Spring 2013 Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates:

- Michael Barnett (Maca)
- Nicholas Brandenburg (Sexton)
- Jenna Braun (Turnipseed)
- Thomas Erickson (Berzonsky)
- Tyler Fagen (Turnipseed)
- Benjamin Gehl (Sexton)
- Colton Grimmius (Sexton)
- Brian Halverson (Berzonsky)
- Travis Hansen (Turnipseed)
- Mark Hayes (James, M)
- Robert Hettinger (Turnipseed)
- Cody Jackson (Sexton)
- Andrew Kappas (Reese)
- David Kelley (Tilmon)
- Andrew Koehlmoos (Sexton)
- Ryan Larson (Owens)
- Ivy Latham (James, M)
- Jason Lee (Berzonsky)
- Ryan Lehmann (James, K)
- Garret Levenson (Turnipseed)
- Kyle Limoges (Woodard)
- Tyson Martinmaas (Turnipseed)
- Ryan Munro (Schleicher)
- Jeremy Noem (Ward)
- Scott O'Connell (Ward)
- Cody Oswald (Turnipseed)
- Joshua Rahm (Turnipseed)
- Briana Ries (James, M)
- Michael Ruffcorn (Turnipseed)
- Ryan Schelske (Carlson)
- Joshua Schieffer (Clay, S)
- Casey Schroader (Boe)
- Tyann Sleipkas (Boe)
- Justin Stampe (Ward)
- Zachary Stanz (James, M)
- Grant Vis (Turnipseed)
- Brianna Wegner (Turnipseed)
- Nicholas Wiering (Berzonsky)
- Carson Wika (Schleicher)
- Erin Wilson (James, M)
- Derek Zenk (Turnipseed)
- Justin Zwiefel (Ward)

Good News!


Alex Bich also successfully completed his MS Defense on May 6th. His dissertation title: “Cover Crops in Corn”.

Announcements

Resignation

Bill Berzonsky has accepted a position with Bayer CropScience to lead their Hybrid Wheat Breeding Program in Lincoln, NE.

Retirement

Larry Wagner has retired from his position as Agronomy Crops Field Specialist in Sioux Falls.

Congratulations!

Way to Go!

Congratulations to Leon Wrage for being awarded the Malo Teaching Excellence Award.

Congratulations to Doug Malo for being selected as Outstanding Teacher by the Agronomy and Conservation Club.
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Please see next month’s newsletter for the remaining scholarship recipients
Featured Employee

Name: Mindy Filholm
Title: Secretary
Office: Biostress 247

Work history
Number of years at SDSU: 25 years
Previous jobs held:
Office Manager at a Civil Engineering Firm in San Diego, CA

Just for Fun
Favorite TV show: Big Bang Theory, NCIS, Criminal Minds
Hobbies or interests: Traveling

Education
High School: Brookings High School

Personal
Spouse: Tony
Children:
Mariah - age 19
Delilah - age 18
Hometown: Brookings, SD
Places you have lived or visited:
Lived in Oral, SD, and northern and southern CA. Visited all but 15 states.

Agronomy Student to Serve on National Student Advisory Team

South Dakota State University Agronomy major, Michael Carlson has been selected as a 2013-2014 Agriculture Future of America Student Advisory Team member. Carlson and the other eight team members represent their peers on a national level and were selected through a competitive application process.

A native of Johnston, Iowa, Carlson recently met with the AFA Campus Ambassadors in Kansas City, Mo., to kick off their year of service and go through training and goal setting exercises. Carlson said he looks forward to contributing to AFA because he is grateful for the organization’s investment in his personal and professional growth.

“I cannot wait to serve AFA because this organization has given so much to me,” he said.

Throughout the year of service, Carlson and his fellow team members will serve as ambassadors between AFA and their college campuses and AFA’s corporate partners. AFA is a non-profit organization providing leader development, intern support and leader and academic scholarships to young men and women pursuing careers in the agriculture and food industry.

“Some of the most important takeaways from AFA are professional development skills one cannot get from another leadership opportunity and the network of other students,” Carlson said.

A major component of the Student Advisory Team’s responsibilities is the planning and delivery of the 2013 AFA Leaders Conference. Held Nov. 7-10 in Kansas City, Mo., this event is AFA’s core leader development program and will draw over 500 collegiate leaders from across the nation. More than 150 industry professionals will engage with Carlson and his peers throughout the Conference environment.

This summer, Carlson will participate in an internship with Land O’Lakes as a seed treatment research specialist. His experiences at SDSU as well as his internship and AFA service are integral in his preparation for the future.

“Serving AFA will greatly enhance my ability to lead and serve any organization. It will also enhance my public speaking and teamwork skills,” Carlson said.

Carlson's entrance into the AFA leader development program began his sophomore year of college when he was selected as an AFA Leaders Conference Delegate. Since then, he has completed two years of Conference. In addition to his involvement with AFA, Carlson has also been active in other organizations, including Boy Scouts of America - achieving the honor of Eagle Scout, SDSU Agronomy and Conservation Club, SDSU Concert Band, SDSU College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences Ag-Bio Ambassador program and is a member of the Honors College Students Organization.

About AFA

AFA's mission is to create partnerships that identify, encourage and support outstanding college men and women who are preparing for careers in the agriculture and food industry. With student participation increasing 70 percent in the last five years, AFA leader development programs have impacted 9,000 college leaders and young professionals from more than 200 colleges and universities throughout 43 states since its inception in 1996.

AFA has awarded more than $8 million in academic and leader development scholarships. For more information about AFA, visit www.agfuture.org.
MEMORIAL DAY

A Time To Honor America’s Heroes

Interesting Links

Harvest of the Month Program & School Garden Training
Considerations When Deciding On Fungicide Seed Treatment
SDSU Extension Offers Variety of Services to Answer Horticulture & Tree Questions
Seed Treatment & Foliar Fungicide Field Trial Results Released
April in Review and May Climate Outlook
SDSU Extension will host grant writing conference for community leaders and volunteers
Scout Wheat Fields for Brown Wheat Mite
Drought Outlook: Moist soil conditions good for planting

Upcoming Events
May 27 Memorial Day
June 14 Flag Day
June 27 Dakota Lakes Research Station Tour
June 27-28 Dakota Lakes Field School
July 4 Independence Day
July 9 SE Research Station Tour
July 10 NE Research Station Tour
Aug 13 Volga Research Farm Field Day

New Graduate Students
Rachael Owen (MS) - Doug Malo
Rawnaq Chowdhury (PhD) - Xingyou Gu
Adam Bender (MS) - Thomas Chase
Kurtis Reitsma (PhD) - Gregg Carlson

May is National Burger Month

Fire up the grill and enjoy a nice juicy burger!