Student Highlights

Ronnie Sullivan, sophomore in agribusiness, Paola, has been named one of 56 Cargill Global Scholars. Participating students from Brazil, China, Russia, India, and the United States receive funds for educational expenses and participate in leadership development and enrichment activities with Cargill leaders.

The spring 2013 *Kansas State Agriculturist,* produced by agricultural communications and journalism students, placed first in the magazine division and top overall publication at the 15th annual Ag Media Summit, a joint meeting of the American Agricultural Editors' Association, Livestock Publications Council, and the American Business Media Agri Council plus the annual meeting of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow. The issue also took second in the student magazine division at the National Agricultural Alumni Development Association awards.

A record 101 companies participated in the Agri-Industry Career Fair January 29 in the K-State Student Union. Student attendance increased by about 17 percent to a total of 450.

Junior Victor Ryu and sophomore Shannon Miskell, both students in food science and industry, and Jordan Green, sophomore in animal sciences and industry, were chosen as K-State Libraries ambassadors.

The K-State Meats Judging Team finished third overall out of 19 teams at the International Meats Judging Contest. Team members include Lane Giess, Courtney Schultz, Miguel Del Toro, Pake Ebert, Jeremy Mock, Elsie Suhr, Allie Hobson, and MaryAnn Matney. Terry Houser and graduate students Aaron Tapian and Garret Dietz coach the team. K-State has finished in the top 3 four years in a row.

Sruthi Narayanan, agronomy doctoral student, received the 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Association of Agricultural Scientists of Indian Origin.

Ximena Cibils-Stewart (MS '13 entomology) earned the 2013 Plant-Insect Ecosystems Legends of Entomology Award for Master Student Achievement from the Entomological Society of America. The K-State chapter of the Golden Key International Honor Society honored her as the 2013 Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant of the Year. Assistant Professor Brian McCornack serves as her mentor.

Agronomy graduate students swept the poster competition at the 2014 Great Plains Soil Fertility Conference: Robert Florence, first for "Phosphorus Soil Test Correlation and Calibration with Soybean," and Ray Asebedo, second for "Intensive Management of Wheat Using Sensors. Professor Dave Mengel co-authored both posters. Third place award went to Nate Dorsey for "Genetic Effects on Nitrogen Use Efficiency in Winter Wheat of the Great Plains,"co-authored by Nathan Nelson, associate professor; Allan Fritz, professor; and Eric Adee, assistant professor.

The K-State Crops Team captured the national championship for the fifth year in a row and 12 titles in the past 15 years. The team won both the Kansas City American Royal Collegiate Crops and the Chicago Collegiate Crops contests. Individually, K-State completed a rare sweep of the top three places in both contests. Members from left: **Nathan Larson**, Kensington; **Sam Knauss**, Paola; **Morgan Halderson**, Delphos; **Ben Coomes**, Girard; **Jeri Sigle**, Council Grove; **Tyler Herrs**, Linn; assistant coach **Hannah Christen**, Oregon, Ill., and a member of the 2012 team; and coach **Professor Kevin Donnelly**. All team members are agronomy majors except Sigle, who is majoring in agricultural education with a minor in agronomy.

K-State students won the National Collegiate Beef Quiz Bowl Championship Feb. 6 at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention in Nashville, Tenn. From left: Ken Odde, department head; Tyler Schultz; Angela Vesco; Kiah Gourley; Chase Miller; and advisor, Karol Fike. Analena Simmons is not pictured.

Academic-All Big 12

Courtesy of K-State Athletics (2)

Weston Hiebert, senior in agricultural economics, Canton, earned first team Academic All-Big 12 honors in football.

Courtney Cook, senior in animal sciences and industry, Fremont, Neb., received her first Academic All-Big 12 honor for volleyball. She is one of four Big 12 student-athletes nominated this season with a 4.0 GPA.

College student participation in varsity sports: equestrian – 17, rowing – 15, football – 6, men's track – 5, women's track – 3, and volleyball – 2.

Courtesy of Communications and Marketing

Two agronomy graduate students presented their research at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka — Andrew McGowan (shown above) "Impact of nitrogen rate on nitrous oxide emission and life cycle greenhouse gas emission in switchgrass-based cellulosic ethanol" and Megan Brown "Greenhouse gas footprints of two non-legume cover crops following winter wheat."

Courtesy of Brooke Harshaw

Agricultural communications and journalism students hosted the National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow Professional Development Conference Feb. 6–8. Participants toured the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and International Grains Program facilities; listened to presentations, including one by Barry Flinchbaugh, professor of agricultural economics; participated in a crisis communication scenario; and attended sessions about future career and educational opportunities in the agricultural communications industry.

Leadership Legacy Continues

Reagan Kays continued the College of Agriculture legacy of student leadership by being elected student body president for 2013–2014. Kays, a senior in agribusiness, and vice president Cody Kennedy, a junior in secondary education and mathematics, swept the election with nearly 86 percent of the vote. They ran on a three-part platform, "Your Education, Your Passion, Your Life."

Kays and Kennedy start work immediately on implementing their platform issues, which are streamlining tutoring services, increasing communication with all 475 student organizations, and advocating for a medical amnesty law.

Sixteen agriculture students have served as student body president over the last 25 years.

New Ambassadors Chosen

The college has selected 24 students to serve as ambassadors. They will assist with more than 650 prospective student visits and represent the college and university at various events throughout the year.

New College of Agriculture ambassadors include: **Elizabeth Allen,** Holton; **Celine Beggs,** Bedford, Iowa; **Linda Bilberry,** Garden City; **Claire Bokelman,** Washington; **Jared Bourek,** Dodge, Neb.; **Carrie Carlson,** Lincolnville; **Cooper Clawson,** Meade; **Zach Cooper,** Stratton, Colo.; **Kenzie Curran,** Farlington; **Blake Foraker,** Burrton; **Karly Frederick,** Alden; **Brooke Jackson,** Arkansas City; **Brett Lynn,** Monmouth, Ore.; **Bailey McClelland,** Bowen, Ill.; **Melissa Miller,** Sedan; **Cheyenne Moyer,** Lincoln, Ark.; **Sophia Pitney,** Abilene; **Chris Reusz,** Downers Grove, Ill.; **Rachel Sahrbeck,** Springfield, Pa.; **Dana Schulz,** Rantoul; **Savannah Stewart,** Valley Center; **Lindsay Upperman,** Chambersburg, Pa.; **Amelia Vasko,** Scott City; and **Anissa Zagonel,** Girard.