



Annual Newsletter for 2010

Important Dates

Membership Nominations Due	January 24, 2011
Award Nominations Due	January 24, 2011
Abstracts for Research Expo Due	February 25, 2011
GSD Research Exhibition	March 16-17, 2011
Initiation and Awards Reception	April 6, 2011

Message from the Chapter President: Patreese Ingram

Welcome to the 2010-2011 year of the Penn State Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. We look forward to another opportunity to support, recognize and showcase the talents and scholarship of graduate students, staff, and faculty of our College of Agricultural Sciences. We say goodbye and a hearty thank you to our Past President Fred Gildow. We welcome our new Secretary/Treasurer Mark Brennan. In this edition of our annual newsletter, you will find information about last year's events including the faculty, staff and students honored with prestigious awards, as well as information and dates about this year's upcoming events. Mark your calendar for the research exhibition and spring awards and initiation ceremony. Also included in the newsletter is information about nominations for membership and the faculty awards. Let's make the 2010-2011 Graduate Research Expo another great success. Advisors, make sure your graduate students strongly consider entering an exhibit. Our research exhibition for students is highly successful, is well attended by student participants and has garnered the gold chapter recognition from Gamma Sigma Delta International several times. The success of the exhibition depends on the volunteer work of members in the College. Your support as a volunteer reviewer is critical. It is a great help to the chapter and provides satisfaction of seeing the students present their research. Overall, we can be proud that the quality of the posters is very high. We appreciate the generous support received from the College for the exhibition award funds and also last year for rental of the poster boards for this event. All other activities are funded through the \$15 membership fee and donations from members. This fee also covers the cost of the spring reception for members. Please consider this relatively small donation to help keep the chapter functioning. As always we also welcome additional donations. I look forward to participating with you during one of our events in the spring. Enjoy the newsletter!

New Members in 2010

This year, 17 juniors, 26 seniors, 26 graduate students, 9 faculty, and 1 staff member were initiated into the Penn State Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta at April 2010 initiation/award ceremony. The keynote speaker was Dr. Bruce McPheron, Dean of College of Agricultural Sciences.

Awards for 2010

Chapter Recognized AGAIN as the GOLD Chapter Award Recipient

In the past few years, Penn State Chapter was selected by the international organization of Gamma Sigma Delta to receive the 2007 Bronze Chapter award and the 2008 and 2009 Gold Chapter award. **We did it AGAIN!** Our chapter won the 2010 Gamma Sigma Delta Gold Chapter award in recognition of the activities and accomplishments during 2009-2010 academic year. Only five chapters were recognized in this category.

Congratulations to all members and officers!

Scholarship Awards – Gamma Sigma Delta awarded citations and scholarships to Sophomore **Zachary O. Kick** (Major: Forestry); Junior, **Andrew N. Goga** (Major: Community, Environment and Development); Senior **Christopher M. Hone** (Major: Forestry) at the April 2010 initiation/awards ceremony.

Faculty Awards – At the April 2010 ceremony, Gamma Sigma Delta recognized the following faculty members for their outstanding achievements: Teaching, **Dr. Thomas H. Bruening** (Agricultural & Extension Education); Research, **Dr. Ramaswamy C. Anantheswaran** (Food Science); Extension, **Catherine N. Cutter** (Food Science).

Gamma Sigma Delta Student Research Exhibition MARCH 17-18, 2010 – The Penn State Chapter and the College of Agricultural Sciences sponsored the first Annual Gamma Sigma Delta Student Research Exhibition in March 1995. On March 17 and 18, 2010, over 70 research posters were presented by graduate and undergraduate students from all academic units in the College at the 16th Annual Gamma Sigma Delta Research Expo. Our chapter, along with generous support from the Gerald T. Gentry Endowment for Graduate Education (\$3,000), Evans Family Endowment (\$750), and Resident Education office of the College (over \$700), provided for student awards at the Research Expo. We are also grateful to the College of Agricultural Sciences for covering the cost of poster board rental for the Research Expo. **Fred Gildow**, Immediate Past President organized this year's event that was held in Forestry Resources Building. Many thanks to Fred, the student presenters and the judges for making the 2010 Expo a rewarding and successful event!

The following students were recognized at the Research Expo.

Graduate:

Agricultural Education and International Agriculture: *First Place*, **Daniel Tobin** (Agricultural and Extension Education; Advisors Joan S. Thomson and Luke L. LaBorde); *Second Place*, **Jessica M. Bagdonis** (Agricultural and Extension Education; Advisors Joan S. Thomson and Luke L. LaBorde)

Biological Sciences: *First Place*, **Jessica Tekippe** (Dairy and Animal Science; Advisor Gabriella Varga); *Second Place*, **Marty K. Soehnlen** (Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences; Advisor : Bhushan Jayarao); *Third Place*, **Beth Houser** (Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences; Advisor : Bhushan Jayarao); *Fourth Place*, **Emily E. Pfeufer** (Plant Pathology; Advisors James W. Travis and Henry K. Ngugi).

Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences: *First Place*, **Tanushree Dutta** (Crop and Soil Sciences; Advisor Richard Stehouwer); *Second Place*, **Vasileios Bitas** (Plant Pathology; Advisor Seogchan Kang, Sangwoo Lee, and James Tumlinson).

Physical and Engineering Sciences: *First Place*, **Mark R. Williams** (Agricultural and Biological Engineering; Advisors Rob Shannon, Gary Feyereisen, and Doug Beegle).

Social Sciences: *First Place*, **Carla Shoff** (Rural Sociology and Demography; Advisor Diane K. McLaughlin); *Second Place*, **David Ader** (Rural Sociology and Demography; Advisor Leif Jensen).

Undergraduate:

First Place, **Nur Sabrina Wahid** (Horticulture; Advisor Siela Maximova and Mark Guiltinan); *Second Place*, **Krystal Bealing** (Crop and Soil Sciences; Advisors Jason Kaye); *Third Place*, **Stephanie Heilman** (Dairy and Animal Science; Advisor Gabriella Varga); *Forth Place*, **Alicia Spangler** (Plant Pathology; Advisor Paul Backman).

Planned Events and Deadlines: Check your calendars

Annual Gamma Sigma Delta Research Expo – The 2011 Research Expo will be held March 16-17, 2011. Abstracts deadline is February 25, 2011. Please check the website for more information (<http://gsd.cas.psu.edu>).

Spring Initiation and Awards Reception April 6, 2011 – The reception and Initiation and Award ceremony will be held in the Keeney Commons and Room 252 in the Food Science Building, respectively. This year's guest speaker is Dr. J. Marcos Fernandez, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State. New initiates – senior students, graduate students, faculty, and alumni – and our 2010-2011 extension, research, and teaching awards will be presented during this Spring Initiation and Awards Ceremony. The outstanding sophomore, junior, and senior students in the College of Agricultural Sciences will also be recognized at this time. The Initiation and Awards Ceremony is an important occasion for student and faculty members, so we encourage attendance by our members for this event.

Membership Nominations – All members are encouraged to nominate outstanding faculty, staff, extension educators, alumni, and graduate students to become members. Nominations should be directed to GSD departmental representatives or unit leaders. Graduate students must have: (1) completed at least 2/5 of the required program for the Master’s or Ph.D. degree; (2) shown **superior** ability to conduct research and/or advanced study in our College; (3) shown **promise** of making further contributions; and (4) obtained at least a 3.5 grade-point average in graduate work. The nomination forms are available from your GSD representative, or on the Gamma Sigma Delta website (<http://gsd.cas.psu.edu>) or you may also contact Mark A. Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer, (814-863- 0387, mab187@psu.edu). Nominations are due by **January 24, 2011**.

Nominations for Awards – Our extension, research, and teaching awards recognize excellent faculty for their contributions. Please nominate outstanding faculty and help prepare the documentation by **January 24, 2011**. For copies of the forms, visit the GSD website (<http://gsd.cas.psu.edu>) or contact Mark A. Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer, (814-863- 0387, mab187@psu.edu).

Contributions needed– Our Gamma Sigma Delta chapter depends on contributions from the members to fund its programs. Each year we present cash awards to the outstanding sophomore, junior, and senior in the College; provide financial support for awards and expenses at the GSD/College of Agricultural Sciences Research Exhibition; and underwrite expenses at our Spring Initiation and Awards Reception. Our ability to sponsor awards and have chapter activities depends completely on your financial contributions. Two years ago, we initiated membership dues for active members. The response was outstanding this year; 81 members paid active membership dues and 38 members made additional contribution, which all together totaled **\$2,375**. All these activities listed above wouldn’t be possible without the financial help of GSD members and the college. The Gold and Bronze Chapter Awards that we received in the past years were clear indication of the success of our chapter. We should continue to do so. Along with the form at the end the newsletter, please make your check payable to Gamma Sigma Delta and send it to *Mark A. Brennan, Dept. of Agricultural and Extension Education, 204C Ferguson Bldg., University Park, PA 16802* by December 31, 2010. **Thank you for your support of our chapter!**

Thank You

A special thank you to our Penn State Chapter active members and donors in 2010:

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Chapter Roster – If you know of chapter members who passed away recently or have moved away from the University, please contact Mark A. Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer, (814-863- 0387, mab187@psu.edu) so that we can continue to update our roster. Also, please contact Mark if you know of faculty or other individuals at Penn State who were inducted into GSD at another university, whether as a student or as a faculty member, so we can invite them to participate in our Penn State chapter activities.

Department Representatives – The following individuals are serving as GSD department/unit representatives during the 2010-2011 academic year. Contact them to get more information about Chapter activities, or to submit change of address information.

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2010- 2011 Officers – With your active participation, we'll have a good year! Please contact the officers if you have questions about our activities or any other aspects of Gamma Sigma Delta.

The following individuals are your 2010-2011 Chapter Officers:

President: Patreese Ingram, 208 Ferguson Building, 814-863-7439,
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For more information about the Penn State Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, including links to forms for Research Expo participation, membership nominations, and Award nominations, please visit our website (<http://gsd.cas.psu.edu/>).



Gamma Sigma Delta



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

_____ I am enclosing \$15 as I wish to remain an active member for 2010.

_____ Payment in ADVANCE. I am enclosing \$ _____ to extend my active membership _____ years at \$15 per year.

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to be used for scholarships and various activities.

Please note that your membership fee will cover the initiation/awards reception fee (*participation needs to be confirmed prior to the reception*) and the names of the active members will be included on website and recognized at the initiation/awards ceremony.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please return the check and completed form to Mark A. Brennan by December 31, 2009.

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