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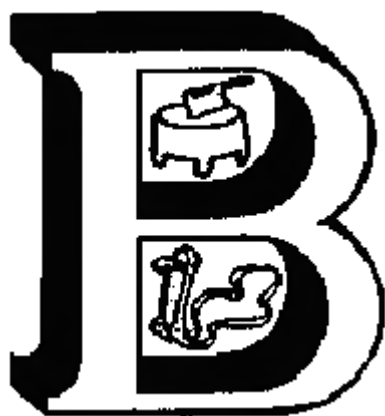
Block and Bridle Club

History

The National Block and Bridle Club was formed on December 2nd, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois by student representatives from four animal husbandry clubs. These clubs from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri became the charter chapters of the new national organization. During their meeting, the chapter's 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's study of the animal sciences in colleges and universities.
- To enhance professionalism of students who will one day be leaders in the animal agriculture industry.
- To bring about a closer relationship among all students pursuing some phase of animal agriculture as a profession

Emblem



The Block and Bridle symbol represents the principles on which the club is built. Character, sincerity, and a moral life are asked of members when they are initiated into the Block and Bridle Club. These attributes are depicted in the straight vertical 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 2016-2017 academic year. Block and Bridle has a rich history and strong tradition, and I am proud 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 your goals high, take advantage of doors that are opened to you, and to always look for opportunities to advocate for animal agriculture.

Although I am still learning about the activities and contributions you make to the department, I know they are numerous and I greatly appreciate your service. A partial list includes the 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 Mr. Brad Bennett (Senior advisor), Dr. Tom Burkey, Dr. Benny Mote, and Dr. Ty Schmidt for their leadership and oversight of the club.

Your selection of Mr. Doug Brand 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. Doug served as Secretary of the Seward County Ag Society for 39 years. As Secretary, Doug was instrumental in directing efforts to build the Ag Pavilion, Livestock Show Pavilion, 4-H Building, and the Arena Grandstand. He also coordinated all programming for the Seward County Fair. Doug served on the Nebraska State Fair Board for 24 years and was the announcer at the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show for more than 20 years. Doug was a 4-H leader for 18 years, and was the founder and leader of the Husker Hog 4-H Club which brought the country to city youth. The Husker Hog 4-H Club started with 9 youth and grew to more than 50 members. As an active member of Block and Bridle at UNL, Doug served as the Annual Editor, Treasurer, and was the 1972-73 President. Doug was also a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and was on the Livestock Judging Team. In 2009, Doug and Gail Brand were the lead chairs for the Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball. Doug has continued to serve the department as a member of the Animal Science Alumni Reunion Committee. Due to his numerous contributions to animal agriculture, Doug has received many awards and recognitions throughout his career. Doug Brand exemplifies the spirit and intent of this award, and you can be proud to name him as the 2016-2017 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, Ph.D.

Department Head

Dr. Marvel L. Baker Professor of Animal Science

On behalf of the University of Nebraska Block and Bridle, its members, and my fellow advisors I would like to welcome everyone to our culminating event. It has been a banner year for the club filled with new achievements, friendships, and opportunities to grow as advocates for animal agriculture. This club has held true its core mission by supplying our students with experiences that open new avenues for involvement and education while transforming their future as leaders within the agriculture industry.

Our club has worked tirelessly throughout the year at many events you will see highlighted in the remainder of the annual. They embraced new challenges and turned them into opportunities and they laid the next layer of foundation that will propel the club to new heights in 2017-2018. Jennifer, Kara, Miranda, Alex, Gilbert, Savannah, and Lexi should be commended on an outstanding job serving as student leaders, and more importantly as the pillars of academic success and true passion we hope our members strive to model themselves after. I would be remiss to not mention one person who does everything to advance the club – Andi Halberg. Without your continued expertise and willingness to help at every turn the club would not be able to accomplish all it does. Also, thank you to my fellow advisors Dr. Tom Burkey, Dr. Benny Mote, and Dr. Ty Schmidt for continually facilitating excellence amongst our members.

Most importantly, congratulations to Mr. Doug Brand on being selected as this year's Block and Bridle Honoree. Your passion for agriculture, its people, and its future deserves more recognition than we can hope to give. As a UNL alumnus and past Block and Bridle officer, you give our students something to aspire to. I cannot fathom how many lives you and Gail have impacted over the years, but I am certain that all are grateful for the time and dedication you have shown. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for Nebraska agriculture.

The agriculture landscape is continually changing which presents new opportunities for our young people. I challenge all members to become a part of those opportunities early. There is so much this club can accomplish going forward and with your help and participation, Block and Bridle will continue to be a capstone experience. Broaden your horizons, expect more of yourselves, and continue to display the leadership quality and awareness that makes you all great. With the opportunities at our doorstep, I am confident that Block and Bridle will continue to build the future leaders of agriculture in Nebraska and across the country.

It will continue to be a pleasure to serve as an advisor for this club moving forward. We are all excited for what is yet to come and are thankful for the continued time, support, and action each member puts into making this organization great.

Sincerely,



Brad Bennett
Senior Advisor, UNL Block and Bridle

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2017 Block and Bridle Honoree

Doug Brand



Doug Brand of Seward will be recognized as the newest University of Nebraska–Lincoln Block and Bridle honoree.

The Block and Bridle Club focuses on building leaders in the livestock and meat industries. The award recognizes those who have contributed to Nebraska agriculture through leadership, service, youth projects, community activities and involvement with the university.

Brand is the vice president of the agriculture lending division of Jones National Bank and Trust Co. in Seward. Beyond his professional role, he has established a long record of promoting animal agriculture in Nebraska through his leadership. Brand has been a 4-H leader for 18 years and a member of the Seward County 4-H Foundation Board since its inception over a decade ago. He actively assists 4-H and FFA students find calves to develop for their fair projects.

In addition, Brand has been a member of the Seward County Agricultural Society for 39 years, and currently serves as secretary of the board. He coordinates all programming for the Seward County Fair. Brand has also served on the Nebraska State Fair Board for 24 years. In 2009, he and his wife Gail, were the lead chair-couple for the Cattlemen’s Ball near Milford. Among the awards and recognitions Brand has received over the years are the Nebraska Fair Person of the Year Award and the National Heritage Award for service to fairs and expositions, which he received in 2013. In 2012 he was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement and in 2013 was inducted into the UNL Builders Association.

Brand graduated from UNL in 1973 with a degree in animal science. As a student, he served as annual editor, treasurer and president of the Block and Bridle Club. He was also a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Honoree Tour

Students traveled to Jones Bank and Trust Co. in Seward on March 31st to meet Doug to learn more about his career and passion for agriculture. At the bank we were greeted by Doug and his wife, Gail. We settled into a conference room and began a journey down memory lane. Doug shared stories with us about his time at UNL and events he did within Block and Bridle. He even brought along the Block and Bridle annuals from his years of being a member in Block and Bridle along with personal photo albums. Members enjoyed sorting through and seeing how things had changed with time with events like Block and Bridle Queen no longer being an event, but some events have remained a staple of the organization.

After looking through Doug's photos and getting footage shot for the honoree video at the bank, Doug and Gail graciously invited the members to join them for lunch. During lunch, the conversation flipped and Doug and Gail began asking us questions inquiring about our journey through college and career goals. Fully recharged after a delightful meal at La Carreta, Doug took the students down to a huge source of pride for Seward, the fairgrounds.

Doug played an integral role in helping get the updates to the county fairgrounds to happen. He said the board is actively still looking for ways to continue modifying the grounds to better serve the public. He explained how the board was strategic in choosing where to spend the funds on improvements, investing first in remodeling and even adding additional multipurpose buildings. The logic being these buildings can be used year round by the public to hold various gatherings (weddings, family reunions, graduations, etc.) but to do so, a small rental charge must be paid. By approaching the improvements in this manner more people can utilize the fairgrounds for their own enjoyment beyond the county fair. After receiving a tour of the facilities at the Seward County Fairgrounds the students thanked Doug and Gail for their time and departed back to the university.



Seward County Fair Grounds.

Left to Right: Gilbert Seck, Lexi Ostrand, Callie Rathjen, Doug Brand, Gail Brand, Jennifer Posthuma, and Kara Riggle

Past Honorees 1938-1962



1938

Ashton Shallenberger



1938

Samuel McKelvie



1938

Everett Buckingham



1939

Bruce McCulloch



1940

Sam Hudson



1941

Edgar A. Burnett



1942

Elmer E. Youngs



1947

Arthur Thompson



1948

Leunis Van Es



1949

Delmer Anderson



1950

Sam R. McKelvie



1951

W. Marshall Ross



1952

Henry Mousel



1952

Robert Mousel



1953

E. Z. Russell



1954

Albert Hultine



1955

Charles J. Warner



1956

Edwin Belsky



1957

Andrew D. Majors



1958

William J. Loeffel



1959

Byron P. Demorest



1959

James S. Kreycik



1960

Marvel L. Baker



1961

Harry Knabe



1962

Parr Young

1963-1985 Past Honorees



1963
D. V. Spohn



1964
Earl Monahan



1965
Russell Kendall



1966
M. A. Alexander



1966
George Young



1967
Willard Waldo



1968
Henry Klosterman



1969
Glenn Lewis



1970
Edward Janike



1970
Otto H. Liebers



1971
Forrest S. Lee



1972
Joseph Watson



1973
Guy McReynolds



1974
Howard Pitzer



1975
Harold Stevens



1976
Archie White



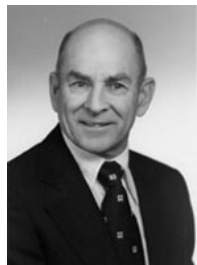
1977
Melvin Kuska



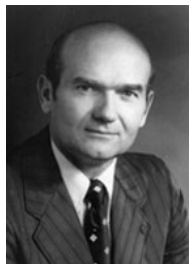
1978
W. Eugene Flynn



1979
Wesley Hansen



1980
J. Gerald Beatie



1981
Merlyn Carlson



1982
H. Eugene Schroeder



1983
Richard Sorensen



1984
Lloyd Bevans



1985
Julian Canaday

Past Honorees 1986-2010



1986
Jack Maddux



1987
Harry Hart



1988
James Robert



1989
John Klosterman



1990
Robert Ahlschwede



1991
James Volk



1992
R. B. Warren



1993
Roger Wehrbein



1994
Jerry Adamson



1995
James Wolfe



1996
Max Waldo



1997
Richard Shinn



1998
Robert Volk



1999
David Hamilton



2000
Harry Knobbe



2001
Sallie Atkins



2002
Frank Bruning



2003
Max Kimmerling



2004
Frank Sibbert



2005
Robert Dickey



2006
Sherman Berg



2007
Al Svajr



2008
Jay Wolf



2009
Homer Buell



2010
Vance Uden

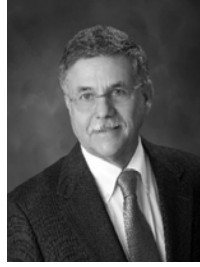
2011-2016 Past Honorees



2011
Paul Engler



2012
Bill Luckey



2013
Bill Dicke



2014
Mark Jagels



2015
William "Bill" Rishel



2016
Ann Marie Bosshamer

Animal Science Faculty



Clint Krehbiel



Don Adams



Kathy Anderson



Brad Bennett



Dennis Brink



Tom Burkey



Dennis Burson



Chris Calkins



Dan Ciobanu



Kim Clark



Archie Clutter



Andrea Cupp



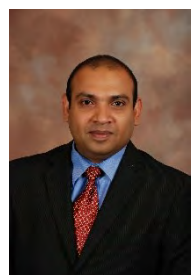
Mary Drewnowski



Rob Eirich



Galen Erickson



Samodha Fernando



Rick Funston



Ronnie Green



Deb Hamernik



Charles Hibberd



Lori Jaixen



Karla Jenkins



Steve Jones



Lisa Karr



Rick Koelsch

Animal Science Faculty



Paul Kononoff



Ron Lewis



Lena Luck



Matthew Luebbe



James MacDonald



Phillip Miller



Gota Morota



Benny Mote



Jessica Petersen



Sheila Purdum



Rick Rasby



Bryan Reiling



Amy Schmidt



Ty Schmidt



Matt Spangler



Rick Stowell



Gary Sullivan



Andrea Watson



Brett White



Jack Whittier



Jennifer Wood



Dustin Yates

Block and Bridle Club Members

Rachelle Allen
Benjamin Barelman
Sheldon Beierman
Erin Blucher
Michael Borgelt
Nathan Bracht
Allison Brockman
Kurt Burken
Shelby Cammack
Cassandra Carpenter
Elizabeth Cast
Linsey Celesky
Fina Choat
Emily Critser
Megan Coan
Kailey Conway
Alex Cumming
Cassidy Curtis
Morgan Cuttlers
Sara Dannehl
Colten Drake
Morgan Eggleston
Haley Ehrke
Hannah Esch
Colin Fellhoelter
Austin Freeman
Scott Gates
Emily Gill
Erika Harms
Gavin Harsh
Blair Hartman
Morgan Hansen
Holly Heil
Hannah Helms
Jeremy Henkel
Tara Hestermann

Justin Hodgson
Austin Holliday
Michaela Horn
Brook Hoyt
Spencer Ingles
Madison Jones
Natalie Jones
Alaina Kapla
Alexa Kapla
Jeffrey Katz
Zachary Kaup
Marissa Kegley
Dawn Klabenes
Eric Klitz
Anna Kobza
Maddison Korthas
Ronald Kramer
Amanda Lambrecht
Tyler Lehan
Sophia Lentfer
Cadrien Livingston
Alex Medina
Brent Miller
Heidi Miller
Shalyn Miller
Megan Murdoch
Abby Nelson
Kurt Nelson
Spencer Noble
Katelin Oborny
Lexi Ostrand
Mary Paul
Rudy Pooch
Charmayne Popp
Jennifer Posthuma
Tyler Prosocki

Susan Rasmussen
Brigitte Rathey
Gregory Rechberger
Rebecca Reicks
Kara Riggle
Shelby Riggs
Wayde Rodehorst
Haley Rogers
Elizabeth Ruskamp
Keeley Russman
Lindsey Sabatka
Chase Samuelson
Jessilyn Sayers
Savannah Schafer
Chrisinda Scheideler
Amanda Schmohr
David Schuler
Taylor Schultz
Trevor Schultz
Ryan Schroeder
Baily Schroeder
Gilbert Seck
Joseph Sonderman
Blake Stengel
Ashtyn Strewsbury
Sheridan Swotek
Elizabeth Thiltges
Sarah Thiltges
Reese Tuckwiller
Austin Underwood
Monica Wasielewski
Jane Werner
Ethan Wilke
Mikaela Wilshusen
Miranda Wordekemper
Shelby Ziegler

Block and Bridle Club Officers



From left to right: Kara Riggle (Vice President), Miranda Wordekemper (Secretary), Alex Medina (Treasurer), Lexi Ostrand (Ambassador), Savannah Schafer (Marshall), Jennifer Posthuma (President), and Gilbert Seck (Historian).



Brad Bennet
Senior Advisor



Dr. Tom Burkey



Dr. Benny Mote



Dr. Ty Schmidt

Secretary's Report

This year, Block and Bridle members have been busy with events, mingling with one another, faculty and staff, and learning more about the animal science industry. We kicked off the fall semester with the officer team recruiting new members at the Big Red Welcome and East Campus Welcome Back Club Fairs where we had many students interested in the club. Also within the first month of the school year, we helped with the Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Pit at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island where we served meals and bussed tables, as well as with our annual Steak Fry that was held at the Animal Science Complex, which was another hit with serving steak dinners to attendees. New initiates were welcomed with a week of fun-filled activities to allow current members and initiates to mingle and get to know one another. A little friendly competition in meat and livestock judging practices and competitions were also held this fall. The fall semester was rounded out with our annual Holiday Gathering to show our appreciation for the Animal Science faculty and staff, as well as our holiday party that was filled with minute-to-win-it games, an ugly Christmas sweater contest, a white elephant gift exchange, and Raising Cane's.

The spring semester was also packed with opportunities for members to plan and participate in. Due to an unexpected blizzard and ice storm, the industry tour to Kansas and Oklahoma, that was planned for January, was canceled. We brought back Little AKSARBEN for all students to partake in, and contestants could break and show sheep, hogs, and/or horses. Despite the unfavorable and unpredictable weather conditions in February, our second annual Porkfest still had a good turn-out. Porkfest included the bacon eating contest once again, but we limited the amount of bacon to one pound and set a time limit of five minutes. We also added speaker Trent Loos from the radio show 'Loos Tails' to the event this year and many found him down to earth and relatable. Members also attended Lincoln Public School's Science Fair where we had a booth to walk students through the process of where the components for cheeseburgers come from as well as animal plinko. Several days later, many of the members traveled to the state fairgrounds in Grand Island to put on the Big Red Beef Show which included exhibitors from several states.

As you can see, Block and Bridle has had another successful year with the help of our advisors Brad Bennett, Dr. Tom Burkey, Dr. Benny Mote, and Dr. Ty Schmidt and other Animal Science faculty and staff.

It has been an honor serving as Block and Bridle Club Secretary this year, which not only permitted me to grow as a leader and to learn along the way, but also allowed me to get to know members better. I highly encourage every member to remain involved in Block and Bridle and continue to take advantage of opportunities the club offers.



Respectfully Submitted,

Miranda Wordekemper
2016-2017 Block and Bridle Club Secretary

Treasurer's Report

University of Nebraska- Lincoln Block and Bridle		
Treasurer's Report		
April 6, 2017		
	Expenses	Income
Big Red Welcome	\$232.73	\$0.00
Dues	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Steak Fry	\$630.82	\$2,895.70
Initiates Week	\$299.24	\$0.00
Holiday Gathering	\$154.83	\$0.00
Christmas Party	\$195.43	\$0.00
Little Aksarben	\$227.67	\$745.50
Porkfest	\$1,769.34	\$3,081.20
Big Red Beef Show	\$5,645.29	\$9,820.00
National Convention	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Banquet	---	---
General Meeting	\$966.47	\$0.00
Total	\$12,121.82	\$18,242.40
Balance Ending 4/6 General		\$16,817.00
Balance Ending 4/6 Collegiate Cattlemen		\$12,935.67
Balance Ending 4/6 Scholarships		\$1,840.00
Balance Ending 4/6 Total		\$31,592.67

This year was a very successful year for Block and Bridle. We helped raise a lot of funds for new and past activities. Moving forward, we will be purchasing a grill for the clubs use as well as raise more funds for scholarships in the future. This year, our top three fundraising events were Big Red Beef Show, Steak Fry, and Porkfest. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous donations. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the future.



Best,

Alex Medina

2016-2017 Block and Bridle Club Treasurer

Historians Comments

It has been a pleasure serving as the club historian this year. It has been really interesting to go through our club's past annuals and learn about the activities and traditions that become very popular in this club since the beginning in 1919. One of these events would have to be Little AKSARBEN which was last held in the Fall of 2011. We decided to bring this event back and hold it in this spring to allow the club to plan and prepare for continuing Little AKSARBEN in the fall for many years to come. Continuing to look at the past involvement in the club, we are honoring Mr. Doug Brand as the 2017 Block and Bridle Honoree. In his time here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he was the Annual Editor when the club first started creating club annuals in 1970, as well as the club Treasurer and the President in the following years.

I would like to take a moment to thank our advisors Brad Bennett, Dr. Tom Burkey, Dr. Benny Mote, and Dr. Ty Schmidt for their insight and leadership to our officer team and as well as to the club. A huge thank you to Andi Hallberg for all of her work helping the officer team organize club events, as well as Clyde Naber and Brent Johnson for helping us with the set up of many events. Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, and club members for all contribution to the club. Finally, to all who provide donations to the club, we thank you for your support, and we hope to maintain strong connections so that future members in the club may have similar opportunities .

In reflecting upon words said by Trent Loos, show up and become involved. This club provides the opportunity for members to learn about diverse industries related to animal science and as I have I heard from a few individuals this year, they are now working with a different species of livestock or another career than what they had originally intended. Trent Loos also stressed the importance of creativity and how it may be different for everyone, but to be comfortable taking the road less traveled to get to the same destination. It might be harder, but in the end, you will have a different perspective when you arrive.

I would finally like to thank my fellow officers for helping me take pictures at events and write many of the articles in the annual.



With Regards,

Gilbert Seck

2016-2017 Block and Bridle Club Historian

Senior Spotlights



Elizabeth Cast

Graduating: May 2017

Major: Animal Science

Minor: Ag. Business

Parents: Jeff and Kathy Cast

Hometown: Beaver Crossing, Nebraska

Offices Held/Event Chairs:

Favorite Aspect of the club: getting to meet people that share the same interests in agriculture

Future Plans: Working in extension

Gavin Harsh

Graduating: May 2017

Major: Animal Science

Minor: Ag Economics

Parents: Pam and Doug Harsh

Hometown: Bartley, Ne

Offices Held/Event Chairs: B and B Vice-President and Collegiate Cattlemen President

Favorite Aspect of the club. Surrounded by a community of others who have the same passion for agriculture.

Future Plans: Return back to the family farm and sell Amerifax cattle.

Advice to Young Members: Get actively involved and push yourself to make connections at all levels of the industry.

Other: I've enjoyed my time here at UNL, but being involved with Block and Bridle and Collegiate Cattlemen has greatly impacted my experience!



Hannah Helms

Graduating: May 2017

Major: Ag Economics

Minor: Animal Science

Parents: Randy Helms and Trudy Scott

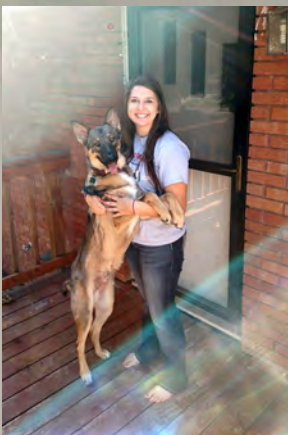
Hometown: Holbrook, NE

Offices Held/Event Chairs: Collegiate Cattlemen officer for 2 years, Big Red Beef Show chair for 2 years.

Favorite Aspect of the club. My favorite part of the club is being able to network with a lot of industry professionals as well as my peers. I also really look forward to going on industry tours and expanding my knowledge in many areas.

Future Plans: After graduation in May, I plan to return to the family cattle business and show cattle at various progress shows as well as the Junior National Hereford Expo in Louisville, KY.

Advice to Young Members: My advice would be to get as involved as possible. It may seem tedious and boring at times, but in the end you will be glad you got to experience all that the club has to offer.



Senior Spotlights



Alex Medina

Graduating: December 2017

Major: Agribusiness- Banking and Finance

Parents: Linda Medina (grandmother)

Hometown: Fairbury, NE

Offices Held/Event Chairs: 2016-2017 Treasurer, 2015-2017 Porkfest Chair

Favorite Aspect of the club: Block and Bridle focuses on students and what the students can learn from the club and the industry.

Future Plans: Summer 2017, banking Internship with First National Bank of Fairbury

Advice to Young Members: Never let an opportunity pass you by. Always take on as much as you can, you may regret it during the process, but when it's all said and done, you did it!

Jennifer Posthuma

Graduating: May 2017

Major: Animal Science - Meat Science

Minor: Agribusiness, Food Science & Technology

Parents: Brian and Marcia Posthuma

Hometown: Fox Lake, Wisconsin

Offices Held/Event Chairs: Marshall 2015-2016, President 2016-2017

Favorite Aspect of the Club: Block and Bridle members are really fun people, so being able to get to know them and being able to laugh a lot with them at our events is the best part of B&B.

Future Plans: Operations Trainee at Smithfield Foods

Advice to Young Members: Sometimes good opportunities are presented to you, but more often than not, you need to seek out the best opportunities, so don't be afraid to ask for those opportunities.



Susan Renee Rasmussen

Graduating: May 2017

Major: Animal Science – Meat Science Emphasis

Parents: Gary and Charlotte, Rasmussen

Hometown: Elba, NE

Offices Held/Event Chair: Active Member

Favorite Aspect of the Club: Meetings, Group Activities, Steak Fry, and Big Red Beef Show.

Future Plans: A career in the fresh meats industry working as a Food Safety Quality Assurance manager.

Advice to Young Members:

- You are never too old to learn,
- You are never too old to change,
- You are never too old to set another goal, and
- You are never too old to dream a new dream.



Kara Riggle

Entering Professional Veterinary Program

Major: Animal Science – Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Parents: Kevin and Kristina Riggle

Hometown: Endicott, NE

Offices Held/Event Chairs: Ambassador 2015-2016; Vice President 2016-2017

Favorite Aspect of the Club: Networking with industry leaders and public relations events to help be a voice for the producer.

Future Plans: To start in the Nebraska/Iowa State Professional Veterinary School in the Fall of 2017. Upon graduation I hope to return to Nebraska to practice mainly large animal medicine.

Advice to Young Members: Take advantage of the opportunities that college has to offer regardless of the price tag because no amount of money will ever be able to buy back missed opportunities.



Miranda Wordekemper

Graduating: December 2017

Major: Animal Science Pre-Vet Option

Minor: Agribusiness Entrepreneurship

Parents: Jeff and Sharon Wordekemper

Hometown: Indianola, NE

Offices Held/Event Chairs: 2016-2017 Secretary and Industry Tour Chair

Favorite Aspect of the club: I have enjoyed making lifelong friends that share passions similar to mine and meeting professionals in the industry.

Future Plans: My plan is to attend Veterinary School to obtain my D.V.M. and then to work at a rural, mixed animal practice.

Advice to Young Members: Don't be in a big rush to finish college; savor the experiences that accompany your journey!



Collegiate Cattlemen

Collegiate Cattlemen has had a tremendous year and has made its mark as a sub-interest group of Block and Bridle. In our fourth year of existence, we have finally found our role to positively impact the members of Block and Bridle.

We started the year as usual getting our hands dirty and helping with the State Fair unloading and loading trailers. Generally, it's hard to get members involved with this event, but this year's membership has been outstanding and we've had the most people volunteering since our founding. We officially kicked the year off by bringing Jacob Mayer of Settje Agri-Services to our October meeting. Jacob discussed how heat stress costs the feeding industry and the ways that we can prevent stress through management practices. We took what we learned from Jacob's presentation and used it on our industry tour. Loseke Feeders of Columbus brought us in and discussed several key issues in the beef industry. We also stopped at Jindra Angus in Clarkson to get a briefing on what is happening at the seed-stock level to impact our commercial cattlemen.

Moving into December several members had the opportunity to attend the Nebraska Cattlemen's Annual Convention. The convention is a great time for us to meet and interact with the leaders of our industry. This year, 18 people had the opportunity to meet and greet district representatives, faculty, and other members of Nebraska Cattlemen. Several members had positive comments and want to get more involved next year with the convention.

This year brought new ambitions for the officers to invite leaders of the beef industry to our meetings. Our February meeting featured Andrew Uden from Quantified Ag, Tyler Hartwell from Bayer Animal Health, and Jessica Herrmann from Nebraska Cattlemen. The round table discussion provided tons of great information and knowledge to our members.

All in all, this year has been a great year for Collegiate Cattlemen and is on pace to make a difference in our members' college experience. Our goal is to positively impact members to make them more educated, provide connections, and finally create the next generation of leaders. It has been a pleasure serving as president of such a great interest group and I foresee a bright future in the coming years.



Future Pork Leaders

Future Pork Leaders members started out the year by traveling to Ulysses, Nebraska to attend an open house at Union Farms, showcasing their new barn. We toured an operation owned by a past Block and Bridle officer, Lukas Fricke. Lukas was able to show us their new nursery that his family built and learned about new technology that their family is using.

Furthermore, during the November Block and Bridle meeting, members listened to Leslie McCuiston from Maschhoffs, LLC, one of the leaders in the swine industry. Leslie explained about opportunities within their company and how young farmers and ranchers can start in the industry by raising pigs for a company like Maschhoffs, LLC.

Finally, before the end of the year, the Future Pork Leaders plan to meet with representatives from Pillen Family Farms to learn more about their successful operation. Members are looking forward to having a greater presence on campus in the next few years with more opportunities to meet with professionals from different aspects of the swine industry, to learn more about emerging technology and research, and to tour more facilities involved in providing pork for consumers' plates.



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Calendar of Events

<p>Welcome Back Club Fairs August 21 & 25</p> 	<p>Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit August 27</p> 	<p>Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit August 27</p> 	<p>Judging Contest September 27</p> 	<p>Steak Fry September 9</p> 	<p>Steak Fry September 9</p> 
<p>DEFY GRAVITY THE MASCHHOFFS Innovative Farming - Family Style</p> 	<p>Initiates Week September 12-16</p> 	<p>Agvocates November 10</p> 	<p>Faculty Holiday Gathering December 5</p> 	<p>Club Holiday Party December 10</p> 	<p>Club Holiday Party December 10</p> 
<p>Dr. Clint Krehbiel February 10</p> 	<p>Little AKSARBEN February 10</p> 	<p>Agvocates November 10</p> 	<p>Faculty Holiday Gathering December 5</p> 	<p>Porkfest Trent Loos February 24</p> 	<p>Porkfest Trent Loos February 24</p> 
<p>LPS Kids Day March 2</p> 	<p>Big Red Beef Show March 3 - 4</p> 	<p>Agvocates November 10</p> 	<p>Faculty Holiday Gathering December 5</p> 	<p>National Convention Washington D.C. March 31-April 2</p> 	<p>National Convention Washington D.C. March 31-April 2</p> 

Welcome Back Club Fairs



The Block and Bridle officers started their school year off by recruiting new members at the Big Red Welcome, held straight east of Memorial Stadium on August 21st, as well as at the East Campus Welcome Back Fair, held north of the east campus union on August 25th. During these two events, the officers had the opportunity to speak to numerous interested individuals about the opportunities offered through Block and Bridle, including what the club stands for, the various events that the club partakes in and puts on, and the two subgroups: Collegiate Cattleman and Future Pork Producers. If the individuals were interested, the officers had them sign their name and contact information in a notebook so that they could be added to our contact list. The officers also handed out animal crackers with a label that gave more information regarding when and where the first meeting was, and how the individual could bring that wrapper back to the first meeting and exchange it for a prize. The officer team was excited about the 103 total individuals that signed up and showed an interest in joining Block and Bridle and they look forward to this upcoming year.



Beef Pit

This year Block and Bridle took 17 students to the Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Pit at the 2016 Nebraska State Fair. Members traveled to Grand Island to help take orders, serve meals, bus tables, and clean up at the end of the night. This event also helped members reconnect after the long summer months and network with



the Nebraska Cattlemen and public. New members generously volunteered to help before officially joining the club as well. We look forward to continuing this relationship with the Nebraska Cattlemen.

Back L-R Nicholas Herrera, Spencer Noble, Emily Gill, Austin Holliday, Brigitte Rathey, Jennifer Posthuma, and Gilbert Seck. Middle L-R: Susan Rasmussen, Kailey Conway, Krista Carter, Kelsey Scheer, and Kara Riggle. Front L-R Jessilyn Sayers, Alex Medina, Lexi Ostrand, Ashtyn Shrewsbury, and Miranda Wordekemper.



Steak Fry

The Block and Bridle Club began its year with the 18th Annual Steak Fry which was held on September 9, 2016, in the Animal Science Complex. This year we had a record breaking attendance with 330 people even with wet and rainy weather. The dinner was served up by the Animal Science Faculty and staff and consisted of a steak, a baked potato, baked beans, a cookie, and a drink. Cargill, once again donated all of the steaks, and Dicke Consulting, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Corn Board, and Nebraska Farm Bureau provided monetary donations, which helped with the cost of supplies and food.

A special thanks goes out to Clyde Naber for helping us get the tables and chairs set up, helping serve food, and by also helping us clean up afterwards. Furthermore with the help of our volunteers and sponsors, this year's Steak Fry was a success and we're looking forward to doing it again next year.

Chairs of the event were Alex Media and Gilbert Seck.



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Judging Contest

The Block and Bridle Club hosted the Livestock and Meat Judging Contest on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the Animal Science Complex. The purpose of the judging contest is to encourage students of all majors to test out their livestock and meats judging abilities, while competing alongside those with collegiate experience. We had two divisions for the contest; those whom had previously judged at a collegiate level, and those whom had not. We had five students with collegiate experience and eight students without, compete in this years contest. We began the contest with the meats judging, which consisted of five classes including beef carcasses, beef short-loins, lamb carcasses, pork loins, and sliced bacon. On the livestock side of the contest, the contestants judged a total of four classes of livestock including two classes of market steers, market lambs, and market hogs. At the end of the contest, contestants had to answer five sets of questions over three meat classes and two livestock classes. Refreshments and cookies were provided to the competitors following the competition.



Scholarships were awarded to the top competitors in each division. We would like to thank Jessica Lancaster and Brad Bennet for being our official judges, as well as those who facilitated the event. Placing in the novice division were Gilbert Seck, first and Dusty Chandler, second. Nicholas Herrera received first in the collegiate division.



Contestant Winners

Left to Right: Nicholas Herrera, Dusty Chandler, and Gilbert Seck



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Initiates Week

For member recruitment, Block and Bridle holds a traditional Initiation Week for new members. The Block and Bridle Club set up four events for the initiates to experience, which included a scavenger hunt throughout East Campus, a fun night at Defy Gravity, a grill-out night at the Animal Science Complex, and a livestock judging clinic put on by Brad Bennett. Initiates who completed the Scavenger Hunt first were rewarded with a pizza party. The purpose of these events was to help students become more comfortable with East Campus and have fun with other initiates throughout the week!



Outstanding Paddle Designs (Left to Right)

1st: Sarah Dannehl

2nd: Justin Hodgson

3rd: Rudy Pooch

November Speakers

We were very fortunate to have Leslie McCuiston from The Maschhoffs and Josh Hargis, from Agvocates for Exceptional Individuals, come and speak at our November Meeting. The Mashhoffs is a fifth generation family-owned hog production network, partnering with nearly 550 family farms in the Midwest. Leslie spoke about swine management, nutrient recycling with manure, and career opportunities within the company. Josh works with special needs children and uses interactive livestock projects to allow them the ability to connect to what they are learning in school. He shared an experience with a 14 year old boy who had autism. This boy was quiet and never interacted, but when the class went on a trip out to the animal barn, this student began to engage with a pig. Soon the boy had a greater learning capacity, and after two months, he began to comb his own hair because had learned how to brush the pig's hair in class.



Leslie McCuiston



Josh Hargis

Faculty Holiday Gathering

The purpose of Holiday Gathering is a way for the club to show appreciation to the animal science faculty and staff for all the work they do throughout the year for the club from attending our events, sponsoring and even aiding to facilitate events. Block and Bridle members prepped over 150 breakfast burritos the night prior to the event in the animal science kitchen. We then returned bright and early at 6AM to reheat the burritos to be served that morning. Besides burritos, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice were also provided to round out the menu. Over 50 faculty and staff members attended the event in the Animal Science Hub and took the opportunity to sit and have conversation with the members.

The chair of this event was Kara Riggle.



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December Holiday Gathering

Block and Bridle holds a traditional December Holiday Gathering for all members. The Block and Bridle Club set up minute to win it games, an ugly sweater contest, and a gift exchange for members. This allowed members to take a break from studying and enjoy some fun within Block and Bridle. The ugly sweater contest was pretty heated and was hard for the judges just to choose three winners. The top four winners of the ugly sweater contest were Alex Medina, Katie Nolles, Marissa Kegley, and Gilbert Seck. All had a great time and we hope to continue this tradition next year.

Savannah Schafer was the chair of the club's Holiday Gathering.



Ugly Sweater Contest

Left to Right: Gilbert Seck, Ronald Kramer, Alaina Kapla, Alex Medina, Miranda Wordekemper, Dawn Klabenes, Tyler Prosocki, Katie Nolles, Mirissa Kegley, Sheldon Beierman, Jennifer Posthuma, and Lexi Ostrand.



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February Speaker

We were excited to have the new Animal Science Department Head, Dr. Clinton Krehbiel, come and present at our club meeting in February. He spoke about his journey in the animal science industry and how he came to be at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. From bull riding and draft horse training in his younger days to graduating with a doctorate from UNL and joining the Ruminant Nutrition Faculty at Oklahoma



State University, Dr. Krehbiel is well versed in animal science. This was a great opportunity for students to get to know Dr. Krehbiel in a relaxed setting.



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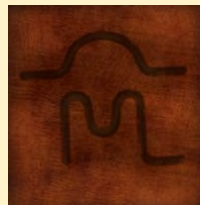
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Little AKSARBEN

It is really exciting to bring back Little AKSARBEN to the Block and Bridle Club. The last time this event was held by the club was during the fall semester of 2011. Little AKSARBEN is a livestock showmanship competition for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who have shown livestock in FFA or 4-H, and also for students who do not have any experience showing livestock, but are interested in competing.

In deciding to start this event back up, we chose to move it to the spring semester to allow the event committee enough time to plan out the event. We selected sheep, hogs, and horses as the three species to show, and allowed students to show any of the three species of their choice, showing in either the novice or experienced divisions across the board for the entire show. We would have liked to have cattle to show, but due to the contest being held in the spring, we did not have access to show cattle.

We had students pull a number out of a hat to determine which animal would be theirs to work with. We had the sheep and the hogs numbered with ear tags and the horses were each assigned a number. A total of 20 students participated and showed a total of 12 sheep, 13 hogs, and 8 horses. The students were allowed to work with their animals every day during the week for two weeks. During the first week, we held short clinics on teaching students how to show their animals, as well as tips and techniques on how to outshine the competition. The show was held on Friday, February 10, 2017, in the R.B. Warren Arena in the Animal Science Complex.



Little AKSARBEN Contestants

Left to Right: Gilbert Seck, Alex Meduna, Morgan Hanson, Annie Kinnaman, Keeley Russman, Emily Critzer, Michaela Horn, Lexi Ostrand, and Kurt Nelson.

Contestants not picture include Rachelle Allen, Jessica Fritson, Kodi Gehl, Aaron Hemme, Maddison Korthas, Ronald Kramer, Mary Lewandowski, Callie Rathjen, Sarah Schuelke, Sarah Thilges, and Miranda Wordekemper

Showmanship Competition



We asked three UNL Alumni, including Scott Brady, Dustin Renken, and Ryan Hassebrook, to come and judge the species being shown. Scott Brady is associated with the Knights of AKSARBEN Foundation and he was our judge for the hog show. Dustin Renken was our horse judge, and was a member of the equestrian team, as well as a competitor in the last Little AKSARBEN held in 2011. Finally, Ryan Hassebrook was selected as our sheep judge. We were very fortunate to have the judges take time out of their schedule on a Friday afternoon to come and judge at our event.

We really could not have made this event possible if it was not for our committee, as well as Brent Johnson and the student workers who took care of the animals, tagged the sheep and hogs, and sheared the sheep for the competition.

Jennifer Posthuma and Gilbert Seck were the Co-Chairs for this event.



Division Champions and Runner-Ups

Novice Sheep:

- 1st Miranda Wordekemper
- 2nd Annie Kinnaman

Expert Sheep:

- 1st Keeley Russman
- 2nd Lexi Ostrand

Novice Hogs:

- 1st Morgan Hansen
- 2nd Gilbert Seck

Expert Hogs:

- 1st Keeley Russman
- 2nd Lexi Ostrand

Novice Horses

- 1st Alex Medina
- 2nd Jessica Fritson

Expert Horses

- 1st Emily Critser
- 2nd Michaela Horn

Round Robin:

- 1st Lexi Ostrand
- 2nd Emily Critser

Porkfest

The 2nd Annual Porkfest held on February 24th was a hit, even though the weather was not nice. We had around 100 people brave the storm to come and enjoy pork loin sandwiches. Trent Loos from Loos Tales came to talk to the audience about advocating for agriculture and social media. In a world where people know too much information that is untrue, livestock producers need to be able to educate consumers by using creative methods.

Additionally, we had seven contestants in the bacon eating contest. Gilbert Seck representing the Block and Bridle Officer Team, won first place and Allison Brockman of Burr Hall won second place. We raised over \$2000 for this event thanks to our sponsors Tyson, Hormel Foods, Green Gable Contracting, Fast Genetics, Livingston Enterprises Inc., Schwartz Farms, Midwest Livestock Systems Inc., Pillen Family Farms, Swine Management Services, Nebraska Pork Producers, and Thomas Livestock Company. Thank you to our sponsors! A special thank you goes out to Clyde Naber for helping set up and clean up the event. We look forward to next year and years to come for Porkfest.

The Chair of this event was Alex Medina.



L.P.S. Kids Day

Block and Bridle held Kid's Day at the 22nd Annual Zoetis LPS GSK District Science Fair on Thursday, March 2, 2017. This event was held at the Lancaster Event Center and ran from 4-8pm. Fifth through eighth grade students participated in the science fair while their families and the rest of the community were invited to come join them in looking at the other exhibits and check out booths and activities provided by various groups. Block and Bridle members lead an activity that walked individuals through the ingredients of a hamburger including: wheat hamburger buns, pickles, lettuce, cheese, bacon, beef patty, tomatoes and ketchup. The idea was to explain how these ingredients start off on a farm and how they make it to an individual's plate. At the end of the activity, individuals were asked where they were from and if they could point it out on a map that showed where different agriculture products were produced throughout the state. This served as an excellent learning tool as individuals were able to compare the products produced in Lancaster County to the other counties in the state. The Block and Bridle members also set up the plinko board and allowed individuals to drop a coin and answer some questions about animal agriculture. As always, the science fair served as a wonderful way to educate numerous individuals about animal agriculture and get students excited about where their food comes from!



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Big Red Beef Show

The Big Red Beef Show was another successful year! Nearly 35 Block and Bridle and Collegiate Cattlemen members took part in facilitating the show. It was only a few years ago the show had 150 head and we now have grown that to 230 exhibited this year. A tremendous amount of dedication has been put forth to increase the quality of the show and reward our participants. Thus, we are continually looking for new ways to run the show smoother and provide larger payouts and awards.

A pleasant surprise this year was a tremendous increase in showmanship participants. Nearly 115 exhibited in showmanship for all three divisions combined. The show featured 136 breeding heifers and 94 market animals. Our judges this year were Eddie Sandberg and Jara Settles. Eddie is from Cortland, Kansas and he manages Jensen Herefords. Jara comes from the Kansas City where she is a lawyer for Shook, Hardy and Bacon LLP. Overall, we had a great show and are looking forward to next year!



National Convention

Four members of the University of Nebraska Block & Bridle Chapter attended the 97th National Block & Bridle Convention that was held March 31 – April 2, 2017, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, co-hosted by the University of Connecticut Block and Bridle Chapter and the American Society of Animal Science. The theme for this year's convention was "Scientific Voice in Agriculture."

Student member representatives of the chapter included Alex Medina, Miranda Wordekemper, Chrisinda Scheideler, and Ronald Kramer. On Friday, March 31, members attended the opening keynote presentation delivered by Dr. Debora Hamernik, ASAS President, and Dr. Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, ASAS which focused on the convention theme "Scientific Voice in Agriculture." Following the keynote presentation, students toured various D.C. monuments via bus, making stops at the U.S. Capitol, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. On Saturday, April 1, attendees toured farms unique to the eastern shore. The tour included stops at Madhouse Oyster Hatchery, University of Maryland Dairy Farm, Outstanding Dreams Alpaca Farm, and the Spocott Farm.



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Left to Right: Ronald Kramer, Miranda Wordekemper, Chisinda Scheideler, and Alex Medina

The program on Sunday, April 2, included a full day of educational sessions including:

Telling our story proactively: Speaking to the public, consumers and children (Janet Riley, North American Meat Institute)

Influencing Consumer Acceptance of Technology: The good, the bad and the ugly! (Aimee Hood, Monsanto)

Classic PR techniques to promote animal agriculture (Chuck Sanger)

Mark your calendars! In 2018, the 98th National Block & Bridle Convention will be held in Orlando, FL, and hosted by the University of Florida Block & Bridle chapter.

Dr. Thomas E. Burkey, Faculty

NE 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, and tour 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.



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 seed stock producers and allied industry representatives who share their knowledge and experiences with the students.



Meat Judging Team

The 2016 Senior Meat Judging Team consisted of Cheyann Lovett, Jennifer Posthuma, and Nicolas Herrera and coached by Sara Sieren and Jessica Lancaster. The team competed at the Hormel Barrow Show Meats Contest in Austin, MN, the Eastern in Wylausing, PA, American Royal Meat Judging Contest in Omaha, NE, High Plains Meat Judging Contest in Friona, TX and the International Meat Judging Contest in Dakota City, NE. Cheyann Lovett's fall accomplishments were 3rd in Lamb Judging (Eastern), 7th in Fresh Meats (Barrow Show), 8th in Placings (High Plains), 8th in Placings (Barrow Show), 9th High Individual (Barrow Show), 10th in Questions (Barrow Show). Jennifer Posthuma was 1st in Processed Meats (Barrow Show), 4th Placings (Barrow Show), 9th in Pork Judging (Royal), 10th in Beef Grading (Royal), and wrote the high set of beef carcass reasons at the International with a 48. Nicolas Herrera was 4th in Lamb Judging (High Plains), 6th in Placings (Royal).

The 2017 Junior Meat Judging Team consists of Renae Sieck, Sophia Lentfer, Ryan Schroeder, Hunter Schroeder, Brent Tenopir, and Keaton Lusche and was coached by Jessica Lancaster. This spring we traveled to the National Western Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in Greeley, Colorado, the Iowa State University Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in Ames, Iowa, and the Missouri Processed Meats Contest in Columbia, Missouri. At the National Western individual Renae Sieck received 3rd in Lamb Judging. At Iowa State, the team came away 7th overall, 5th in Pork Judging, 3rd in Total Placings, 5th in both Beef and Lamb Judging. Individual Brent Tenopir placed 7th in Beef Judging. Hunter Schroeder was 5th in total placings. At the Missouri Processed Meats Contest the team was tied for 3rd in the team activity and 5th overall. Individual Renae Sieck was 2nd in specifications. Keaton Lusche was 3rd in specifications. This spring the team will also travel to the South Eastern in Columbus, OH and Lexington, KY. The 2017 team will continue to travel to contests this fall.



Back: Sara Sieren, Dr. Ty Schmidt, and Jessica Lancaster.

Front: Cheyann Lovette, Nicholas Herrera, and Jennifer Posthuma.

Livestock Judging Team

The 2016 University of Nebraska Livestock Judging Team spent the better part of the year representing our department and university across the United States. Throughout the year, these individuals competed in 12 different contests, visited 12 different states, and traveled over 25,000 miles. They were afforded the opportunity to see some of the premier livestock in the country and better their professional development in decision making, communications, and teamwork.



Front: Railen Ripp (Kearney, NE); Tana Almand (Vinita, OK); Andrea Gurney (Huntley, WY); Rachel Johnson (Raymond, NE); Kinsey Freeman (Ast. Coach)

Middle: Brad Bennett; Gavin Harsh (Bartley, NE); Wyatt Williamson (Newark, IL); Pat Arkfeld (Asst. Coach)

Back: Reese Tuckwiller (Lewisburg, WV); Clay Roland (Greenfield, IN); Jefferson Keller (St. Paul, NE)

Throughout the year they displayed the utmost passion and worked tirelessly to perfect their craft. Beyond the awards and trophies, it is individuals like these that will be future leaders and excellent representatives of this program and the benefits of livestock judging. Their desire to succeed trumps most, and the University of Nebraska is proud to have had them as a part of the program in 2016. This team was coached by Mr. Brad Bennett with assistance from graduate students Ms. Kinsey Freeman and Mr. Patrick Arkfeld.

Results

National Western Stock Show (Denver, CO)

11th High Team Overall
 4th Sheep & Goats
 9th Reasons
 Andrea Gurney – 8th Sheep & Goats
 Jefferson Keller – 2nd High Carload Contest

Sioux Empire Farm Show (Sioux Falls, SD)

7th High Team Overall
 3rd Hogs
 6th Cattle
 5th Reasons

Nebraska Cattleman's Classic (Kearney, NE)

High Team Overall 5th Team Overall
 High Team Placings 3rd Reasons
 2nd Reasons
 Jefferson Keller – High Overall, 1st Placings, 10th Reasons
 Railen Ripp – 2nd Placings, 4th Overall
 Andrea Gurney – 7th Reasons
 Gavin Harsh – 3rd Placings
 Clay Roland – 5th Placings

San Antonio Livestock Expo (San Antonio, TX)

5th High Team Overall
 5th Cattle
 5th Hogs
 5th Reasons
 Clay Roland – 10th Cattle, 10th Hogs

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (Houston, TX)

15th High Team Overall
 3rd Goats
 Andrea Gurney – 5th Cattle
 Jefferson Keller – 4th Sheep/Goats

Flint Hills Classic (El Dorado, KS)

7th High Team Overall
 6th Cattle
 7th Hogs
 7th Reasons
 Jefferson Keller – 7th Hogs

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

5th High Team Overall
 5th Cattle
 4th Hogs
 5th Sheep/Goats
 5th Reasons

Tulsa State Fair (Tulsa, OK)

11th High Team
 6th Sheep & Goats

Premier Stockman (Frankfort, IN)

Railen Ripp – 3rd High Overall, 3rd Cattle,
 10th Hogs, 4th Reasons
 Clay Roland – 7th Sheep
 Reese Tuckwiller – 11th Overall, 11th Cattle

The American Royal (Kansas City, MO)

8th High Team Overall
 High Team Cattle
 6th Sheep & Goats
 7th Reasons
 Railen Ripp – 2nd Cattle

North American Livestock Expo (Louisville, KY)

4th High Team Overall
 6th Cattle
 High Team Hogs
 5th Sheep
 5th Reasons
 3rd Performance Cattle
 Jefferson Keller – High Perf. Cattle, 8th Hogs
 Andrea Gurney – 10th Sheep, 9th Reasons
 Railen Ripp – 8th Reasons



Meat Animal Evaluation

Alison Bartenslager – Lewisburg, WV

Krista Carter – Alliance, NE

Michaela Clowser – Seward, NE

Calvin DeVries – Fairfield, NE

Nicolas Herrera – Cologne, MN

Brenna Houseworth – Belle Rive, IL

Jesse Paxton – Tryon, NE

Tyler Pickinpaugh – Torrington, WY

Jennifer Posthuma – Fox Lake, WI

Kara Riggle – Endicott, NE

Jackie Schroeder – West Point, NE

Emily Whipple – Cambridge, NE

Ethan Wilke – Albion, NE

The National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest is a three-day competition that combines the principles of meats and livestock judging with real-world valuation of market animals, along with a basic understanding of current issues among the meat and livestock industries. The 2017 contest was held at Kansas State University April 2-4.

It is truly a capstone event that is as practical and industry-relevant as any competition UNL is a part of. This year's national competition included 13 teams and 131 individuals. In a competitive contest, UNL brought home a 5th place finish overall. This was highlighted by a 4th place finish beef evaluation and 4th in the breeding animal division. UNL also finished in the top 7 in the following categories: Market Animal Evaluation, Meats Evaluation, Sheep Evaluation, and Swine Evaluation. Tyler Pickinpaugh was 5th in the Breeding Division, Nicolas Herrera was 10th in Meats Evaluation, and Jesse Paxton was 12th Overall. More important than the rankings, participation on this team provides an opportunity for students interested in livestock production to better understand all aspects of the industry; from selection of breeding stock, to feeder calf grading, fat cattle, and carcass pricing. These experiences will hopefully provide a catalyst for their future career success in the livestock and meats industries. The team was coached by Brad Bennett, Jessica Lancaster, and Jefferson Keller.

The Brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho

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Academic Quadrathlon

The 2017 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition was conducted on Sunday, February 26. Three teams of four students competed in events including a lab practicum, written exam, and a quiz bowl.

The team of Kyle Regan, Amanda Lambrecht, and David Schuler were declared overall champions for the 2017 UNL Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon competition.

The champion team represented the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the Midwest Regional Academic Quadrathlon competition that was conducted on March 12 and 13, 2017 in conjunction with the American Society of Animal Science Midwest Sectional meetings in Omaha, NE. For the Midwest regional competition, Kyle Regan and Amanda Lambrecht, were joined by Austin Starr and Spencer French to complete the team. At the regional competition, the UNL team competed against 12 other institutions in events including a lab practicum, oral presentation, written exam, and quiz bowl.

Dr. Thomas E. Burkey, Faculty Coordinator



Left to Right: Amanda Lambrecht, Kyle Regan, Spencer French, and Austin Starr.

Horse Judging Team

The 2016 UNL Horse Judging Team had competed in three competitions the fall of 2016. The team consists of Rachel Sorensen a senior from Plainview Nebraska, Elli Dearmont a senior from Hickman NE, Kate Rawlinson a senior from Lincoln NE, and Caitlin Davis a junior from Waverly. The team practices over three days a week, and some weekends. The competitions entail, judging 12 classes, 8 performance, and 4 halter classes. The first contest was in Tulsa Oklahoma, for the Tulsa State fair. This is a warm up contest for the team. Rachel placed 6th in performance and they were 5th overall as a team. The second contest was a first for the judging team, Arabian Nationals held in Tulsa Oklahoma. Here Rachel was 9th in performance, Elli was 5th in halter, and 5th in reasons, Kate was 8th in halter, and Caitlin was 7th in reasons. The team was 2nd in reasons, 3rd in halter, performance, and 3rd place overall team. The last contest was the AQHA World Championships. In the Limited division, for halter Caitlin was 7th, and Elli 4th, for performance, Caitlin 10th, Kate 7th, and Elli 1st, for reasons Caitlin was 7th, and Elli 5th. Overall Caitlin was 6th and Elli was high individual. In the Senior College Racheal placed 5th in reasons. The team was coached by Dr. Kathy Anderson and Rebecca Gunderson, UNL graduate student.



Back: Becca Gunderson (Assistant Coach) and Kathy Anderson (Head Coach)

Front : Ellie Dearmont, Catlin Davis, Kate Rawlinson, and Rachel Sorensen

Equestrian Team

The UNL Equestrian Team, comprised of both a Western Team and Hunt Seat Team, competes in Zone 8, Region 5 through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. 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. It 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 are chosen by random drawing at the beginning of the show. The theory behind this structure is to equalize variables of the competition and test the horsemanship skills of contestants. Classes range from walk/trot for students with minimal riding experience 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. This year marks the 50th year since the founding of IHSA.

This year, the Huskers continued to carry on their legacy of success. The Western Team added another Regional Championship to the books, for the thirteenth consecutive year. With their Regional Championship, the Western Team will compete at Semi-Finals for a chance to continue on to Nationals for the eighth consecutive year. Junior Selena Finn was the Regional Western High Point Rider. In total, ten western riders and four hunt seat riders qualified for regionals individually. Western Regionals was hosted by Colby Community College where seven of our riders placed in the top two of their class. This moves them on to compete at Semi-Finals hosted by St. Andrews University for a chance to compete at Nationals. Hunt Seat Regionals was hosted by Colorado College where two of our riders placed in the top two of their classes, qualifying them to compete at Zones held at Stanford University for a chance to ride at Nationals.

The Husker Equestrian Team could not have this success without community support and fundraising. The team's philanthropy, Boo at the U, was successful and fun for everyone as the team dressed up horses,



dawned creative costumes, decorated the barn, and welcomed the community to share a common love for horses. The team also sold cookie dough and advertisements for its show programs, volunteered at Kimmel Orchard, and assisted the Nebraska Quarter Horse Association in running AQHA shows. Wish the Huskers luck as they ride for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through post-season competition!

Thank you to all who donate, contribute, and continue to support the Husker Equestrian Team!

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