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Dear Alumni, Students, Faculty and Staff:

The Spring season always brings high expectations of things to come. In that light, the Department graduated 6 Master students and 24 Bachelors students this spring semester. Coupled with the winter's 20 graduates they all are embarking on their professional journeys and we wish them success.

On the local front, we had a faculty retreat aimed at updating our curriculum to better meet today's challenges on May 15th. Moving farther afield, on our Afghanistan Water, Agriculture and Technology Transfer Project (AWATT), Dr. Roger Beck will become our new Chief of Party based in Kabul, and Dr. Robert Grassberger will take over Principle Investigator duties. Our faculty continues to also be involved with Iraq and Jordan on the international front, and a new program is starting to expose students to more international experiences in the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

We are exploring the idea of starting an advisory group for the Department. If you have any suggestions for people or the type of input such group could provide please let me know.

Best wishes,

Terry



Terry L. Crawford, Ph.D.
College Professor and Interim Head
Department of Agricultural Economics and
Agricultural Business

Teens say YES to business camp. Scholarships, college credit available to students with 2.5 GPA.

Before beginning college last fall, Gilbert Orosco was ahead of many incoming freshmen. He already knew his way around the New Mexico State University campus. He already knew that studying would make all the difference between high school and college, and he also knew what it

would take to hire, train, and retain good employees.

Orosco already knew many things that take most freshmen several months to learn because he took advantage of NMSU's Youth Entrepreneurship Summer Camp. During the five-week program, he earned college credit while developing and presenting a plan for Chord A, his music store concept for middle and high school students.

Under the tutelage of J. Michael Patrick, the university's community resource and economic development specialist, students learn how to launch a business – including making presentations to local community banking executives – while studying free enterprise.

Orosco and six other Las Cruces area high school students created plans for their own businesses during YES Camp. YES consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 35 hours of field-based work. The program is designed for high school juniors and seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point average, an official transcript and completed NMSU undergraduate admission application.

YES Camp affords students the opportunity to explore their business dreams. It connects them early on to the college experience and starts them on the road to being contributing members of their communities. "During the first few days I was kind of nervous... but as the program continued I felt more confident about it and started to like the class," Orosco said. "The YES camp experience helped to show me some of the differences between high school and college classes... and helped me prepare better for college and gain a few credits."

Tapping into dreams.

Patrick launched the NMSU YES Camp in 2008, after developing a similar successful program at Texas A&M International in Laredo, Texas.

"YES training programs are common around the country," he said.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT *contd.*

Texas A&M International University serves a border community of just over 200,000 residents with many struggling families, Patrick said. The high school graduation rate is 42 to 45 percent, and only 30 percent of those that do complete high school go to college. Many teens go right to work in the family business or try to get some entrepreneurial business going on their own. In 10 years, he grew the Laredo program from four students and five sponsors to more than 200 students and nearly 20 sponsors.

"Through this program, we recognize the local economy would benefit from the expansion of existing businesses and creation of new business, and it's also a way for kids to get through college," Patrick said.

"For young adults, one of their dreams is to have their own business – they may learn, once they get into it, that it's too much work, but they have a dream. I try to tap into that dream," he said.

Last year, Orosco and fellow students Leslie Rupe, Alejandro Chavez, Marcos Guzman, Amanda O'Brien, Nicole Casillas and Desiree Holguin explored their business ideas ranging from a home and garden design concept that combined landscaping with interior design services to a girls' clothing boutique that specialized in small and large sizes.

Patrick's goal is to get students into college, prepare them for an entrepreneurial career and give them training and critical thinking skills. While exploring their ideas for business, students write and present a business plan.

"They don't think they can do it a first but once they get into it – they do it. They talk to people they don't even know and get feedback," he said.

"I did not know much about what you need to look at in order to open a business. It was helpful to actually see the figures and also to look at the demographics of the area. Everything I have learned in the class is turning out to be very useful. I learned a lot about finances and how to manage my money," O'Brien said.

Students receive scholarships.

All of Patrick's YES Camp students are enrolled at NMSU.

"These kids may not have thought about college, but after they got on campus, they went to the university," he said.

Through YES, young entrepreneurs learn a broad

range of skills and techniques that will serve them in any walk of life including supply and demand, market research, raising capital and business ethics.

Last year, business leaders volunteered to visit with students in the classroom to talk about customer service, market research and advertising strategies. Before the end of the program, students presented their business plans to bankers in a loan committee setting.

Patrick also invites NMSU registration and admissions staff to talk with students about what is required to have a successful college experience and their next steps toward becoming a freshman at NMSU.

Patrick said he is exploring the possibility of starting a long distance learning program, adding that this year - thanks to a grant from the Chase Foundation - 20 students in Artesia will attend YES Camp classes via live video.

NMSU's YES Camp 2009 will run Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 1 through July 7. The camp has room for 14 to 16 students and the application deadline is May 8. Students earn three hours of NMSU college credit.

Patrick said the YES Camp raises 90 percent of the \$750 program expenses from Las Cruces area businesses, so students and their families pay only \$75 for the five and a half week course. Last year's YES Camp Scholarship Sponsors included Bank of the Rio Grande, Wells Fargo Bank, Citizens Bank, First American Bank, Sonic Drive-Ins, Western Stove and Spas, High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico and Mathers Reality.

Interested students can learn more from their high school counselor or by contacting Patrick at (575) 202-4235.

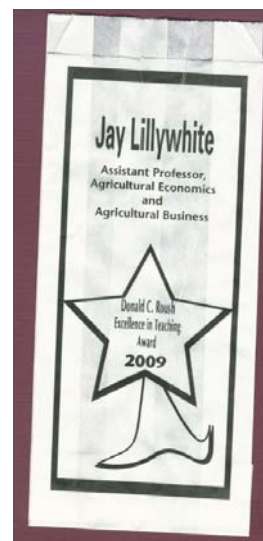


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Update: J. Michael Patrick raised \$15,000 in scholarship funds for this summer's Youth Entrepreneurship Summer (YES) Camp program/class involving 10 students in Las Cruces and 9 students in Artesia (via ITV).



NMSU's Community Resource and Economic Development Director Michael Patrick poses with students from YES Camp 2008. Front row, Amanda O'Brien, Leslie Rupe and Alejandro Chavez; back row, Nicole Casillas, Gilbert Orosco, Desiree Holguin, Patrick and Marcos Guzman.



You know that you've made the big time when your name is on the popcorn bag in the College of Ag!



Hamdy Oushy, Kevin McNamara, Craig Runyan, and Bob Grassberger tour southern New Mexico irrigation facilities in April.

See story page 7.

PRESIDENT'S ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP celebrates 30 years

The President's Associates (PA) Scholarship program provides outstanding New Mexico students with a remarkable educational experience. It is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the state. This year, the scholarship program celebrated its 30th year with a gala on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

"I would like to commend the President's Associates Scholars for having been awarded NMSU's most prestigious undergraduate scholarship," said Waded Cruzado, NMSU's interim president. "They are following in the footsteps of many outstanding alumni over the past 30 years who have taken advantage of this scholarship and who have made the very most out of their time on campus." The President's Associates Scholarship was established in the 1978-79 academic year by then NMSU President Gerald Thomas, former vice president for development Steele Jones and business and community leaders led by the late state Sen. Frank Papen.

Since its creation, the President's Associates Scholarship has been awarded to 300 students, representing every academic discipline and every community in New Mexico. Successful applicants exhibit a combination of outstanding academics, leadership skills and a commitment to community service. Many have become leaders on campus. Fifty-five students, from hometowns across New Mexico and studying subjects across the curriculum, are currently NMSU President's Associates Scholars. The students receive the award as entering freshmen and are awarded the

scholarship for four years.

"Being a President's Associates Scholar has enriched my experience at NMSU in many ways," said Amy Lamb, an NMSU senior studying agricultural economics and agricultural business. "In addition to financial assistance, PA Scholars are supported by a network of professionals that truly care about student success and we enjoy the fellowship of past and present scholars."

Beginning in 1979, with an award to students of \$1,000 each year, the scholarship is now valued at \$8,500 each year, with \$3,250 of that figure being donated by individuals, families and businesses. In total, more than \$3 million has been raised, and a permanent endowment valued at almost \$2 million forms the foundation of future awards to New Mexico's best and brightest students.

The cornerstone for the President's Associates Scholarship program is its volunteer board. More than 125 dedicated community members have served on the President's Associates board, selecting the scholarship recipients, planning events for the students and raising funds. Two former President's Associates Scholars now serve on the board.

For more information about the President's Associates Scholarship, visit <http://honors.nmsu.edu/PA/>.

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By Scott Southward

PRESENTATIONS

Terry Crawford: "Impact of GMP model on New Mexican Dairies." New Mexico Dairy Producers, April.

Connie Falk spoke at the kick off of the Women's History Month project "Women Taking the Lead to Save the Planet," a part of the Year of Sustainability held in March.

Jerry Hawkes: Short course- Beef Cattle. Hidalgo County. March.

Jim Libbin: "A New Mexico Agricultural Outlook" Independent Community Bankers Association of the New Mexico 2009 Agricultural Lenders Conference. April.

Frank Ward: "Incentive Pricing and Cost Recovery at the Basin Scale." UNM Dept of Economics weekly seminar series. March.



Past President's Associates President, Bernadette Montoya, with President's Associates Scholars, Teresa Leslie, Valerie Beltran, Amy Lamb (AEAB), Ashley Hicks, Anna Garliss and Alyssa Brooks



Connie Falk was one of seven speakers at the "Women Taking the Lead to Save the Planet" project kick-off event for Women's History Month in March.

*Photo by Beth Sitzler
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DEPARTMENTAL TRAVEL

Roger Beck participated in AWATT meetings held this spring in Las Cruces, Tucson, AZ, Dallas, TX, Fort Collins, CO, and Champaign, IL. Beck also traveled to Kabul, Afghanistan for continued AWATT work.

Terry Crawford traveled to Ruidoso in April to speak to the New Mexico Dairy Producers. In May, Crawford was in Albuquerque for the New Mexico Rural Leadership Conference and in Alcalde for a general review of the Extension Economics projects.

Joel Diemer was in Dallas in April helping out the school of HTRM. He accompanied the NMSU rugby team to Atlanta, GA where they played in a tournament. In May, Diemer was continuing work on Agrability in Santa Fe and the South Valley Initiative in Albuquerque.

Connie Falk and Beth Pollack (Language and Linguistics) accompanied a group of 14 students to El Salvador for the NMSU Agribusiness Field Study course during spring break at the end of March. Also in March, she attended an organizational meeting in Chihuahua, Mexico for a research project in the Sierra. In May, Falk participated in a CONACYT forestry project with faculty from FCAYA-UACH.

Robert Foster took the opportunity to visit solar technology manufacturers in Tucson and Safford Arizona to check out their newest equipment while on a stateside visit from his usual duties in Afghanistan.

Bill Gorman accompanied NMSU/NAMA to Santa Fe in March. NAMA conducted focus groups regarding New Mexico wines in New Mexico restaurants. NAMA also made a presentation at the Vine and Wine Conference. Gorman also traveled to Budapest, Hungary for IAMA planning at the end of March and the beginning of April. In April, he traveled to Atlanta, GA for the NAMA annual conference and marketing competition. Gorman also did some marketing consultation in Alamogordo.

Bob Grassberger participated in AWATT meetings held this spring in Las Cruces, Tucson, AZ, Dallas, TX, Fort Collins, CO, and Champaign, IL.

Jerry Hawkes traveled throughout the state recruiting for the department. He talked to students in Gallup, Portales, Roswell, Belen, and Bosque Farms. Hawkes also traveled to Sierra Vista and Tucson, AZ for recruitment.

Jim Libbin participated in the 2009 Agricultural

Lenders Conference held in Ruidoso in April.

Jay Lillywhite took part in an USDA conference in Washington, D.C. in March. In April, he attended the NAMA annual conference in Atlanta, GA, and traveled to Alamogordo for marketing consultation.

Manny Medrano, ACES Information Technology, was in Kabul, Afghanistan this spring in order to set up the computer system and train local Afghans in computer care and maintenance.

Hamdy Oushy traveled to Kabul Afghanistan to work on the AWATT project.

J. Michael Patrick traveled to Salt Lake City, UT in March for a planning meeting with the director of the Western Rural Development Center. The May 26th daylong "New Mexico Rural Development Roundtable" workshop took place in Albuquerque. It involved two dozen state and local leaders, economic development professionals, and NMSU-CES personnel. The purpose of the workshop was to identify and discuss New Mexico's rural development challenges. Patrick traveled to Zuni Pueblo in April where he conducted part of the "Reviving Traditional Zuni Agriculture and Production Practices." He also took part in a Town Hall meeting in Silver City about the Federal Fiscal Stimulus and Recovery Act, and in Socorro, Patrick participated in a CES Civil Rights Audit. In May, Patrick conducted an orientation for YES camp students in Artesia.

Anil Rupasingha traveled to Dallas to take part in AWATT meetings.

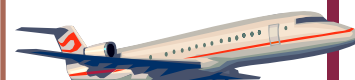
Rhonda Skaggs conducted research for the South Valley Project and attended water meetings in Albuquerque in April and May.

Patrick Sullivan served on the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation "Water Quality and Conservation" grant review committee held in May. Sullivan also conducted various mediations throughout the state during the spring.

Frank Ward traveled to Albuquerque to participate in the UNM economics department's weekly seminar series in March.



Connie Falk (far right) and the NMSU Agribusiness Field Study group in El Salvador.



Classroom instruction for Zuni high school students as part of the "Reviving Traditional Zuni Agriculture and Production Practices" project.



Robert Foster (left) and Manny Medrano (right) in Kabul, Afghanistan. Manny was there to set up the computer system for the AWATT team.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Greg Daviet: Pecan grower has long history in the valley; Daviet nurtures trees his grandmother planted in the '60s.

Pecan grower Greg Daviet is a family man, and he is fulfilling that need by working the land in the Mesilla Valley.

Daviet grows pecans on 255 acres south of Mesilla that were planted by his grandmother, Lady Gay Robertson Daviet, from 1965 to 1972. She was married to Las Cruces physician Dr. Les Daviet, who was the first chief-of-staff at the new Memorial General Hospital.

His great-grandfather Albert Robertson was a dentist from Louisiana who became a farmer in the Mesilla Valley, reportedly growing sugar beets. Currently, Daviet is cleaning up his own orchard after an extensive tree pruning, a critical management practice.

"I prune to shape the trees to allow more sunlight into the canopy, and for spraying and management," Daviet said.

The New Mexico pecan industry is expanding and now totals about 39,000 acres. Consumers have become aware of the nutritional value of pecans. Exporting pecans to other countries, such as China, continues to grow.

"Pecans are very capital intensive," he said, "It's very expensive to establish a pecan orchard, but it's less volatile than vegetables. Forage crops like alfalfa and corn silage have an established market, but as long as water is available, pecans, on average, are more profitable per acre." Daviet's pecan yields average about 1,800 pounds per acre.

Currently, the pecan market is weak.

The economic recession is only part of the problem. Processors do not have adequate "cash-on-hand" to buy pecans, and the price is depressed, Daviet said.

The market is affected by what processors call "carry over."

"The carry over, the prior year's pecan production and the consumption will affect this year's crop," he said.

But Daviet is optimistic about the Mesilla Valley, with its warm temperatures and ample sunlight, as an agricultural production center.

"We have 220 consecutive frost-free days, which is

critical for a growing season," he said. "A long growing season means more production. The Mesilla Valley has an agriculture future. As long as there is abundant water, agriculture will continue to be prosperous in the Mesilla Valley."

Daviet also is demonstrating his confidence in agriculture by serving as Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau president. The county bureau has 1,500 members.

He believes the bureau's mission is very important – to support agriculture and public education for agriculture.

"Our goal is to encourage the next generation to stay in agriculture," Daviet said. "We have programs that promote youths' participation."

Daviet has been managing the family farm for 15 years, but was born and reared in Phoenix where his father, Les Daviet Jr., was an electrical engineer working for a large energy company. The previous orchard manager had become ill, and his father asked him if he would be interested in taking over.

Daviet had been studying musical composition at Phoenix College, but decided to make a career change and found a home working the land. He eventually returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business and Economics from New Mexico State University. "I'm a very family-oriented person," Daviet said. "I was thrilled to work the ground that had been in my family for generations."

Greg Daviet is the president of the Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau, a member of the New Mexico and Western Pecan Growers Associations, and a Personnel officer for the New Mexico Air National Guard.

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By Marvin Tessneer

Fred Owensby: The strongest link between vision and success. SBDC director helps small businesses cross the finish line.

So you've got a great business idea, but not much cash to back it. You apply for a loan.

Unfortunately, lenders are hesitant to take entrepreneurial risks, unlike the visionaries sitting at the other end of the bargaining table.

That's where Fred Owensby comes in.

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Greg Daviet, a family man and pecan grower, grows pecans on 255 acres south of Mesilla. His grandmother planted the trees he harvests today in the '60s.

*Photo by Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin*



Sherida and Monique receive the award for Outstanding Chapter Fundraising at the NAMA convention.

Photo by AgWired



NMSU/NAMA at the 2009 NAMA conference and marketing competition held in Atlanta, GA.

Photo by AgWired



Sherida Elkins receives the award for the runner up for the Outstanding Chapter.

Photo by AgWired

Owensby, director of the Doña Ana Community College Small Business Development Center (SBDC), has a hawk's eye for feasibility – usually, he can tell you if a great idea is just that, “a great idea, but not a viable business plan.”

“There's two types of people that we work with,” Owensby said. “Those looking to start a business and those who already have an established business.”

Owensby and his staff serve as full-service small business consultants, and can guide a prospective business owner through the entire start-up process or help an existing business owner expand, for free.

Sound too good to be true? It's not, more than 1,200 small businesses in Doña Ana and Sierra counties are SBDC clients, and the list is growing.

“First, we listen to the idea,” Owensby said.

“Then, we help in getting that idea systematically put down on paper – a business plan. (Prospective owners) list what their business will do, show the industry research to support it, talk about what their various products and services will be, list the unique benefits of their product and who their target market will be.”

Easier said than done for a solo venturist looking to turn an idea into reality. Owensby and his staff will then examine the financial projections of said company. From breaking even to going bankrupt, SBDC consultants are paid to give their clients the straight numbers, good or bad.

“Some will realize that their business idea is just not viable,” he said. “Sometimes, that is a success, that the person does not go into business and fail. They educate themselves at the same time and re-

think entering that industry.”

Owensby said despite the hobbling national economy, “now's a good a time as any to start a business.”

If the plan makes sense (and cents), the numbers add up and the market is open, “you will succeed,” he said.

Owensby, a native New Mexican who comes from a fifth-generation ranching family, said he is truly invested in seeing his fellow New Mexicans succeed. Having worked for several years as a loan officer and vice president of International Bank in Angelfire, N.M., and for the New Mexico SBDC for more than 11 years, Owensby has the industry and community knowledge to give his clients the soundest business advice possible.

“We have made some great head-way in the last 5 years helping the southern communities of Doña Ana County,” he said. “To be able to sit down with a potential entrepreneur and give them the information and expertise they need to write their business plan, and helping them get the funding they need, is very satisfying.” On his downtime, Owensby enjoys the outdoors, camping and hunting, fishing and hiking and has developed a passion for the guitar.

Fred Owensby is a member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley Christian Schools Parent-Teacher Fellowship, and an advisory board member for the Arrowhead Entrepreneurship Program and the Anthony-Berino Economic Development boards.

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GRADUATE SEMINARS

Anwar Anderson (MAG) “Summer 2008 internship with the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency” (Major professor: Jerry Hawkes)

Ben Etcheverry (MAG) “Internship” (Major professor: Jim Libbin)

Robert Gaffney (MAG) “Special Research Creative Component, AEEC 598” (Major professor: Jim Libbin)

Prasenjit Ghosh (MS) “A Hydro-Economic Perspective on the Value and Management of Groundwater Resources along the Rio Grande

River Basin in New Mexico.” (Major professor: Brian Hurd)

Buddy Robinson (MAG) “Special Research Creative Component, AEEC 598” (Major professor: Jerry Hawkes)

Ruili Yan (MS) “Locally Grown Food in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area: Consumer Awareness, Attitudes, and Policy Implication.” (Major professor: Joel Diemer)



Anwar Anderson - recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence for Graduates..



Sherida Elkins - recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence for Undergraduates.



Amy Lamb - recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence for Undergraduates.



Sam Nesbitt - recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence for Undergraduates.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Connie Falk, Mark Uchanski (Plant and Environmental Sciences) and Del Jimenez' grant proposal "Winter Production of Leafy Greens in the Southwestern USA using High Tunnels" has been approved by Western SARE. Work will start on this project in July.

J. Michael Patrick received a \$33,641 grant from the Western Center for Risk Management Education (RMA) to fund the educational project – "Improving New Mexico Small Farm Sustainability through Farmers Markets." The 18 month project will seek to reduce producer financial risk (low returns) at farmers markets through a series of workshops around the state focused on crop diversification, season extension, high value crop

production and resource requirements, financial management, market assessments, marketing strategies, and business planning.

Patrick also received a \$11,500 grant from the New Mexico Public Education Department-Rural Education Bureau to fund the development project – "Reviving Traditional Zuni Agriculture and Production Practices." The project will involve high school and middle school students on the Zuni Reservation in establishing school-based farms focused on re-introducing production and consumption of traditional Zuni vegetables and fruits for home consumption and sale at a student-run farmers market on the Zuni Reservation.

VISITING PROFESSORS

Dr. Kevin McNamara, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University and the P.I. on the A4 project visited the Department of Ag-Econ Ag-Business from April 27th through the 29th. The A4 project is a sister project to AWATT, both projects are funded by USAID in Afghanistan. On

Friday, April 28, he presented the lecture, "Challenges for Agricultural Development in Afghanistan" at Gerald Thomas Hall and took a tour of local irrigation projects with Dr. Hamdy Oushy. Dr. Bob Grassberger and Craig Runyan.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS and NEWS

Prasenjit Ghosh had the Outstanding Poster at the Graduate Research and Arts Symposium.

Amy Lamb, Sam Nesbitt, and Sherida Elkins were awarded the Dean's Award of Excellence for Undergraduates.

Anwar Anderson was awarded the Dean's Award of Excellence for Graduate Students.

NMSU/ NAMA traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for the 2009 NAMA annual conference and marketing competition. While there our NMSU chapter was recognized with the Outstanding Chapter Fundraising Award and was the runner up for the Outstanding Chapter award.

Staff News:

Noha Oushy (graduate assistant in the departmental office) and husband, Wael Borham, are the proud parents of fraternal twin daughters, Judy and Jana. The girls were born on Sunday, March 22. Congratulations also are in order for the proud grandfather, Dr. Hamdy Oushy!

After seven years of one class per semester, Sylvia Beuhler (Reports Layout Typist) earned a Master of Arts degree in Spanish thanks to the NMSU Educational Benefits.



Zuni high school students begin field preparation for the "Reviving Traditional Zuni Agriculture and Production Practices" project.



Prasenjit Ghosh received "Outstanding Poster" at the Graduate Research and Arts Symposium this spring.



Sylvia Beuhler, M.A.



Jana and Judy at one month old.



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BIRTHDAYS celebrated during the spring.

Terry Crawford
Bill Gorman
Cynda Clary
Anil Rupasingha
Patrick Sullivan
Ram Acharya
Brian Hurd



UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 20th - 23rd: IAMA Annual World Forum and Symposium, "Global Challenges - Local Solutions." Budapest, Hungary. NMSU/NAMA will present posters and will compete in the case study competition.

June 29th - July 1st: 2009 American Water Resources Association summer specialty conference - adaptive management of water resources. Snowbird, UT

July 26th - 28th: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and the American Council on Consumer Interests 2009 Joint Annual Meeting. Milwaukee, WI.

SPRING 2009 GRADUATES

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Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business

Jonna Bizzell
Karen Coplin
Chuarles Curl
Dustin Devenport
Rylan Edgmon
Sherida Elkins
Justin Ellis
Thomas Engle
Rayshell Fulfer
Erica Garcia-Pruett
John Hale
Christina Haydon
Ryan Hiles
Reese Howard
Megan Keeley
Amy Lamb
Charles Lange
Christopher Lilly
Kevin Lozares

Nate Mortensen
Sam Nesbitt
Dustin Polk
Kiane Pound
Justin Zeiders

Master of Science-Agricultural Economics and Economics
Prasenjit Ghosh
Ruili Yan

Master of Agriculture-Agribusiness
Anwar Anderson
Benjamin Etcheverry
Robert Gaffney
Buddy Robinson

Congratulations, Graduates!

Alumni, faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. Please send your information to: sbeuhler@nmsu.edu.