral presentation, and quiz bowl and were declared Overall Champions for the 2014 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition.

The overall champion team represented the UNL Animal Science Department at the Midwest Regional Academic Quadrathlon competition that was held on March 16 and 17, 2014 in conjunction with the American Society of Animal Science Midwest Sectional meetings in Des Moines, IA.



# UNL LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

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## RESULTS

### *National Western Stock Show (Denver, CO)*

Team Results: 5<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall  
4<sup>th</sup> High Team Cattle  
9<sup>th</sup> High Team Sheep/Goats

Individual Results: Katie Ochsner – 8<sup>th</sup> Hogs

### *Sioux Empire Farm Show (Sioux Falls, SD)*

Team Results: 4<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall  
4<sup>th</sup> High Team Cattle  
4<sup>th</sup> High Team Hogs  
5<sup>th</sup> High Team Sheep/Goats  
6<sup>th</sup> High Team Reasons

Individual Results: Kinsey Freeman – 9<sup>th</sup> Cattle, 9<sup>th</sup> Overall  
Katie Ochsner – 10<sup>th</sup> Cattle  
Justin Taubenheim – 10<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats  
Wyatt Decker – 3<sup>rd</sup> Hogs

### *Iowa Beef Expo (Des Moines, IA)*

Team Results: 5<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall  
6<sup>th</sup> High Team Placings  
4<sup>th</sup> High Team Reasons

Individual Results: Travis Line – 4<sup>th</sup> Reasons, 8<sup>th</sup> Overall

### *Nebraska Cattleman's Classic (Kearney, NE)*

Team Results: High Team Overall  
High Team Placings  
2<sup>nd</sup> High Team Reasons



***Nebraska Cattleman's Classic (Kearney, NE) cont.***

Individual Results: Justin Taubenheim – 2<sup>nd</sup> Placings, 4<sup>th</sup> Reasons, High Ind. Overall

Mollie Wilken – 1<sup>st</sup> Placings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall

Wyatt Decker – 7<sup>th</sup> Placings, 8<sup>th</sup> Reasons, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall

Travis Line – 8<sup>th</sup> Placings, 10<sup>th</sup> Reasons, 5<sup>th</sup> Overall

Katie Ochsner – 7<sup>th</sup> Reasons, 8<sup>th</sup> Overall

***Flint Hills Classic (Manhattan, KS)***

Team Results: 8<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall

4<sup>th</sup> High Team Cattle

3<sup>rd</sup> High Team Sheep/Goats

7<sup>th</sup> High Team Reasons

Individual Results: Travis Line – 5<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats

Kinsey Freeman – 6<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats

***Mid-America Classic (Wichita, KS)***

Team Results: 7<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall

6<sup>th</sup> High Team Cattle

5<sup>th</sup> High Team sheep/Goats

8<sup>th</sup> High Team Reasons

Individual Results: Justin Taubenheim – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cattle, 5<sup>th</sup> Overall

***Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show (Omaha, NE)***

Team Results: 6<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall

Individual Results: Kinsey Freeman – 5<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats

Justin Taubenheim – 5<sup>th</sup> Hogs

***Premier Stockman (Auburn, IN)***

No Team Results, Individual Results Only

Individual Results: Justin Taubenheim – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cattle, 5<sup>th</sup> Hogs, 7<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall

Katie Ochsner – 8<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats

Wyatt Decker – 10<sup>th</sup> Sheep/Goats

***The American Royal (Kansas City, MO)***

Team Results: 10<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall

5<sup>th</sup> High Team Cattle

Individual Results: Wyatt Decker – 7<sup>th</sup> Cattle, 7<sup>th</sup> Overall

*North American International Livestock Exposition (Louisville, KY)*

Team Results: 8<sup>th</sup> High Team Overall

4<sup>th</sup> High Team Cattle

5<sup>th</sup> High Team Hogs

Individual Results: Justin Taubenheim – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hogs, 5<sup>th</sup> Hog Reasons, 12<sup>th</sup> Cattle

\*Named to the 2013 National Collegiate All-American Team

Kinsey Freeman – 13<sup>th</sup> Cattle



UNL Livestock Judging Team

Back Row: Travis Line; Dr. Larry Berger, Department Head; Brad Bennet, Coach; Sam Cares

Front Row: Katie Ochsner, Justin Taubenheim, Wyatt Decker, Kinsey Freeman

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# UNI. MEAT JUDGING

The 2013 Senior Meat Judging Team consisted of Andrew McDonald, Robert Cumming, and Clay Boyles and coached by Brandy Cleveland and Sara Sieren. The team competed in two contests in the fall of 2013. The contests were: American Royal Meat Judging Contest in Omaha, NE and the International Meat Judging Contest in Dakota City, NE. At the International Contest, Clay Boyles came away placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Overall Placings.



Back Row: Robert Cumming, Dr. Ty Schmidt, Dr. Larry Berger,  
Clay Boyles, Andrew McDonald  
Front Row: Sara Seiren, Brandy Cleveland

The 2014 Junior Meat Judging Team consists of Ashley McCoy, Hannah Kesterson, Laura Gorecki, Abigail Wehrbein, Katie Ochsner, Josh Kaiser, Grant Meiergerd, Jacob Wolff and Kolin Scheele and is coached by Brandy Cleveland and Sara Sieren. The contests traveled to this spring were the National Western Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in Greeley, Colorado, the Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in Ft. Worth, Texas, and the Iowa State University Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in Ames, Iowa. At the National Western, the team came out 10<sup>th</sup> overall and 6<sup>th</sup> in total placings. Individual Laura Gorecki received 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beef Grading. At the Southwestern, the team was 9<sup>th</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beef Grading, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Total Placings, 6<sup>th</sup> in Pork Judging and 7<sup>th</sup> in Reasons. Individual Kolin Scheele was 5<sup>th</sup> in Total Placings and 8<sup>th</sup> in Beef Judging. Laura Gorecki was 4<sup>th</sup> in Reasons, 6<sup>th</sup> in Pork Judging and 6<sup>th</sup> in Beef Judging. Finishing up the season at Iowa State, the team came away 5<sup>th</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in Pork Judging, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Reasons, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Total Placings, 4<sup>th</sup> in both Beef and Lamb Judging, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Beef Grading. Individual Josh Kaiser placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Pork Judging, 5<sup>th</sup> in Reasons, and 9<sup>th</sup> in Lamb Judging. Hannah Kesterson was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Reasons, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pork Judging, and 8<sup>th</sup> in Lamb Judging. Laura Gorecki was 9<sup>th</sup> in Beef Judging and 10<sup>th</sup> in Reasons. Katie Ochsner was 4<sup>th</sup> in Beef Grading and 10<sup>th</sup> in Overall Beef.

The 2014 team will travel to 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.



Back Row: Sara Sieren,  
Hannah Kesterson, Abby  
Wehrbein, Grant Meiergerd,  
Kolin Scheele, Jacob Wolff  
Front Row: Laura Gorecki,  
Ashley McCoy, Josh Kaiser,  
Katie Ochsner, Brandy  
Cleveland

## MEAT ANIMAL EVALUATION TEAM

The National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest is a unique, comprehensive, two-day competition that combines components of meats and livestock judging with real-world evaluation and pricing of commercial livestock and meat products. In addition, students must understand the multitude of different issues facing the livestock and meats industries. This year, nine students accepted the challenge of preparing for this unique learning experience including Clay Boyles (Maryville, MO), Justin Dahlgren (Bertrand, NE), Sydney Gehl (Ericson, NE), Celia Karweik (Hopkins, MI), Dane Miller (Columbus, NE), Eric Miller (Lyons, NE), Grant Potadle (Herman, NE), Justin Ross (Callaway, NE), and Adam Wolfe (Herald, CA).

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A total of twelve universities and 117 individuals competed in this competition with UNL placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Within the various divisions, UNL ranked 5<sup>th</sup> as a team in the breeding animal evaluation, 6<sup>th</sup> in meats evaluation, and 7<sup>th</sup> in market animal evaluation across all three species; beef cattle, sheep, and swine. The team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Communications Challenge. Individually, Grant Potadle was the 6<sup>th</sup> high individual in the market animal division and 9<sup>th</sup> in swine evaluation across all three components of the contest. Sydney Gehl also ranked among the Top 20 in the breeding animal division.

More important than 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 replacement breeding stock to feeder calf grading to feedlot 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 Mr. Brad Bennett and Dr. Bryan Reiling.



Seated, left to right: Adam Wolfe, Justin Dahlgren, Eric Miller, Grant Potadle, Dane Miller

Standing, left to right: Bryan Reiling (coach), Larry Berger (Dept. Head), Celia Karweik, Justin Ross, Sydney Gehl, Clay Boyles, Brad Bennett (coach)

# HORSE JUDGING TEAM

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The 2013 UNL Horse Judging team had a great year and competed in the two major horse judging contests – The All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH and the AQHA Intercollegiate World Championship contest in Oklahoma City, OK. The Horse judging contests consist of both halter and performance classes and team members learn to judge a vast array of performance classes. This year, in addition to the standard performance classes such as Western Pleasure, Reining, Western Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack and more, they had to judge cattle classes such as Heading, Heeling and Calf Roping!

The UNL team had a good year and gained tremendously from the experience. At the All American Quarter Horse Congress, they were 10<sup>th</sup> in Performance, 12<sup>th</sup> in oral reasons and 13<sup>th</sup> overall out of 20 teams. The team had a solid showing at the AQHA World Show contest and finished a consistent 13<sup>th</sup> overall, and placed 13<sup>th</sup> in Performance, Halter, and reasons. A huge thank you needs to go out to Anna Pesta, UNL Graduate Assistant for all of her time and work in helping to coach the team.

Team members include: Lydia Smith, Chantel Frisch, Brittany Tisthammer, Cory Peters



Pictured, L-R: Dr. Larry Berger, Animal Science Department Head; Kathy Anderson, PhD, Coach; Lydia Smith, Graton; Chantel Frisch, Newman Grove; Brittany Tisthammer, Omaha; Cory Peters, Hickman; Anna Pesta, Coach

# EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The success of the Husker Equestrian Team rides on with teamwork, dedication, and consistency. This year's riders came together in September with the return of several veterans and the addition of many newcomers to the sport of IHSA. IHSA, the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, was founded on the principle that any college student should be able to participate in horse shows, regardless of their financial status or riding level. The IHSA attempts to eliminate the expenses of students owning horses and allows more students to compete. Students ride horses that are furnished by the host college and chosen by drawing lots. The theory behind this structure is to equalize variables of the competition and test the horsemanship of the contestants. Classes range from walk/trot for first year students to the Open Division for the more experienced riders. IHSA is an organization that encompasses 37 Regions with almost 400 member colleges – representing more than 9000 riders in both

Hunter Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, and Reining.

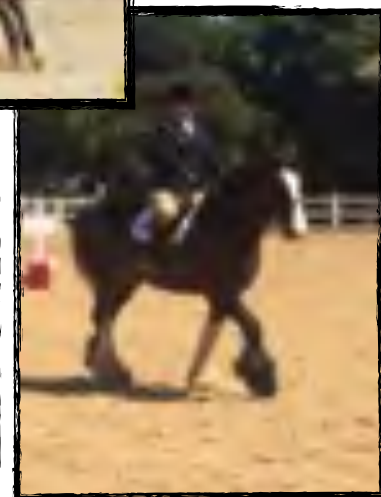


This year's teams continue to raise the bar, by adding another Regional Championship to the team record. This brings the count to ten and completes a decade of consecutive Regional Championships. Regional Championships are purely team efforts. With a scoring system that relies equally on all riders in the pen, every Husker Equestrian Team rider has risen

to the occasion consistently. The Western Teams and Hunt Seat Teams collectively brought home first place, champion high point team honors at six shows, reserve champion at two shows, and third at three. Together, the Huskers won 63 classes throughout the regular season, and qualified six riders for Hunt Seat Regionals and ten riders for Western Regionals. In the high point individual rider competition, UNL had the top three Western riders in the region all vying for the coveted high point championship and automatic bid to Nationals. This year's contest came down to the final class placing of the season - Katrina Quick was the Regional High Point Rider for the second year in a row with Dustin Renken finishing Reserve, and Kallie Kayton third. In the Hunt Seat High Point Rider Contest, Sydney Kinstler earned fifth overall in the region.

The Husker Equestrian Team began post season competition by taking the Western High Point Team to Findlay, Ohio for the IHSA Western Semi Finals. There, UNL finished third in the team standings and qualified for the IHSA National Championships in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania May 1-4, 2014 for the fifth consecutive year! Sarah Warner also qualified for the individual completion at National's with her rides at Findlay. The Hunt Seat Team was represented by two riders at the IHSA Zones in Stanford, California. Brittany Tisthammer and Heidi Black represented UNL and earned tenth and ninth respectively in very tough fields of riders.

The Husker Equestrian Team also remains connected to the community through various activities hosted throughout the year. Boo at the U was another successful year of dressing up the horses, dawning creative costumes, decorating the barn, and welcoming in the community to share a common love for horses. The team also sold advertisements for the show programs, volunteered at the Kimmel Orchard, assisted with the Ak-Sar-Ben Horse Show, and ran the AQHA Equestrian Team Quarter Horse Show the last weekend in April. Wish the Huskers luck as they ride for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln at the ISHA National Championships, and thank you to all who donate, contribute, and continue to support the Husker Equestrian Team!





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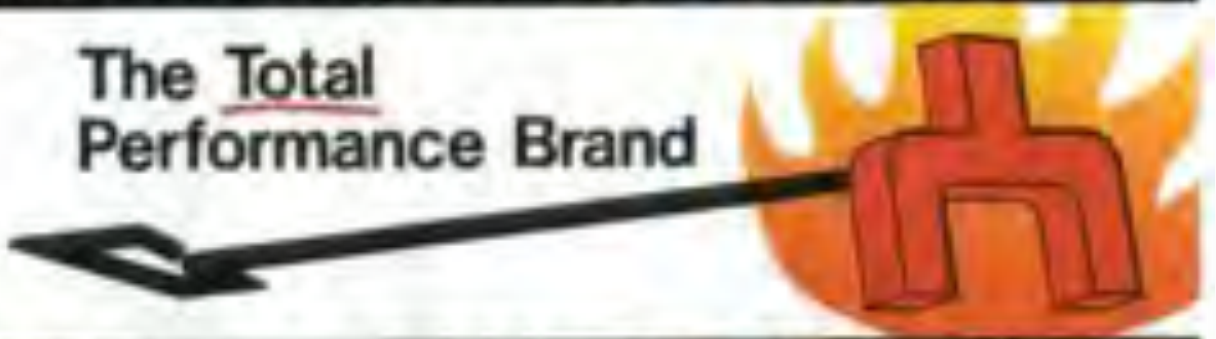




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A photograph of a field of sunflowers at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, a large sunflower is in sharp focus, while others are blurred in the background. A person is visible in the distance, looking towards the sun. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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