ARSGSA VIDEO

The Animal and Range Sciences graduate students recently entered a video competition for the American Society of Animal Science. In order to win this competition, people need to vote on the video by clicking the like button under the video. This video recognizes NMSU and specifically how we are playing a role in animal agriculture and feeding the world.

To vote go to: [http://www.youtube.com/user/videosforASAS/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/videosforASAS/videos)

Then choose the middle video entitled "How NMSU Animal and Range Science Department is Feeding the World". Below this video, click the like button. You have to have a youtube/gmail account to vote, but signing up is easy and your vote is confidential. There are only 3 videos submitted and currently UC-Davis is ahead in the voting. Please support our students in this fantastic effort to showcase our program.

TRAVELS

Reid McDaniel gave a presentation, “Comparing a delayed growth implant strategy to conventional feedlot practices” at the Plains Nutrition Conference in San Antonio, Texas on April 10-14. Also attending the meeting was Mike Hubbert of Clayton Livestock Research Center.

Sam Fernald is in Addus Ababa, Ethiopia from April 20 to May 3 investigating water research opportunities in that country.

STUDENT TEAMS

The Horse Judging team, coached by Laura White, participated at a contest in Fort Worth, Texas on March 30-April 3. Students on the team were Hannah Swarthout, Lynda Owensby, Taylor Calloway, Matthew Crouse, Veronica Alba, Monica Salazar, Nikki (Erin) Weeks, and Kim Hopper.

The Ranch Horse Team finished third at the ASHA National Collegiate Championship Show in Cheyenne, Wyoming on March 15-18. Individual winners were Jessica Smith (8th) and Charles Roybal (15th) in Non-Pro Division; Katy Rosencrans (4th) and Kendra Werner (12th) in Limited Non-Pro Division; Tiffany Taylor (5th) and Chelsea Reimholz (11th) in Novice Division. Coach is Joby Priest.

ACES AWARDS DAY

At the College of Agricultural, Consumer and
Environmental Sciences annual Awards Day on April 20, Calvin Bailey, Manager of the Chihuahuan Desert Range Research Center (College Ranch) received the “Charles Tharp Farms Distinguished Service Award” as well as a 40 year service pin. Others receiving Years of Service recognition were Howard Rose (30 years); Sam Fernald, Gail Silver, Liang Chen, Clint Løest, Dana Wiebe and Mark Wise (10 years).

**SPRING/SUMMER GRADS**

One of the largest classes of animal and range sciences majors will graduate this spring. Graduates are: Sheridan Aden, Michael Bates, Roxanne Benally, Krystalyn Blagg, Kacie Boden, Cory Burns, Jeremy Cahn, Vicente Carrillo, Daisy Chavez, Belinda Chitwood, Erin Crumbley, Adrian Cruz, Janice Curliss, Sarah Dominic, Austin Graham, Robyn Heimbecker, Aubrey Henderson, Cora Hollomon, Danika Jackson, Jessica Kysar, Monty Lane, Amy Lang, Courtney Lawson, Leslie Mikkelson, Kaitlyn Norman, A’Lora Norris, Cherie Owens, Seth Pollock, Corina Portillo-Lopez, Heidi Pretzel, Adriana Ramirez, German Robles, Leah Schmitz, Lucinda Stobart, Will Sowers, Samantha Teske, Aurora Torres, Rochelle Trevizo, Samantha Trumper, Kaitlyn Vega, Keley Wilcox, Angela Yemma.

Graduate students include Patricia Black (Ph.D.), Raed Halalsheh (Ph.D.), Travis Mulliniks (Ph.D), Nigel Miller (MS), and Katie Taylor (MS).

**STUDENT HONORS**

Crimson Scholar and Honor graduates include: Roxanne Benally, Erin Crumbley, Cora Hollomon, Amy Lang, Kaitlyn Norman (all With Honors), Aurora Torres (With High Honors), and Monty Lane (With Honors). Roxanne will also receive the Alumni Association Outstanding Graduate award for the College while Erin Crumbley and Leah Schmitz will receive a Dean’s Award of Excellence and Austin Graham will be given the Dean’s Award for Leadership. Austin served as the Student Body President of ASNMSU for 2011-2012. Named Outstanding Student in Animal and Range Sciences is range science major Monty Lane. Receiving National Collegiate Equestrian Association All-American honors was Amy Lang who was also named to the NCEA Academic All-American second team. Hannah Swarthout was named NCEA Honorable Mention Academic All-American.

Students receiving American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Achievement Awards are:

**Seniors**: Roxanne Benally, Dusty M. Anderson, Lauren M. Espinoza, Tiffany C. Taylor, Erin Crumbley, Kyra Grant

**Juniors**: Alannah C. Anderson, Andrea M. Hamlin, Chelsea D. Melton, Tyrel L. Lilly, Hannah M. Robertson, Monica Salazar

**Sophomores**: Jacqueline B. Alford, Lauren L. Cockrell, Deanne L. Coyle, Matthew S. Crouse, Jesus E. Herrera, Adriane D. Hibbert, Jenica L. Moore, Nicole S. Sanchez

**VET SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES**

Nigel Miller, Aurora Torres, Kacie Boden and Erin Hightower have been accepted to
Colorado State University’s School of Veterinary Medicine while Erin Crumbley has selected Texas A&M University’s Veterinary Medicine program. Cora Hollomon will pursue her veterinary degree at St. Matthew’s University in the Grand Cayman Island.

THERAPEUTIC RIDING

The NMSU Therapeutic Riding Program which helps persons with disabilities achieve life skills in the areas of therapy, education, sport, recreation and leisure by utilizing a bond between humans and horses has received a planned gift of nearly $500,000 that will be used to build a covered arena. Wendy Wilkins, executive vice-president and provost at NMSU and her husband, Jay Rodman, senior communications specialist at University Communications and Marketing Services have already made an initial $25,000 donation to help support the program. Sarah Veeder serves as an equine science instructor and advisor of the NMSU Therapeutic Riding Program. For more information, contact Sarah at 646-2929 or visit http://trp.nmsu.edu.

HAY DONATIONS

Following a fire at NMSU Horse Farm on March 7 that destroyed the storage barn and 150,000 to 175,000 tons of hay, donations of hay have been received from Horse N Hound Feed and Supply, Purina, Deerman Hay Service of La Mesa, and Landmark Mercantile in Mesquite to help feed the 110 horses at the facility. Curtis Creighton, owner of Horse N Hound, is responsible for initiating the donations, for which the department is extremely grateful.

HORSE/BULL SALE

At the annual Horse/Bull sale held on April 21, 31 bulls, 25 heifers and one cow were sold for a total of $115,500. Average price for the bulls was $2,531 while the heifers averaged $1,425. Top selling bull went for $4,500.

Twenty-two horses were sold for a total of $40,150 with an average price of $1,825. A chestnut stallion was the top selling horse at a cost of $5,700.

SPRING BANQUET

The first annual Department of Animal and Range Sciences banquet was held April 27, 2012 at The Grapevine with approximately 150 students and faculty in attendance. Student organizations recognized were Block and Bridle, Range Club, Therapeutic Riding Association, Pre-Vet Club, Ranch Horse Team, Wool Judging Team, Horse Judging Team and Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association. Nine cakes were auctioned for a total of $680 while the silent auction brought in roughly $1500. Proceeds will be divided among the student organizations.

Attendees at Departmental Banquet
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Sympathy is expressed to:

Ryan and Amanda Ashley on the death of his mother, Roberta Ashley, on April 14.

And

Monica and Paul Hernandez on the death of her father, Ricardo Medina, on April 20.

Mike Galyean, NMSU animal science graduate and former faculty member has been named Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University.

Debbie and Calvin Bailey at Retirement Party held in their honor on April 20.