



# Gamma Sigma Delta



## 2013-2014 Newsletter

### Important Dates

Membership Nominations Due	January 21, 2014
Award Nominations Due	January 21, 2014
Abstracts for Research Expo Due	February 24, 2014
GSD Research Exhibition	March 19-20, 2014
Initiation and Awards Reception	April 10, 2014

### **Message from the Chapter President:**

Welcome to the 2013-2014 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 undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, and faculty of our College of Agricultural Sciences. We say goodbye and a hearty thank you to our Past President Ali Demirci. We welcome our new Historian, Beth Gugino. 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 2013-2014 Graduate Research Expo another great success. Advisors, make sure your undergraduate and 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!  
Mark Brennan

## **New Members in 2013**

This year, 43 undergraduates, 18 graduate students, 7 faculty, and 5 staff members were initiated into the Penn State Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta at the April 2013 initiation/award ceremony. The keynote speaker was Dr. Tracy Hoover, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

## **Awards for 2013**

### **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 and 2012 Bronze Chapter award and the 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Gold Chapter award. **Once again, we did it!** Our chapter won the 2013 Gamma Sigma Delta Gold Chapter award, in recognition of the activities and accomplishments during 2012-2013 academic year. Only three chapters were recognized in this category. *Congratulations to all members and officers!*

**Scholarship Awards** – Gamma Sigma Delta awarded citations and scholarships to: Sophomore, **Amy Rutter** (Wildlife and Fishery Science); Junior, **Emily J. Rice** (Horticulture); and Senior, **Alyssa M. Dietrich** (Animal Science) at the April 2013 initiation/awards ceremony.

**Faculty Awards** – At the April 2013 ceremony, Gamma Sigma Delta recognized the following faculty members for their outstanding achievements: Teaching, **Dr. John Ewing** (Agricultural and Extension Education); Extension, **Dr. Luke LaBorde** (Food Science); and Research, **Dr. Spiro Stefanou** (Agricultural Economics).

**Gamma Sigma Delta Student Research Exhibition MARCH 13-14, 2013** – 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 13 and 14, 2013, 95 research posters (71 graduate student and 24 undergraduate) were presented by students from all academic units in the College at the 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Ali Demirci, Immediate Past President organized this year's event that was held in the Life Sciences Bridge and Auditorium. Many thanks to Ali, the student presenters and the judges for making the 2013 Expo a rewarding and successful event!

The following students were recognized at the Research Expo:

**Agricultural Education and International Agriculture (graduate)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Senorpe Asem-Hiablle, Agricultural & Biological Engineering

**Biological Sciences (graduate)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emily Pfeufer, Plant Pathology

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Shannon Glisan, Food Science

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Joshua Scheinberg, Food Science

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Yeyi Gu, Food Science

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Latha Murugesan, Food Science

**Environmental and Natural Resources Sciences (graduate)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Amy Baetsen, Plant Science

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hilary Cheesman, Plant Pathology

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sarah S. Tzilkowski, Ecosystem Sciences & Management

**Physical and Engineering Sciences (graduate)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Curtis Frantz, Environmental Engineering

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hasan B. Coban, Agricultural & Biological Engineering

**Social Sciences (graduate)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paige Castellanos, Agricultural Economics, Sociology & Education

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Roshan Kumar Nayak, Agricultural Economics, Sociology & Education

**Undergraduate Division (graduate)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Alexandra Herestofa, Animal Science

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Brian M. Crooks, Ecosystem Sciences & Management

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rachel Brigham, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences

4<sup>th</sup> Place Christopher Gardner, Food Science

Planned Events and Deadlines: Check your calendars!

**Annual Gamma Sigma Delta Research Expo** – The 2014 Research Expo will be held March 19-20, 2014. Abstracts deadline is February 24, 2014. Please check the website for more information (<http://gsd.cas.psu.edu>).

**Spring Initiation and Awards Reception April 10, 2014** – The GSD Reception and Initiation and Award ceremony will be held in the Atrium of the Forest Resources Building and Room 112 of the Forest Resources Building on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm, respectively. This year's guest speaker is Barb Christ, our Interim Dean in the College of Agricultural Sciences. New initiates – senior students, graduate students, faculty, and alumni – and our 2013-2014 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, staff, and faculty members, so we encourage attendance by our members and their families 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 Catherine N. Cutter, Secretary-Treasurer, (814-865-8862, [cnc3@psu.edu](mailto:cnc3@psu.edu)). Nominations are due by **January 21, 2014**.

**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 21, 2014**. For copies of the forms, visit the GSD website (<http://gsd.cas.psu.edu>) or contact Catherine N. Cutter, Secretary-Treasurer, (814-865-8862, [cnc3@psu.edu](mailto:cnc3@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 *Catherine N. Cutter, Dept. of Food Science, 433 Food Science Bldg., University Park, PA 16802* by December 31, 2013.

**Thank you for your support of our chapter!**

## **Thank You!**

A special thank you to our Penn State Chapter active members and donors in 2013:

Victoria Bergier  
Cathy Bowen  
Lynne Brown  
Mark Brennan  
Marilyn Corbin  
Catherine Cutter  
Ali Demirci  
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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 Catherine N. Cutter, Secretary-Treasurer, (814-865-8862, [cnc3@psu.edu](mailto:cnc3@psu.edu)) so that we can continue to update our roster. Also, please contact Cathy if you know of faculty or other individuals at Penn State who were inducted into GSD at another university, whether as a student, staff, 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 2013-2014 academic year. Contact them to get more information about Chapter activities, or to submit change of address information.

<b><u>Unit</u></b>	<b><u>GSD Rep</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>
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**2013-2014 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 2013-2014 Chapter Officers:

**President:** Mark A. Brennan, 204C Ferguson Bldg., 814-863-0387, [mab187@psu.edu](mailto:mab187@psu.edu)

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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/>).

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# Gamma Sigma Delta



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Please note that your membership fee will cover the initiation/awards reception fee. The names of active members will be included on the GSD website and also recognized at the initiation/awards ceremony.

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