May 18, 2015

TRAVELS
Sarah Veeder assisted with the AHANM Horse Show in Albuquerque on May 12-18.

Speaking at the “Beyond the Rountable” event at the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center’s Livestock Health, Immunity & Vaccination program on May 19 are Dennis Hallford (Livestock Immunity) and John Wenzel (Customizing a Vaccination Plan; Field Necropsy Techniques). Dennis will also speak on Estrous Synchronization at the CRLRC seminar on Sheep and Goat Reproductive Technologies on May 27.

NACTA AWARD
Laura White, assistant animal science professor in equine science, recently was awarded a National North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) award as well as the ACES NACTA Teaching Award. Dr. White joined the faculty in July 2011 and is also coach of the Horse Judging Team. Congratulations, Laura!

RANCH HORSE TEAM
The Ranch Horse Team, coached by Joby Priest, competed at the American Stock Horse National Collegiate Championship Show in Ardmore, Oklahoma on April 22-26. The team finished 6th overall out of 13 teams. Team members were Jacquie Best, Myelia Mott, Braiden Clement, Lily Woodall, Katie Kapp, and Shelby Siegenthaler.

SPRING BANQUET
The 4th Annual Animal and Range Sciences Department Banquet was held April 23 at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. Approximately 200 folks were in attendance. Outstanding student/and or faculty recognitions from the clubs were announced and included:

Athena Belford – Horsemen’s Association
Kayla Archuleta – Pre-Vet Club
Michala Hall – Therapeutic Riding Club
Hugo Carrasco – Block & Bridle
Kelsey Quinn – ARSGSA
Dr. Laurie Abbott – Range Club

New awards initiated by the Events Committee went to:
Kelsey Quinn – Graduate Teaching Award
Monica Salazar – Graduate Research Award
Alejandra Lerma-Ortiz – Undergraduate Research Award

The cake auction garnered $2150.00 from the nine cakes sold while the silent auction brought in $1,520.00. $1,100 worth of tickets were sold for the raffle of the Dino Cornay print by the judging teams which was won by Dr. Adam Summers.

ASAS SCHOLASTIC AWARDS
Receiving the American Society of
Animal Science Scholastic Achievement Awards were:

**SENIORS:** Adriana Alire, Rachel Carey, Jesus Herrera, Abilene Gallegos, Felicia Moncayo, Kayla Gibson, Alejandra Lerma, Micah Lawson

**JUNIORS:** Larisa Estrada, Jessica Rockett, Samantha Hilborn, Natalie Padilla, Brandon Meyerhoff, Cynthia DeLanoy

**SOPHOMORES:** Aryn Gandara, Grace Hooks, Kayla Archuleta, Nicholas Aguirre, Shelby Siegenthaler, Maryan Pineiro, Adam Ustach, Sierra Pilkmore, Taylor Graves

![ASAS Scholastic Achievement Awards](image)

**SPRING GRADUATES**

Students finishing their undergraduate degrees for Spring/Summer 2015 were:

Lauren Aguirre, Erin Arko, Joslyn Beard, Kelsey Booth, Mary Burch, Raquel Ellis*, Alyssa Hackett, Jesus Herrera, Nicole Jaynes, Jason Kenagy, Amanda Kerr, Micah Lawson*, Francesca Melgar, Melissa Minyard, Amanda Mulconrey, Jenna Olson, Naomi Ortiz*, Dean Sieck, Rhaela Stall, Alexandra Thomas-Roden, Russel Van Soelen, Nizhoni La France Quesenberry (* - Crimson Scholar Graduate; # - With Honors)

Graduate students who either finished during the Spring Semester or will defend this summer include Jose Diaz (MAG, range science), Kelly Ellis (MAG, animal science), Margaret Garcia (MS, animal science), Laura Goodman (PhD, range science), Katelin Marchetti (MS, animal science), Piedad Mayagoitia (MS, range science), Trevor Morgan (MS, animal science), Eben Ootohuyse (MS, animal science), Monica Salazar (MS, animal science), and Whit Stewart (PhD, animal science).

Students receiving the departmental “Graduate of Distinction” medallion were Joslyn Beard, Francesca Melgar, Naomi Ortiz, Rhaela Stall, and Nizhoni La France Quesenberry.

![Spring Graduates](image)

**SERVICE AWARDS**

Faculty and staff receiving Years of Service Awards at ACES include:

**Five Years:** John Campbell, Celia Salinas, Sarah Vedder

**Ten Years:** Shannah Ivey, Sergio Soto-Navarro

**Twenty Years:** Shad Cox, Pat Zapien

**Thirty-Five Years:** Jerry Holechek

**Forty-Five Years:** Neil Burcham

**ETC.**

Congratulations to Kendall Samuelson and Eben Ootohuyse on being selected to receive an “Outstanding Graduate Assistantship” award from the Graduate School.

Congratulations to the NMSU Women’s Softball Team on winning WAC Conference and WAC Tournament. Kaycie McCarthy, MS student in animal science working with Eric Scholljegerdes, is an assistant coach with the team.