



Governor Sam Brownback and Secretary Dale Rodman

Our goal here at Alpha Gamma Rho is to build better men through agriculture. In the past few months, two members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter brought their knowledge of Kansas's agriculture to our state capital in Topeka. Brother Sam Brownback and Brother Dale Rodman moved into the positions of Governor of the State of Kansas and Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture respectively. We are very proud of these two outstanding alumni and their leadership accomplishments in the agriculture industry.



Justin Hagedorn, Kevin Morgan, Gov. Sam Brownback, Trent Newell

Governor Brownback, a native of Parker, Kansas, was elected Governor of the great state of Kansas last fall. Brownback was raised in agriculture and through those experiences became extensively involved in the FFA program serving as the Kansas FFA President and as a national FFA officer from 1976-1977. While at Kansas State University he was elected student body president and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Economics in 1979. After receiving his law degree from the University of Kansas, Brownback served as an attorney in Manhattan while also teaching Ag Law on campus. In 1986, Brownback began his first job in Topeka as the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture. Brother Brownback began his congressional career in 1994 when he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives to represent Kansas. His career in Washington, D.C. continued when he was elected in a special election to replace Robert Dole as the U. S. Senator representing Kansas. Due to Brownback's commitment to term limits he did not run for reelection for the U. S. Senator position in 2010, instead returned home to serve his home state as governor. The governor recently visited the Alpha Gamma Rho chapter house on April 20th to share some words of wisdom with the current collegiate members. He encouraged us "to not only grow our minds in college, but to work extremely hard to grow our hearts, because that is the key component to being successful." We look forward to Governor Sam Brownback's future leadership for Kansas, its citizens and for the

agricultural producers of this great agricultural state.

As Alpha Gamma Rho members we believe that our brotherhood expands across all ages. When Brownback started to select his cabinet members, who better to select than a fellow AGR Dale Rodman? Brownback appointed Rodman to the position of

Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture in January 2011. Brother Rodman grew up on a diversified farm and ranch near Toronto, Kansas where his family produced wheat, soybeans, sorghum, hay and cattle. He received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Agriculture in Feed Milling from Kansas State University in 1963. Secretary Rodman has extensive worldwide experience in the Agribusiness industry living in Europe and Asia and worked in over thirty countries. He worked 37 years at Cargill, Inc. and four years as president of Tramco, Inc. Rodman visited with us about his retirement in Texas at our Pink Rose Formal this spring, and the phone call he received from Governor Brownback to come out of retirement and serve Kansas. Secretary Rodman also had this to say about Alpha Gamma Rho, "My relationship with the other Alpha Zeta members has always been there even though at times we have not seen each other for years...being an AGR is not only an honor but a responsibility to maintain a higher standard in life." We are fortunate to have a hardworking individual in Rodman who is personally committed to building Kansas's agriculture and developing opportunities to grow the agriculture economy.

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho has helped build the current leaders of the Kansas government and Kansas agriculture. We look forward to having Governor Sam Brownback and Secretary Dale Rodman come to many more Alpha Zeta functions in the future. We will continually strive to grow tomorrow's leaders of the agriculture industry not only for Kansas, but also throughout the world.



Alumni President's Report

In my last report I mentioned that your board has three new committees to assist in developing both short range and long range plans for our Chapter; Scholarship, House Improvement and Alumni Relations. These committees are functioning and have made their initial reports to your board. You will be hearing more details in the future. A rose goes out to all those many alumni who have contributed their input and time on these and other projects.

Special thanks go to your alumni who are working on the committee plans, developing goals and the actions to "make a difference": Scholarship - Michael Springer, Charley Cull, Doug Weyer, Steve Burgess, Roger Johnson, Michael Welch, VNR Scholarship; House Improvement - Ryan Reiff, Richard Feyh, Mike Kramer, Roger Johnson, Dillon Cook, VNR Property Management, Roger Johnson, VP Operations; Alumni Relations - Jason Grady, Gabe Schlickau, Dave Anderson, Dave White, Clayton Huseman, Calvin Dix, VNR Alumni Relations.

In my role I have had the opportunity to connect over the phone and in person with many Alpha Zeta alumni. AGR Brotherhood is alive and well in all ages. I had the privilege of going to dinner with Bryan Armendariz, '02, former Nobel Ruler and his wife in Abilene. What a great young, positive family. And very busy with a young "Army" look alike. I always look forward to my conversations with Douglas George, '43, Virgil Huseman, '64, Phil Knight, '79, Tim Luginsland, '82, Gabe Schlickau, '98 among many other Brothers of AGR.

A huge congratulations goes to Gov. Sam Brownback, '76, on his election as governor of Kansas and his selection of Dale Rodman, '61, to Sec. of Agriculture. Whether it is in

public service as an elected official, the boardroom of companies, association boards, business owners, employees, and ECouncil or campus activities, leadership honed through being an AGR has played a huge part of each of our successes. Follow the Chapter on their web page www.ksuagr.org. A really good up-to-date web site. Besides the many individual alumni facebook sites, you can sign up for the K-State AGR Alumni Facebook for additional events and information about your AGR Brothers.

Pink Rose was a great success again this year. For 2012, alumni who were initiated in 1962, 1987 and 2002 will be honored. Make this next spring your year to meet our Undergraduate Chapter Brothers and have a reunion of your pledge Brothers.

July 8 and 9 are the dates for the summer board meeting in Topeka. We will tour Frito-Lay on July 8 along with a social that night. Saturday, July 9, will be the board meeting. Headquarter hotel is the Capital Plaza. See the schedule in this issue of the Crescent.

State Fair AGR social event will be Saturday, September 10th in the Beer Gardens from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Check your mail for announcements of other AGR events around the state.

Please remember you can go to the www.ksuagr.org website and fill out a prospective member information sheet. Or contact Garrett Lister, Reagan Keys or any other recruitment committee member to inform them of a prospective member.

Fraternally,
Ron Hirst, Alumni Association President

AGR Frito-Lay Tour and Social Summer Board Meeting

July 8 and 9, Topeka, Kansas

Friday Afternoon, July 8

- 12:00** Lunch at Jason's Deli, 6121 SW 12th St. #400 From 470 S, SW Huntoon & 470 exit, east to Huntoon, north on Wanamaker to 12th St. west on 12th. From N470, Wanamaker exit north to 12th St. west on 12th to Jason's (12th will turn north)
- 1:00** Meet at Jason's Deli, 6121 SW 12th St. *Due to security at Frito-Lay it is best to meet first and go in a group to the Frito-Lay Plant. In case you are running late, please call 620-921-0128 for our location and instructions for entering plant.*
- 7:00** Dinner and alumni social at Blind Tiger Brewery and Restaurant, 417 Southwest 37th St. in Topeka

Saturday, July 9

- 9:00** Board meeting, Capital Plaza Hotel, Pioneer Room *Many places to shop and historical places of interest for spouses and families*
 - 12:30** Lunch at Harley Davidson Restaurant and Museum, 2047 SW Topeka Blvd.
 - 1:30** Museum and capital tours of choice.
- Special rates of \$79.00 per night plus tax and a block of rooms has been reserved at Capital Plaza through June 17, for either or both nights. Ask for the Alpha Gamma Rho rate and rooms.**
- *There are specific dress codes and safety/security guidelines for the Frito-Lay tour. If you are planning on attending please RSVP so these guidelines can be emailed to you.*

*RSVP: Ron Hirst email: ronhirst@yahoo.com or call 620-921-0128



From the Desk of the Noble Ruler

Greetings from the men of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho! It is hard to believe that half of my term as the Noble Ruler here at Alpha Zeta is almost over. It seems like just yesterday that I began this position and was wondering just exactly what it was that I would be doing!

Before we get ahead of ourselves, let me take a second to introduce myself. My name is Kevin Morgan, and I grew up in Louisburg, Kan. I am currently a sophomore at Kansas State, majoring in Agricultural Economics with minor in Horticulture. I have been very involved in the agricultural industry throughout my life, and living at Alpha Gamma Rho has only sparked my interest in the industry even more.

We have had quite the successful year here at Alpha Zeta. Shortly after my installation as the Noble Ruler here, we held our fifth annual Sell-A-Fella. This is a date auction which raised money in honor of our passed brother, David Sewell. We were fortunate enough to raise more than \$1,500 to donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Society of Manhattan.

We also hosted a great Pink Rose Formal on March 5th. This past year, we invited alumni to return for the Pink Rose Formal. We were very fortunate to have alumni return and share their experiences with Alpha Zeta. Undergraduates truly enjoyed hearing from alumnus Dale Rodman who shared with us some of his success and the importance of

being an AGR. We were also blessed to have Governor Brownback deliver us a message about AGR and how his relationships he built in college are still strong. I invite all alumni to attend next year, and enjoy an event that brings both alumni and undergraduates together.

Alpha Zeta continues to hold some of the College of Agriculture's top leadership positions. While this is nothing new, it is great that Alpha Gamma Rho continues to hold a strong presence within the College of Agriculture. It is through these leadership positions that we are able to recruit some of the highest men into Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity here at Kansas State University. This is something that we will not able to continue without help from alumni located around the United States. Names of quality potential new members are absolutely crucial to the continued success of AGR.

Again, I have enjoyed the first half of my term here at Alpha Zeta and look forward to working toward continued success of Alpha Zeta. Let's pray for a good summer, and I will look forward to seeing you all next fall when the Wildcats start playing some football!

*Fraternally,
Kevin Morgan #1620*

2011 Sella Fella

February 12, 2011 marked the Alpha Zeta's annual Sell-A-Fella philanthropy event. Sell-A-Fella holds a special place in all Alpha Zeta's in Memory of Brother Dave Sewell. All proceeds benefit Cystic Fibrosis in his memory. This year we raised over \$ 1500 that will be donated at Manhattan's Great Strides Cystic Fibrosis walk on April 30, 2011. We had a great turnout this year, over 50 ladies from around campus

came out to find a date. 39 young men sold as well as House Mom Carolyn Sadler. Sell-A-Fella is a great way for members to get our name out around campus, as well as have a great time. Also, I would like to extend a special thank you to Brother Aaron McKee for his auction services. We couldn't have done it without you..

-Cody Burke, VNR Activities

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Alpha Gamma Rho's Pink Rose Formal 2011

Alpha Gamma Rho's Pink Rose Formal was held on Saturday, March 5 at the Blue Hills Room in Manhattan, Kansas.

The night began with a social in which members in the house and their dates could talk with alumni.

After dinner, alumni spoke about their time in our fraternity: 50 year initiates in attendances were Steve Burgess, Bill New and Dale Rodman. Each spoke to the crowd and shared from their experiences.

Brother Burgess spoke about his professional life and shared with us when he started funding a scholarship.

Brother New shed some light about the relationships he made while in the house.

"The ties you are making in school will develop valuable ties in the years to come," New said.

Brother Rodman explained we must not celebrate 50 years, but look towards the next 50 years. Rodman now serves as the Secretary of Agriculture of Kansas. He mentioned that even though the economy may be facing difficult times, the agriculture industry is holding together.

"Agriculture has been de-emphasized over the past 100 years. We're going forward and we'll make something out of Ag," Rodman said.

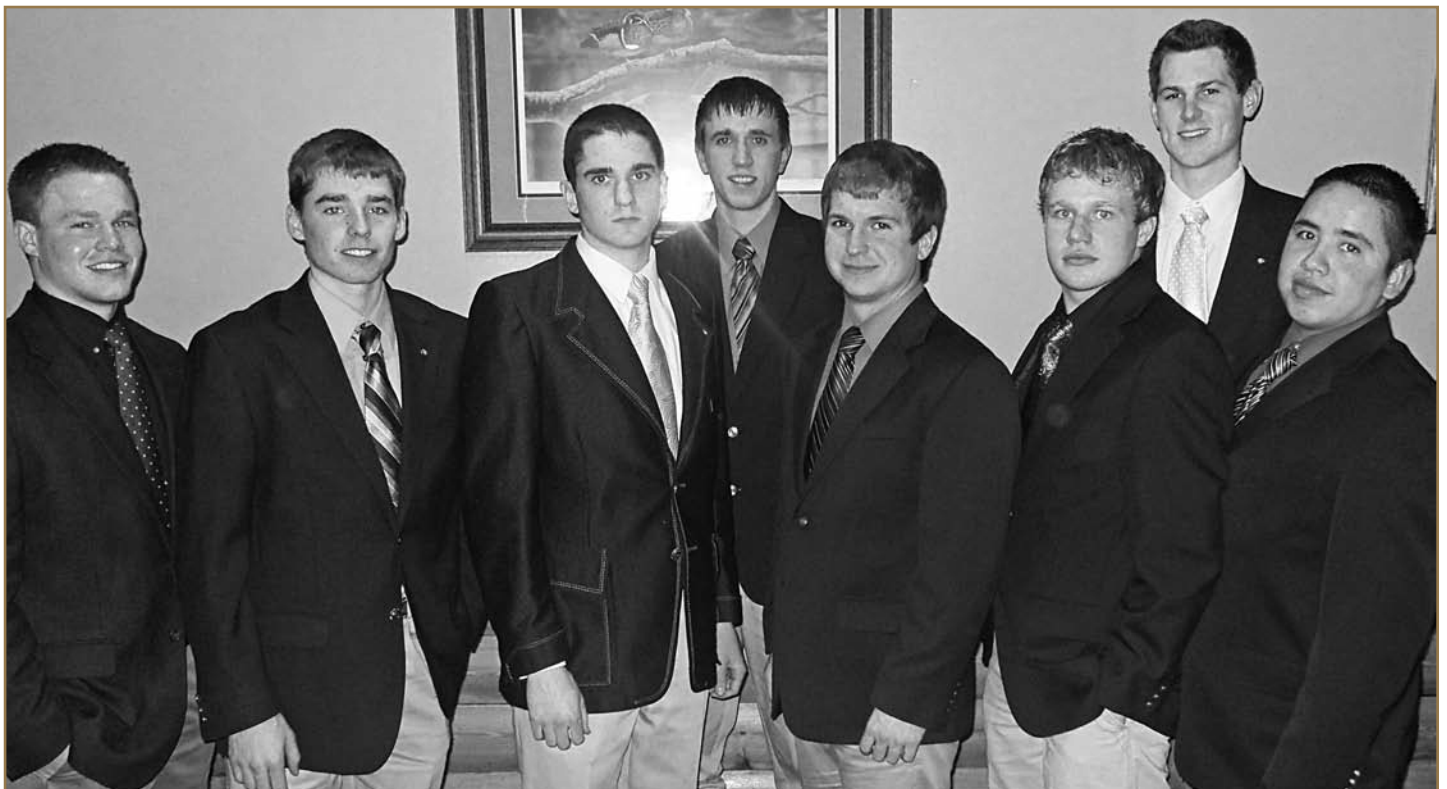
An audio recording of Brother Sam Brownback, governor of Kansas, was played for all to hear. Brownback

shed some insight from his time in our fraternity.

"These relationships are forever. They don't end. The bonds that you make here, stay with you for the rest of your life," Brownback said.



Steve Burgess Scholarship
(L-R) Andrew Strausberg, Steve Burgess



New Member Scholarship
(L-R) Kendal Clawson, Eric Noel, Kevin Morgan, Greg Harris, Michael Welch, Cody Burke, Jeff Cather, Jesus Manriquez



Scholarships were announced:

Brother Kevin Morgan received the Doug Weier Scholarship.

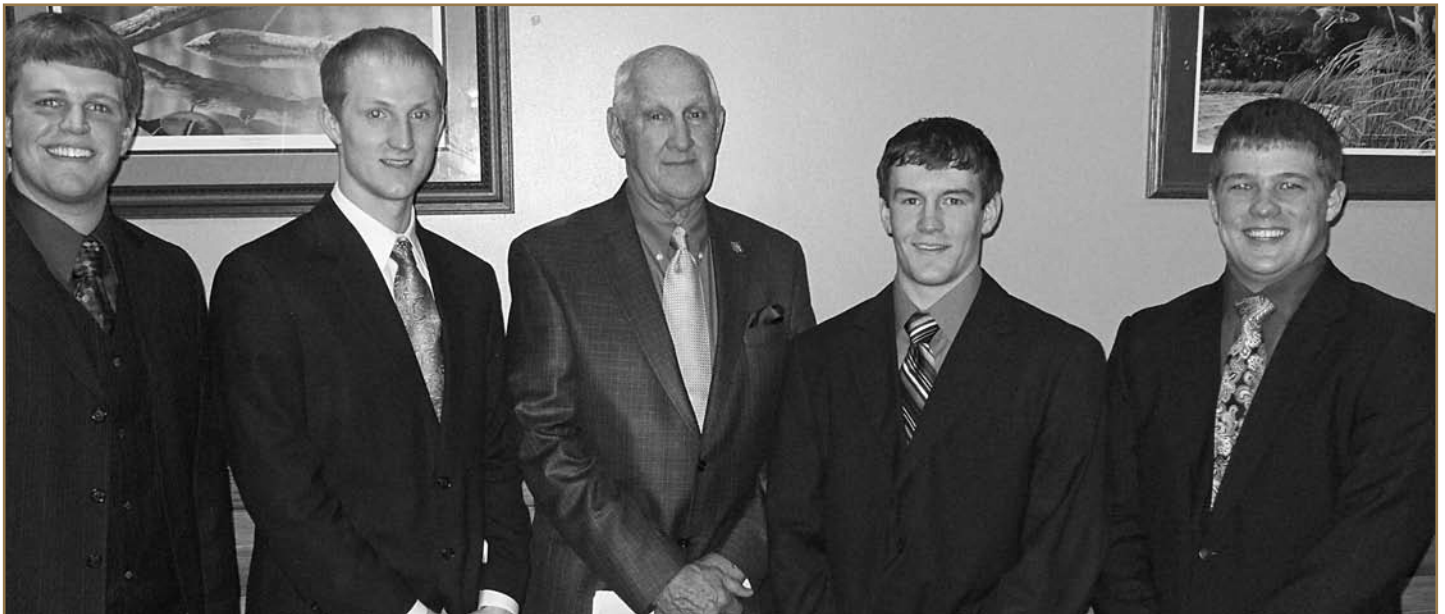
Brothers Jeff Cather, Eric Noel, Cody Burke, Jesus Manriquez, Kendal Clawson, Greg Harris and Michael Welch received new member scholarships.

The Steve Burgess Scholarship was given to Brother Andrew Strasburg.

Dale Rodman Scholarship recipients were Brothers Reagan

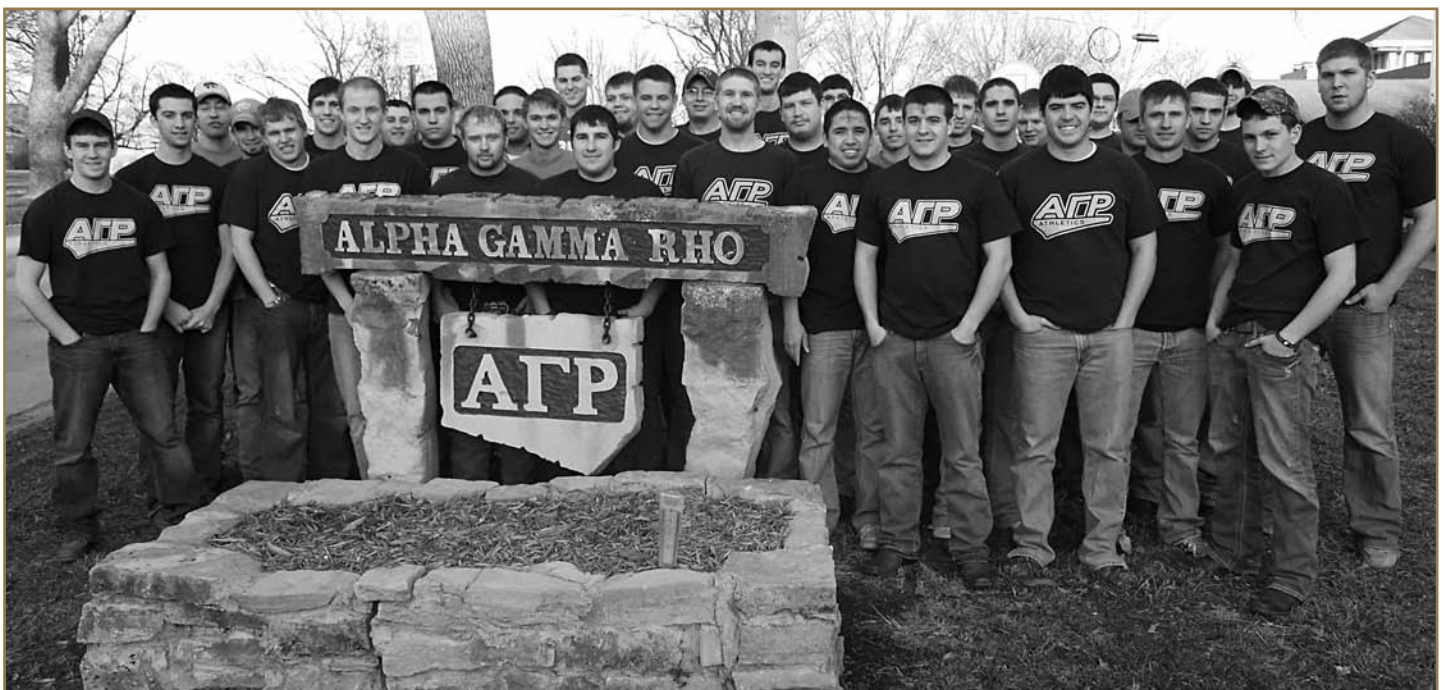
Kays, Chad Nuelle, Andrew Sherrer and Logan Britton.

Following the scholarship awards, attendees enjoyed dancing to music played by a DJ. On behalf of every brother, I wish to say that we are very appreciative of our alumni and without their guidance and support we wouldn't be one of the premier fraternities on this campus. Thank you for your donation and investments in the men of AGR. It will surely be paid back by their contributions to the agriculture industry.



Dale Rodman Scholarship

(L-R) Reagan Kays, Logan Britton, Dale Rodman, Andrew Scherrer, Chad Nuelle





Alumni Spotlight

Here at Alpha Zeta Chapter, we always pride ourselves on the accomplishments of our alumni. This year we are especially proud of the honors, awards, and leadership positions received by these alumni. We felt that these alumni truly deserved to be in the "spotlight."

Our first accomplished alumni, was named Stockman of the Year by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. Virgil Huseman, a 1967 graduate of Kansas State University; was born and raised in Ellsworth County, Kansas. While at Kansas State University Virgil received his bachelor's degree in Animal Science and after graduating from college Virgil was a farm broadcaster with WIBW Radio and TV in



Virgil Huseman
Stockman of the Year

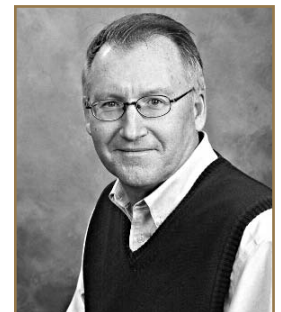
Topeka, Kansas. From 1971 to 1979 Virgil was a executive secretary for the feedlot division of the Kansas Livestock association. Virgil is a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Kansas Livestock Association, board member for the National Livestock and Meat Board and the Kansas Angus Association. He also has been on the board of directors for the First Bank of Kansas, Salina; and has served locally on the county Farm Bureau board, the local coop board, and as a county 4-H leader. Virgil and his family own and operate a progressive cow-calf operation and farm. The ranch has been recognized nationally as the Beef Improvement Federation Commercial Producer of the Year.

Sam Hands was awarded the 2011 Kansas State University Distinguished Animal Sciences Alumnus. A 1970 graduate of Kansas State University Sam received his Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences. After graduating from college, Sam served as a lieutenant in the U.S Army; then returned back to the family farm near Garden City, Kansas in 1973. Today the operation is known as Triangle H Cattle Co. which consists of 10,000 acres, 2,000 commercial cows, and two 4,000 head feedyards. Sam has served as president of the Livestock and Meat

Industry Council, Finney County Farm Bureau, and Beef Empire Days. He has received the Beef Improvement Federation's Commercial Producer of the Year, Certified Angus Beef's Feedlot Performance Champion, and Block and Bridle Stockman of the Year.

Another very accomplished Alpha Zeta Alumni is Phil Kirk. Phil is being honored with the Distinguished Young Ag Alumni Award. Phil is a 1989 graduate of Kansas State University where he received his bachelor's in Agricultural Economics. Phil was very active member while attending Kansas State, he was elected Ag Student Council President, was a member of the Ag Finance Committee, the Dean's Ag Council and Ag Alumni Board. From 1989 to 1994 Phil served on the personal staff of U.S. Representative Jim Slattery, starting as one of the several district aides and finishing as the district director. In 1998 Phil moved to Washington D.C. where he held the position of intergovernmental Relations Manager for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. Phil has been a commissioned law enforcement officer in the state of Kansas since 1999, providing support to the Ottawa, Kansas Police Department. He is a member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron #153 in Olathe and the Roger T. Sherman Masonic Lodge #369 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Also Dan Devlin another Alpha Zeta Chapter alumni, was named director of the Kansas Center for Agriculture Resources and the Environment and also the director of the Kansas Water Resources Institute. Dan a K-State Research and Extension specialist for water quality, has developed and delivered educational programs to farm and nonfarm audiences. Dan has studied water movement and has developed best management practices for pesticides, particularly atrazine herbicides for Kansas and the Midwest. Devlin was recently named a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and received the organization's Agronomic Extension Education Award.



Dan Devlin
Director of KCARE and KWRI

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2011 AGR Seniors

Tyler Dechant #1581

Garden City, KS
 Ag Economics Major
 Plans on working for Gowan Co. as an ag chemical representative.

Brad Brensing 1583

Stafford, KS
 Ag Business Major
 After Graduation Brad will be interning for Winfield Solutions.

Justin Hagedorn #1605

Andover, KS
 Ag Economics Major with a Minor in Animal Science and Industries and an Equine Science Certificate.
 Will be working for Cargill Animal Nutrition after graduation as an Equine Nutritionist Sales Consultant.

Westin Holloway #1579

Kincaid, KS
 Major in Ag Technology Management with a minor in Agronomy
 Will be working for Record Harvest and then Farm

Cody Bornholdt #1572

Inman, KS
 Animal Science and Industry major with a Business Option
 Cody is going back to the Family Farm and Ranch

Shane Blaas #1574

Cherryvale, KS
 Dual major in Agronomy and Ag Economics
 Will be a Product Support Representative for John Deere

Gared Shaffer #1594

Independence, KS
 Ag Education major with a minor in Animal Science and Industries
 Gared plans to teach in the Mahattan area for a couple of years and then plans to move to the Arabian Peninsulas and work with Muslims.

Doug Shane #1610

Louisburg, KS
 Major in Pre- Vet and Animal Science and Industries
 After graduation Doug plans to attend Vet school here at Kansas State University

Bo Nelson #1586

Lewis, KS
 Major in Animal Science and Industries
 Bo plans on Traveling to Australia after graduating and then plans on moving back to Family Farm.

Justin Lupfer #1602

Hanston, KS
 Animal Science and Industries major
 Will be working for Triangle H Cattle Co. in Garden City Kansas as a herd manager.

Jared Wilson #1611

Amsterdam, MO
 Major in Ag Business with an Agronomy minor
 Jared will be working for the Scoular Co. after graduation.

Lee Glanville #1578

Cottonwood Falls, KS
 Major in Ag Economics
 Plans on working for the Coffey County Airport and Farm

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Alumni are an integral part of Chapter recruitment. With your help, AGR can recruit high-quality members that will continue the tradition of success that is held by the Chapter. Any information you can provide us is extremely helpful. During the spring, we may be contacting some of you to aid us in the recruitment process; look for further information at a later date.

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Please tell us any information about what is going on in your life:

Please take time to fill out the questionnaire. By filling this out you will be helping to improve our alumni realations.



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