

A gravel road winds through a grassy field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the landscape. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. The road is made of gravel and leads the eye towards the horizon.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Block & Bridle

“Nebraska Strong”

2019/2020 Annual

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Block & Bridle

History

On December 2, 1919 student representatives from four animal husbandry clubs met in Chicago, Illinois and formed the National Block and Bridle Club. The local clubs becoming chapters in the new national organization. Nebraska was a charter chapter along with Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. During this meeting, the chapters formed a constitution which included a statement of the club's objectives that have been revised over the years to read as follows:

- *To promote a higher scholastic standard and a more complete understanding of Animal Science among student members*
- *To promote animal agriculture through development of a program of activities that will supplement study of animal sciences in colleges and universities*
- *To enhance professionalism of students who will one day be leaders of 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 was built. Character, sincerity, and a moral life are asked of members when they are initiated into the Block and Bridle Club. These attributes are depicted in the straight vertical line of the "B". The distinct curves of the "B" are symbolic of social pleasure, mental health, and the determination of Block and Bridle members. The meat block and cleaver inside the top half of the "B" represents the material aspects of our life and our profession. The bridle in the bottom half of the "B" 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.



April 7, 2020

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

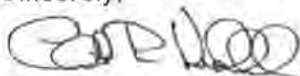
Welcome from the Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska! I am writing this year's letter from my kitchen table at home while our Block and Bridle Club members are learning remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this is an unusual spring semester, we are very proud of all of our students who have participated in Block and Bridle Club activities throughout the 2019-2020 academic year prior to the disruptions of COVID-19. Block and Bridle has a rich history and strong tradition, and I am proud that the University of Nebraska was one of the founding members of the National Block and Bridle Club. The purpose of the club is to promote a higher scholastic standard, increase understanding of animal agriculture, develop our future leaders, and to bring about a closer relationship among students. More than ever before, we are learning that a well-rounded education extends beyond the classroom, and Block and Bridle provides our students with the opportunity to grow. I encourage our students to set high goals and standards, take advantage of open doors, serve those that are less fortunate, and to always look for opportunities to advocate for animal agriculture. Thank you for modeling resilience during this unprecedented time!

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

The selection of Mr. Jerry Adams as this year's Block and Bridle Honoree continues the Club's legacy of honoring key leaders who have had tremendous impact on Nebraska's livestock industries and youth. Jerry is from Broken Bow, Nebraska, and a 1971 graduate of UNL with B.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics, Animal Science and Mathematics. Jerry is currently co-owner of Adams Land & Cattle. His leadership to the beef cattle industry has been exemplary, and Jerry serves on the boards for several organizations important to agriculture and rural community vitality. He is a founding leader of both the Beef Alliance and the Nebraska Beef Producers Committee. Mr. Adams has also had extensive involvement with UNL and IANR strategic planning and has been a strong supporter of 4-H, FFA, and the Custer County Foundation. His visionary leadership has had a major impact the beef cattle industry, youth development, and his community. Jerry Adams exemplifies the spirit and intent of the Block and Bridle Honoree award, and we are privileged to name him as the 2019-2020 Block and Bridle Honoree.

In closing, congratulations to our Block and Bridle Club members for a job well done. I wish, especially for our seniors and outgoing officers, that we were able to hold our annual blanket this spring. However, we look forward to recognizing our officers, outstanding members, and Mr. Adams in the fall. 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
Marvel L. Baker, Head

2020 Block & Bridle Honoree



Jerry D. Adams, a native of Broken Bow, Nebraska, will be recognized as the newest University of Nebraska–Lincoln Block and Bridle honoree. Each year the Block and Bridle Club selects an honoree that has contributed to Nebraska agriculture through leadership, service, youth projects, community activities and involvement with the university.

Jerry Adams graduated from UNL (1971) with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Agricultural Economics, Animal Science and Mathematics. During his time at UNL, Jerry was active on campus and a member of the FarmHouse fraternity. Jerry, along with his brother Bill, co-own Adams Land & Cattle (ALCC) which is one of the premier beef feedlot operations in the world. Currently, Jerry serves on the boards for ALCC, Bellevue University, Custer Economic Development Corp., Custer Campus, Cattle-Fax, Blueprint Nebraska, and is a founding leader of both the Beef Alliance and the Nebraska Beef Producers Committee. Throughout his career, Jerry has had extensive involvement with UNL and IANR strategic planning and he has been a strong supporter of youth, community, and social organizations. For example, Jerry has supported 4H (e.g., partnering with County Extension to host youth animal quality assurance training), FFA, Custer County Foundation and has served on numerous councils, boards, and committees that have impacted the community and industry in countless ways.

Over the course of his career, Jerry has received multiple awards and recognitions. In 2019, Jerry was honored with the Nebraska Banker's Association Agri-Business Recognition Award and the Broken Bow High School Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 2018, Jerry received the Ag Builders of Nebraska Award. In addition, Jerry has twice received the Custer Economic Development Corporation's Wheel Horse Award.

In the words of those that contributed to Jerry Adams' nomination, several quotes capture the essence of Jerry's contributions:

- "I can think of no one who's given more to his family, his community, county and State and his industry than Jerry Adams."
- "His legacy includes tremendous gifts of service and leaving his communities much stronger than he found them."
- "His vision has provided the roadmap for animal traceability in the feedlot industry that will be key to meeting consumer demand and enable the beef industry to maintain and grow market share domestically and internationally"
- "Jerry has worked with the University across all leadership levels to position UNL, the Institute and the Animal Science Department to benefit from his experience, leadership, and most importantly, his vision for the future of the beef industry."

Jerry and his family (wife, Linda, daughters, Amy Staples and Melissa Lynd, son, Scott Adams, and family) will be honored at a Block and Bridle Club event. Date and location to be announced later.

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Joseph Watson 1972
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Howard Pitzer 1974
Harold Stevens 1975
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James Roberts 1988
John Klosterman 1989
Robert Ahischwede 1990
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Roger Wehrbein 1993
Jerry Adamson 1994
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Max Waldo 1996
Richard Shinn 1997
Robert Volk 1998
David Hamilton 1999
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Frank Bruning 2002
Max Kimmerling 2003
Frank Sibert 2004
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Sherman Berg 2006
Al Svajgr 2007
Jay Wolf 2008
Homer Buell 2009
Vance Uden 2010
Paul Engler 2011
Bill Lucky 2012
Bill Dicke 2013
Mark Jagels 2014
William "Bill" Rishel 2015
Ann Marie Bosshamer 2016



Doug Brand 2017



Greg Ibach 2018



Chuck Schroeder 2019



Jerry Adams 2020

Animal Science Faculty



From left to right; Front Row: Lena Luck, Sheila Purdum, Andrea Watson, Dennis Burson

2nd Row: Kathy Anderson, Lisa Karr, Ron Lewis, Samodha Fernando, Bryan Reiling

3rd Row: Andrea Cupp, Gary Sullivan, Jennifer Wood, Mary Drewnowski

4th Row: Clint Krehbiel, Matt Spangler, James MacDonald, Steve Jones, Brett White

5th Row: Jessica Petersen, Dennis Brink, Hiep Vu, Chris Calkins, Tom Burkey

2019-2020 Club Members



From left to right; Front Row: Fina Choat, Lauren Ahlers, Lindsay Peters, Chelsea Bryant, Megan Eickhoff, Kelsey Phillips, Magdalene O'Brien, Montana Markus, McCyla Mickelson, Morgan Eggleston

2nd Row: Claire Goetschkes, Paige Kniep, Kelsey Swantek, Haylee Lopez, Laura Reiling, Abigayle Warm, Danie Brandl, Kate Krebs, Shaye Koester, Kaitlyn Dozler, Mariah Heiss

3rd Row: Blake Svcha, Tim Mendick, Alexa Mitcham, Madi Marker, Tyson Olson, Caitlin Buck, Delaney Jumps, Jaycie Meggison, Wade Spiggle, Ronald Kramer

4th Row: Kurt Nelson, Colton Wiemer, Glenn Meyer, Mitchell Glause, Dean Flear, Bailey Fleischman, Katharine Schudel, Tyler Rash

Members Not Pictured: Neleigh Gehl, Will Kreikemeier, Tyler Perrin, Claire Eno, Madison Jones, Amanda Taylor, Taylor Gregory, Valerie Christensen, Caroline Gomel, Sydney Wynn, Tigh Renken, Kaitlyn Thesenvitz, Emma Ketelsen, Jessilyn Sayers, Haylee Lopez, Jaycie Meggison, Wade (Paul) Spriggle, Asha Scheideler, Malina Lindstrom, Alex Heier, Hannah Lowe, Dylan Gilbert, Sarah Eberspacher, Emmalise Meyer, Breanna Wilson, Sheridan Swotek, Clayton Thomas, Abby O'Brien, Devin Tiensvold, Erin Blucher, Ashton Troyer

2019-2020 Officer Team & Advisors



From left to right: Lindsay Peters (Marshall), Megan Eickhoff (Treasurer), Kelsey Phillips (Vice President-Beef), McCyla Mickelson (Vice President-Pork), Magdalene O'Brien (President), Chelsea Bryant (Secretary), Fina Choat (Ambassador), Lauren Ahlers (Historian)



Dr. Benny Mote
(Advisor)



Dr. Tom Burkey
(Advisor)



Dr. Gary Sullivan
(Advisor)



Andi Hallberg
(Office Staff)

President's Letter

On behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Block and Bridle Club, I would like to thank our advisors Dr. Benny Mote, Dr. Gary Sullivan, and Dr. Thomas Burkey. They have played vital roles within the club by their guidance and support and the countless ways they sacrifice their time for the club. I would also like to thank Andi Hallberg for her dedication and the ways she supports the club by helping the officer team find answers to tough questions, helping handle the behind the scene planning, and always encouraging the club to think outside the box.

The club would also like to thank the Animal Science faculty and staff for allowing us to use the Animal Science Complex to host our meetings and events and the many other ways they show their support. We also are thankful for the industry leaders who traveled to speak at meetings and the donors that supported our events throughout the year. The purpose of our club is to promote higher academic standards and a complete understanding of animal science, to promote animal agriculture through activities that will supplement students studies, to enhance professionalism of students, and finally to bring about a closer relationship among students who share the same passion of agriculture. Without the help of our advisors, Animal Science faculty and staff, industry leaders, and donors, this would not be possible.

I would also like to thank and recognize the rest of the 2019-2020 officer team and committee chairs for their continuous dedication to the club this current year and past years. It has been my pleasure knowing and learning with them. This group of officers and committee chairs is exceptionally capable and determined individuals who have immersed themselves in the agriculture industry. They are always willing to attend and plan events, meetings, and volunteer opportunities and are constantly sacrificing for the club and thinking of ways to make the club better for our members. They have all played a vital and essential role in the success of this club, and I am so thankful and blessed for having the chance to serve on this officer team with them.

I joined Block and Bridle during my freshman year, and these last three years have been full of amazing opportunities. I have been able to travel across the United States for National Block and Bridle Conventions, learn from countless industry leaders, take advantage of hands-on learning opportunities, and, most importantly, I have been able to meet some of my closest friends through our shared experiences of Block and Bridle. I know my favorite memories of my time at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will surely include Block and Bridle.

Even though our last few months of the spring semester were cut short due to COVID-19, our advisors and Animal Science faculty and staff did not hesitate to help the club reorganize and reschedule events that were planned for the semester and upcoming year. While we are disappointed that the year was cut short, the officer team and members are excited and hopeful about the next school year and have already begun brainstorming new ideas.

Again, thank you to our members, officers, committee chairs, advisors, and Animal Science faculty and staff. It has been an honor to serve as the 2019-2020 President, and I look forward to the continuous growth of the club as we build on the traditions and principles of the Block and Bridle Club.



Sincerely,

Magdalene O'Brien

Secretary's Report

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

The spring semester started with the annual Porkfest, happened at the end of February. Everyone enjoyed a nice pork meal and conversations. Us being able to help with a Stock Show competition that was a great learning opportunity for many of our members. During CASNR Week we hosted Lunch on the Lawn and the Animal Science Olympics. Bring the Olympics back was a huge hit with a traveling Greek Trophy. The Big Red Beef Show had another great year at the fairground in Grand Island, NE. Individuals of all ages, all over the state got to enjoy the time of competing in the show ring. Jerry Adams was selected to be the 19-20 Block and Bridle Honoree, with banquet held in the fall of 2020. Then our semester was unfortunately slowed down by COVID-19. We are looking forward to seeing all of our club members in the near future.

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

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



Regards,

Chelsea Bryant

Treasurer's Report

Historian's Comments

It has been an honor to serve as the 2019-2020 Block & Bridle Club historian. I have enjoyed attending all of the events, taking pictures, and interacting with club members. It is always amazes me to see just how many events Block & Bridle hosts each year.

During my first year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I enjoyed participating and volunteering as a member of the club; however, I have appreciated my time as an officer throughout my second year even more. I have gained many skills from being the historian such as improved communication skills from contacting sponsors and leadership skills from being in an officer position. It has also opened my eyes to the amount of hard work and dedication it takes to keep a club running. I would like to thank all the officers and committee chairs for their time and efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank the advisors, Dr. Benny Mote, Dr. Tom Burkey, and Dr. Gary Sullivan for their time and efforts this year. I would also like to thank Andi Hallberg for her continued guidance and assistance of the club. It would not be possible to host the events that we do without the help of the advisors and Andi. I would also like to thank the sponsors of our events and the annual. It would not be possible to put on the events without your generous support. Lastly, it has been humbling to note all of the people who support Block & Bridle by attending the events that Block & Bridle hosts.



Respectfully,

Lauren Ahlers

Senior Spotlights

Fina Choat

Hometown: Saint Edward, NE

Graduation Date: May 2020

Major: Animal Science (Veterinary Science & Food Animal Production and Management) | **Minor:** Grazing Livestock Systems

Future Plans: I am planning on starting my first year of vet school this coming August in the Nebraska-Iowa State 2+2 program with my end goal of returning to rural Nebraska to become a predominantly large animal veterinarian.

What you have gained from being in Block & Bridle?

I have gained a tremendous amount from being engaged in Block and Bridle. I have gained memories, friends, and new skill sets. The best thing Block and Bridle has left me is a vast network of people within the livestock industries. These are the connections I will get to take with me whenever I may end up and utilize them.

Favorite Block & Bridle activity/event and why?

My favorite Block and Bridle event is our Steak Fry we have at the beginning of the fall semester. To me this is an awesome event that brings people from all over campus to enjoy steak. Seeing that many people to come out and support our club just can't be beat.

Advice to younger members: Be ENGAGED!! The more you put into this club the more rewarding it will be.

Claire Eno

Hometown: Spring Green, WI

Graduation Date: May 2020

Major: Biological Sciences | **Minor:** Animal Science & Spanish

Future Plans: Going to UW Madison for a Masters in Secondary Education of Science

What you have gained from being in Block & Bridle?

Met new life long friends and a deeper appreciation for the industry.

Favorite Block & Bridle activity/event and why?

Big Red Beef show! I connected with so many people who had a love for shows just like I do.

Advice to younger members: Just enjoy your time, and try to go to as many new things as possible.



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Micah Most

Hometown: Ogallala, NE

Graduation Date: December 2019

Major: Animal Science (Food Animal and Production Management)

Future Plans: Graduate Study in Animal Science at the University of Nebraska

What you have gained from being in Block & Bridle?

B&B helped me get connected on campus and develop my understanding of the livestock industry.

Favorite Block & Bridle activity/event and why?

Animal Science Olympics were a great time and brought together several East campus RSOs for some friendly competition!

Advice to younger members: Get involved on campus early and often, and opportunity will find you.

Jessilyn Sayers

Hometown: Clarkson, NE

Graduation Date: December 2019

Major: Animal Science (Food Animal and Production Management)

Minor: Grazing Livestock Systems

Future Plans: Manager of Robotic Dairy

What you have gained from being in Block & Bridle?

Because of B&B I have gained many long lasting friendships and memories. I have also gained many connections with industry professionals in all fields of agriculture.

Favorite Block & Bridle activity/event and why?

The Steak Fry is my favorite event because not only faculty is invited but also friends and family. It is a great way to show family members campus and also introduce them to professors. The Fall weather is welcoming, and the food is great.

Advice to younger members: My advice to younger members is to try and meet as many people as you can. You will be surprised where those connections will take you in the future.

Katharine Schudel

Hometown: North Loup, NE

Graduation Date: May 2020

Major: Animal Science

Future Plans: My future plans are to work in agriculture. My passion is for livestock and I want to advocate for the ag community.

What you have gained from being in Block & Bridle?

I have gained connections with my peers and professionals!

Favorite Block & Bridle activity/event and why?

The meetings with industry speakers. They expose you to new opportunities.

Advice to younger members: Get out and meet new people! You never know how valuable a connection can be!

Sheridan Swotek

Hometown: Lincoln, NE

Graduation Date: December 2019

Major: Agricultural Education | **Minor:** Animal Science

Future Plans: I will be a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Kearney High School starting in the 2020-2021 school year.

What you have gained from being in Block & Bridle?

Block and Bridle provided me endless opportunities to grow professionally, personally, and educationally. I have met amazing people through Block and Bridle, between industry leaders, supporters, faculty, and members. I am very thankful and blessed for the connections I've made and the experiences I've had through this prestigious organization.

Favorite Block & Bridle activity/event and why?

My favorite Block and Bridle event was Little AKSARBEN. It provided members and myself the opportunity to get back into showing livestock and maybe try showing a new species for the first time. Showing hogs again was so much fun and attempting to show steers for the first time was a great experience!

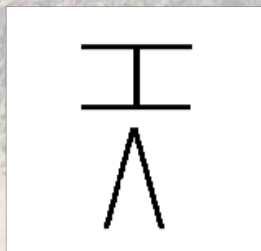
Advice to younger members: My advice to members is to go all in. Block and Bridle has so much to offer- don't let these opportunities pass you by. Between the events that Block and Bridle hosts, speakers the club brings in, and so much more, members are sure to gain a great experience from being actively involved. Additionally, Block and Bridle provides the opportunity to meet industry leaders, supporters, speakers, and anyone else members may come in contact with who may have an internship available, a potential career, or could be a professional contact to reference in the future. Take advantage of these interactions and build your professional network.

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Beef Pit

On August 24, 2019, Block & Bridle members ventured west to the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island to work alongside the Nebraska Cattlemen to serve in the Beef Pit. Members worked a six-hour long shift making sandwiches, dishing up coleslaw and corn, pouring drinks, cleaning tables, and keeping condiments stocked. The hours flew by and were filled with commentary, humor, networking, and story sharing between members of Block & Bridle and the members of the Nebraska Cattlemen.

-Lauren Ahlers



East Campus Welcome Back

Block and Bridle kicked off the year at UNL with the Big Red Welcome and the East Campus Welcome Back Club Fair. Ambassador, Fina Choat, and Marshall, Lindsay Peters, along with the rest of the officer team helped inspire and inform potential members to sign up and take advantage of what Block and Bridle has to offer. Potential members were encouraged to provide their contact information to sign up for activities and be notified for monthly meetings, as well as, ask any questions they may have. A large display was presented that gave details about many different events and activities that the club has participated in over the years. The officer team was very excited to see a large number of students expressing interest in the club.

- Lindsay Peters



21st Annual Steak Fry

On September 13, 2019, Block and Bridle hosted our annual Steak Fry. The Block and Bridle Officers and I sold tickets in advance at a discount price and we had tickets at the door. The club served over three hundred steak dinners which included a steak, green bean, cheesy potatoes, a cookie, and drink to student, parents, animal science faculty, and staff. As the chair committee, I would like to say thank you to all the Block and Bridle member and animal science faculty and staff for helping served or set up and clean up. In addition, thanks to Laura Oltman (UNL Alumn) and Cargill for donating and cooking the steaks for the club. Thank you to Bill Dicke and Mark Jagels for sponsoring Steak Fry.

- Ronald Kramer



Kimmel Orchard

This year, our club had an opportunity to volunteer at Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard in Nebraska City during the orchard's busy season. We volunteered two different weekends in September, and we had about 12 members attend each day. While volunteering, members were able to see how an orchard runs and all the little things that go into make sure customers have a great, family experience there. Some of our members helped in the U-Pick barn, the entry to the orchard where people can come and pick apples. Some also helped inside the Apple Barn, where they assisted with wine tastings and the baking of donuts and other pastries.

Volunteering was a great experience for our members, as we got to see the details of running an agriculture business. We also got the chance to get to know the newer members of the club as school had just started. We are so thankful for the opportunity and hope to make it a yearly tradition to volunteer at Kimmel. Our club would like to thank Ernie Weyeneth and the Kimmel Orchard Foundation for the amazing opportunity!

- Hannah Lowe



National Swine Registry Fall Classic

On October 23, 2020, six Block and Bridle students traveled to Duncan, Oklahoma, for the National Swine Registry Fall Classic. These students brought two young weanlings that had been farrowed in August at UNL under the direction of advisor, Dr. Benny Mote. These two young barrows were able to compete against swine from other universities and swine breeders from across the country. The students also were able help with the piglet show on Thursday night. This was a great learning opportunity for members to experience a unique swine show. On the way back home, students enjoyed the opportunity to tour Express Ranch, a large purebred Angus and Hereford cattle ranch in Yukon, OK.

- Kelsey Phillips



Little Aksarben

Block and Bridle hosted the annual Little Aksarben showmanship competition on Friday, October 25th. This year, we had a few less people than we had last year as we moved the date up by two weeks. We had around 30 people showing across all of the species this year with Final Drive being a great sponsor. The livestock for this show came from the Nebraska state fair and from the Aksarben stock show and was bought and provided by the university for us to use. This year the species shown were cattle, goats, sheep and swine.

The participants had just a week and a half to prepare their animals for the show which involved cleaning up their livestock, clipping them and then putting in the time to make sure they were trained properly for show day. This year since we had less participants it took a lot less time to run the show. We had eight classes total and we ran two classes at the same time to have a high rate of efficiency. The show started at 3:00 and ran until about 5:00 and then we had a meal afterwards to celebrate the accomplishments of the participants and to thank the judges. All of the class winners and second place participants received banners and the overall novice and experience showmanship winners received a belt buckle as well. This year our swine judge was Calvin DeVries, our sheep and goats judge was Hunter Schroeder and cattle judge was Ralston Ripp. They all are UNL grads and did a fantastic job for us this year.

None of this show would be possible if we didn't have the excellent support of the staff in the Animal Science Complex. Benny Mote, Brent Johnson and Dan Kent all did an outstanding job of helping with the show and the lead up to the show. This also would not be possible without the great committee that I had helping me and the excellent help from my assistant chair, Fina Choat. Special thanks to Gilbert Seck for coming back to announce for the show again this year. Overall the show was a success and I can't wait to see the show grow and expand as they continue to have it for years to come!

-Kurt Nelson



Initiates Week

Paddle decorating has been a Block and Bridle tradition for a multitude of years. This year initiate week consisted of painting, snack eating, and listening to music. Each initiate created their paddle with an abundant amount of thought, effort, and creativity. While decorating their paddles, the initiates got to know each other and learned more about what the club has to offer. To keep the creative ideas flowing, we munched on some snacks while listening to some great music. Once the initiates had completely finished decorating their paddles, they were required to get 5-10 Animal Science faculty and staff signatures. This requirement helps initiates build relationships with faculty and staff. Initiate week was held in the Animal Science Complex, with Ambassador, Fina Choat, and Marshall, Lindsay Peters, in charge of organizing all the activities. Block and Bridle looks forward to next year's initiate week and to generating new ideas from the initiates.

- Lindsay Peters

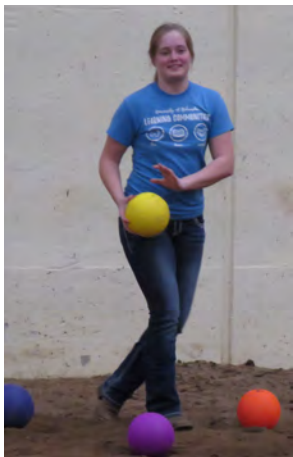


Holiday Party

Good food and some friendly competition to start off the holiday season was just what officers and members did on the evening of December 12th. A large number of members were in attendance with a few new friends to join in on the shenanigans. We catered in Raising Canes and had plenty to go around. Raising Canes is some of the perfect brain food when preparing for finals during dead week. After fueling up with some Raising Canes and going over some quick business, everyone headed to the R.B. Warren Arena for some dodgeball in the sand.

Playing dodgeball in the sand is quite the work out, especially when everyone starts bringing out their competitive edge. Some broke a sweat, some were scared of the flying dodgeballs, and then there were the cheerleaders on the sidelines shouting and just having a good time. We mixed the teams up throughout the rounds, so we could give everyone the opportunity to play with new people. After many rounds it was time to conclude the activities and send everyone back home to brush off the dust and hit the books to prepare for finals week.

- Fina Choat



Stock Dog Trial

During the beginning of February, 11 members spent the weekend at the Lancaster event center helping John Holman put on a Stock Dog Trail. Friday night members helped unload cattle and set up the course for the rest of the weekend. On Saturday and Sunday members helped sort cattle, judge, and time the trail. The club really enjoyed watching and working the trail and many members got to meet a lot of the dog handlers! John Holman came to a club meeting later in the year and spoke about how he got involved with cattle dogs, training techniques and gave a live demonstration of working cattle and goats in the R.B Warren Arena.

-Magdalene O'Brien



5th Annual Porkfest

This year, the annual Porkfest fundraising event took place on February 25th in the Animal Science Complex. The meal was a pork loin sandwich, green beans, cheesy potatoes, a cookie and drink. There was a great turn out, the club was able to sell around 150 tickets to animal science faculty and staff, students, parents, and community members.

There were three sponsors that donated to help this event be a success: Midwest Livestock Systems LLC, Plymouth Ag Group, and Wholestone Farms. Thank you to these groups for supporting our club!

There was also a committee that worked hard to put on the event! The committee included Hannah Lowe as the chair, Ronald Kramer, Erin Blucher, Montana Markus, and Magdalene O'brien. Thank you to the committee for planning Porkfest!

Overall, Porkfest was a success this year, and we hope to see you next year!

- Hannah Lowe



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Big Red Beef Show

The Block and Bridle Club hosted its annual Big Red Beef Show on March 6th and 7th, 2020, at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. With the remarkable support of many people and businesses, we were able to host our most successful show to date! The triumph of the 2020 Big Red Beef Show has been continually reinforced by positive messages from many exhibitors and contributors to the show!

The committee made some impressive moves in finding unique sponsorships and donors for this year's show, effectively doubling sponsorship amounts from the previous year. Donations from our 2020 sponsors included everything from monetary donations, to prize and advertising donations. We were pleased to be able to welcome both Sullivan Supply Inc., and Final Drive Show Supply again this year as our show supply vendors. H & H Catering set up in the barn offering coffee and warm cinnamon rolls for breakfast Saturday morning and Nebraska beef the rest of the afternoon. Needless to say, the committee built many new and exciting relationships this year!

After months of preparations, we opened the barn doors Friday morning and watched it quickly fill with families of all kinds and cattle of all breeds. During the afternoon's check in, we sold raffle tickets at our refreshment table. Anyone could stop by for complimentary cookies and drinks to check out the handmade and custom Big Red Beef Show corn hole set up for raffle. The showmanship competition began promptly at 7:00 pm Friday night, following check in. We were excited to have Cody Doubet as a showmanship judge. New this year we offered peewee showmanship for kids younger than seven to be able to participate! Our showmanship prizes consisted of embroidered hay bags, gorilla carts, and showtimes banners!



Saturday morning started bright and early at 6:00 am with a second check in to be accommodating to people's schedules. We cut off changes to the program at 7:30 and initiated the breeding heifer show in Ring A at 8:00 am with Kyle Conley (Oklahoma) as a judge. Ring B followed the conclusion of each breed division with Chad Holtkamp (Iowa) as a judge. We had 16 breeding heifer divisions and 13 market beef breed divisions this year and over 60 classes.

As far as prizes go, we opted for a chance to give out different breed division prizes for each ring. Therefore Ring A division champions received embroidered blankets and Ring B division champions received custom red feed pans donated by Sullivan Supply Inc. Division winners also received banners designed by Legacy Livestock Imaging. Overall champions received custom clipper boxes and showtimes banners while reserve champions received embroidered backpacks and showtimes banners. Third through fifth place winners received custom metal cutout signs made by Red Barns Creations. Top seven in each ring for both breeding and market shows received a payout. This year we were very blessed to be able to pay out \$12,000. Our payouts are actually made out to the exhibitors directly in order to let the kids decide what to do with their winnings. For some folks that means paying the feed bill for their calf... for others it goes into a college savings account!

We owe a big thank you to our sponsors: Cottonwood and Pine Ranch, Mid Nebraska Feeds, UNL Rodeo Club, UNL Animal Science Department, Producers Livestock, Darr Feedlot, Allflex, Wilson Trailers, Timmerman Feedlot, Powerline Genetics, Lynn Land and Cattle, Hollman Angus, BM Angus, Ohlrichs Cattle, Schurrtop Angus and Charolais, Markus Trucking LLC, Valley Vet Supply, Final Drive Show Supply, Chris Wilson, Sullivan Show Supply, The Showtimes, Bryan Hauxwell Trucking, Orschelns, Luke Olson Seed Company, JMC Angus, Washington County Cattlemen, Walmart, and Pinnacle Bank. We couldn't be more grateful for their support to us and the Block and Bridle Club as young leaders in agriculture!

- Kaylee Wheeler





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2nd Annual AgOlympics

On March 11th, 2020, Block and Bridle co-hosted the CASNR Ag Olympics with Student Involvement. This even was open to all UNL students. Teams of four competed in a variety of agriculture challenges including ag trivia, piggy-back barrels, plant identification, and ingredient challenge. There were eight competitions hosted by different student organizations and clubs. After the competition, Block and Bridle provided a meal for the students and awarded the prizes. There was a great turnout and it is planned to be an annual event.

- Kelsey Phillips



Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars

The Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars (NBIS) Program is a unique minor available to UNL students. This program is part of a greater effort to improve beef education and research in the state of Nebraska, the Beef State. The NBIS program allows undergraduate students in any major at UNL the opportunity to network with beef industry leaders, attend key industry meetings, tour cutting edge enterprises. As importantly, NBIS focuses on developing communication and critical thinking skills through a specialized suite of courses centered on industry issues and beef centric policy that enhance the fundamental beef and economics courses required to educate the future leaders of the beef industry.



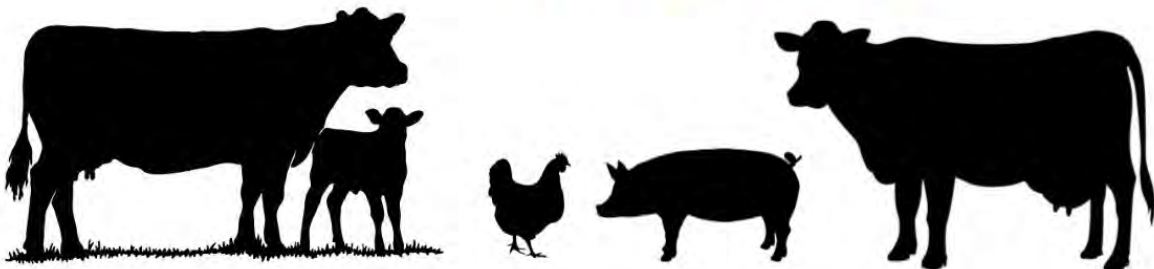
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Beef Merchandising Class



The UNL Bull Sale, held the second Saturday in April, merchandises approximately 45 bulls to commercial producers. In addition to these 45, more bulls are sold to other UNL herds. This event, made possible by the teaching herd resources at ENREC, supplies reliable genetic resources to commercial producers in Nebraska and surrounding states, provides a unique educational experience for students, and is an opportunity to educate producers about breeding practices and tools for genetic improvement. The Beef Cattle Merchandising class is responsible for all facets of the sale including advertising, preparation of the bulls, putting together the sale catalog and conducting the sale. The class also benefits from multiple invited speakers during the semester representing seedstock producers and allied industry representatives who share their knowledge and experiences with the students.

Livestock Judging Team



The 2020 University of Nebraska Livestock Judging Team has certainly been on the rise as of late. Not only are we molding students to become leaders within the agriculture industry, but we are building a nationally competitive program that UNL alumni and past judges can absolutely be proud of. This program also creates an environment that is indicative of a family atmosphere and will generate memories that these students won't forget. This year's team consist of 14 individuals including Tigh Renken, John Alfs, Adam Oldemeyer, Shelby Wachter, Peyton McCord, Dalton Wagner, Whitney Steckel, Amber Beasley, Madisen Randa, Abby Durham, Ty Groth, Makayla Burg, Jacque Stauffer, and McCyla Mickelson.

The season started with preparation for the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. We began with a somewhat unexperienced group in August of 2019 in our ASCI 300B livestock evaluation course. We went into winter workout with a full head of steam and truly grew a great deal as a team. After competing in the UNL mock contest on our home turf, we took off for Denver. After a long trip, the contest ended well for the Huskers. The team finished 5th in the sheep/goat division, 10th high team Overall, 6th high team in the carload, and Dalton Wagner was 3rd overall in the carload as well. It was great to put the University of Nebraska back in the mix at the National Western and this group worked extremely hard to make it happen.

After NWSS the team traveled back closer to home and competed in the Sioux Falls Farm Show in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Sioux Falls was a very beneficial trip for the huskers as we finished as 2nd high team in hogs and was 6th high team overall.

Individually we had success as well with Peyton McCord finishing as 4th high individual in hogs with Abby Durham following him up at 11th.

The continued improvement of this team then made its way east to Des Moines, Iowa to compete at the Iowa Beef Expo. This was another high quality showing for the team and again set the precedent for what we wanted to do moving forward. The crew finished as 4th high team in placings, 5th high team in reasons, and 5th high team overall. The huge highlight of this trip was the BIG WIN by Tigh Renken. He was named high individual in placings, 7th in reasons, and was the High Individual overall of the entire contest. This was a huge boost of confidence for the entire squad!

Next, the team stayed close to home and competed at the Nebraska Cattleman's Classic over in Kearney, Nebraska. This was another strong showing for the team as we sorted into 4th high team overall with individual highlights of Tigh Renken being 5th overall and 3rd in placings. Peyton McCord was 8th overall and 7th in reasons while Madisen Randa was 7th in placings with Dalton Wagner going 8th in placings. It was a tremendous day for the Huskers and created some momentum that we could surely build from.

The surge continued as we headed south to San Antonio, Texas to run in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Texas was a first for some of our crew and we certainly made it a trip to remember. The team finished 3rd in hogs, 3rd in goats, 5th in reasons, and 5th high team overall even with the stiff competition down south. Tigh Renken again had a great day finishing 4th in sheep and 7th in hogs. This generated a feel of excitement for our last contest of the year in Houston, Texas.

Unfortunately, our trip to Houston never even got started. With the new COVID-19 pandemic on the rise, the show was cancelled, and we had to stay home. To be frank, it was a blow to our team. We had made so many improvements in such a short time and wanted to go test ourselves against the best. In the end, it created even more drive and hunger for the things that we could accomplish in the fall of 2020.

As we think about what we want to do as a team this fall, we also want to give a shout out to everyone who has aided us along the way. All the parents, families, and operations who have allowed us to stop and made us a part of their families for that short time. We truly couldn't do the things we do without all of you! Continued support from the Animal Science Department here at UNL as well as the Kimmel Foundation allow us to get down the road and give these students opportunities that they otherwise wouldn't have.

Were proud to support UNL as the Livestock Judging Team and as always, GO BIG RED!!!

Horse Judging Team



The 2019 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Horse Judging Team worked extremely hard this year and that hard work paid off! This year's team included: Kathlyn Hauxwell (Animal Science, Pre- Vet) of McCook, NE, Ryan Sedlacek (Hospitality) of Gretna, NE, Alyssa Waits (Animal Science) of Tryon, NE, and Hannah Wiese (Elementary Education) of Papillion, NE, coached by Dr. Kathy Anderson and assistant coach Brooke Parrish, graduate student from Elmwood, IL.

This year's team traveled to several contests and had the opportunity to interact with other teams across the nation, as well as industry professionals from all over the world. The 2019 team started their season off at the American Paint Horse Association World Show in Fort Worth, TX. Here 65 individuals with 21 teams competed, and it was a great way to kick off the season.

Next, the team traveled to the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH. This is the largest single breed horse show in the world! In Ohio, 53 Senior College individuals and 14 teams competed. Team member Kathlyn Hauxwell had a very successful day in the limited division earning: 5th place in Halter, 3rd place in Performance, 4th place in Reasons, and 3rd place overall! Her teammate Hannah Wiese was not far behind with earnings of: 16th place in Halter, 11th place in Performance, 8th place in Reasons, and 10th place overall! These successes got the team fired up for the next contest.

The AQHA World Horse Show in Oklahoma City, OK was another successful day for the team in the limited division. Hannah was 4th high individual in Halter and Kathlyn was 5th high individual in Reasons!

To wrap up the year, the team had an exciting contest at the National Reining Horse Futurity in Oklahoma City, OK. At this contest, contestants had the unique opportunity of judging live runs during the Open Semi Finals! The team was thrilled to earn 6th place Overall with teammate, Alyssa Waits tying for 10th place high individual overall!

Each team member has the opportunity to come back and represent the University of Nebraska- Lincoln for the 2020 season in the senior college division. Next year's season is sure to be successful with our veterans and new team members already beginning to put time in at practice! University of Nebraska Lincoln's horse judging team would like to thank the Department of Animal Science for their continuous support and encouragement! The team is looking forward to another great year!



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