

### From the Department Head

I write this last article as Department head with very mixed emotions. On July 1, I became vice provost for academic affairs. In this new role, I will work with all 24 Penn State locations and over 5,000 faculty to address issues that face our comprehensive university. This position would not have been achieved without your excellent support over the last six years. Dean Robert Steele has selected Tracy Hoover to be interim head. A search for a permanent head will be conducted in the fall.

This article details several of our major accomplishments during 2003-04 and over the six years that I served as head. The past year brought several challenges and successes. Permit me to highlight some of the major items.

Budget woes continued to dominate our discussions. This year we returned \$140,000 to the College. Since 1998, we have reduced our budget significantly, but AEE remains one of the strongest such departments in the U.S. This occurred because we became a more efficient and effective Department. Also, our faculty became more aggressive in securing external funds and endowment support to replace state and federal funds. For two consecutive years, we had the College's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> highest external funding totals at close to \$3 million per year. We will continue to be an excellent Department in this new environment.

Budget issues aside, this has been a superb year. I will highlight only a few of our major accomplishments. **Javier Moreno**, a sophomore AEE major from Puerto Rico, was elected National FFA president last fall. Javier is the first Puerto Rico native and Penn State

student to serve in this very prestigious position. He continues to make all of us Penn State proud. Also, this spring **Tsakani Ngomane**, a PhD student from South Africa, was named Penn State's top graduate student because of her superb international activities. She was chosen for this honor from among Penn State's 12,000 graduate students. In addition, last fall **Ed Yoder**, professor of Agricultural and Extension Education, was named to the Community of Teaching Excellence in the College of Agricultural Sciences. This is a wonderful tribute to Ed's exceptional contributions to the teaching and learning process. In 2001, Ed also received this major honor. If he is selected a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, he will become a permanent member of the Community. Finally, during 2003-04, **Christy Bartley**, our new State 4-H program leader, participated in Penn State's Management Institute. This universitywide program is a systematic approach to professional development that focuses on excellence in leadership and management.

Finally, our undergraduate enrollment continued to increase while our College experienced a decline. This occurred because we have made major efforts to keep our programs contemporary. Also, we are offering graduate students from around the globe the best possible education. Last year we had graduate students from 9 countries. Also, our faculty are involved in important research and Extension projects. Best wishes for a productive and pleasant 2004-05. Stop for a visit or explore the Department at <http://agexted.cas.psu.edu/>. Thank you for a wonderful six years. Blannie Bowen



## Javier Moreno Named 2003-04 National FFA President



The National FFA has selected 20-year-old **Javier Moreno** from Culebra, Puerto Rico, as its 2003-04 national FFA president. Javier is a member of the S.U. Antonia Serrano FFA Chapter. As an FFA member, he participated in a vegetable and fruit production supervised agricultural experience (SAE). He received the National FFA H.O. Sargent Award, and was recognized for chapter scholarship, public speaking, and parliamentary procedure activities. At Penn State, Javier is a sophomore, who is majoring in Agricultural and Extension Education and is involved in the Alliance Christian Fellowship, Ag Advocates, MANNRS, and Earth House. His goal during his year of service is to make a genuine difference in the lives of members and friends of the FFA. He is the son of Israel Moreno and Gloria Sanchez, and his advisors were David Cordero and Marivetter Valentin. Congratulations Javier and best wishes with your year as an officer.

Also, congratulations to **David Bittner** for his excellent representation as an officer candidate at the National Convention. David is from Somerset County and represented Pennsylvania. He is a sophomore who is also majoring in AEE. David will run again in 2004.

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### Faculty and Staff Honors & Awards

**Ed Yoder** was one of six faculty members who were recently named to the Community of Teaching Excellence, a program to recognize faculty who contribute significantly to our national reputation for excellence in teaching and learning. All recipients received a certificate, an allocation of funds to support their teaching and professional development, and recognition at the College's Scholarship and Awards Banquet on October 21. Ed also received this award in 2001. Faculty members who receive the award for the third time will be inducted into the Academy of Teaching Excellence.

**Dick Stinson** was recognized for the contributions he made to the 2003 National FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event. There were 44 state teams, including 164 students competing in the event.

**Nicole Webster** was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Caribbean Association for International Agricultural Extension Educators (AIAEE) Conference in Trinidad and Tobago and to do assessments for research on youth development in the Caribbean region. The conference was held November 16-23.

Several faculty and staff in the Department were honored this year by the College for their years of service. **Phil Hoy** received the Pewter Bell in recognition of his 10 years of service. **Jan Scholl** and **Blannie Bowen** received a Coaster Set with a Caddy in recognition of their 15 years. **Phyllis Adams** received the Brass Notepad Holder with Pen in honor of her 20 years. Finally, **Ed Yoder** and **Dorothy Thomas** received a Ceramic Lion on a Wood Base in tribute to their 25 years with the College. Congratulations. We appreciate your hard work and commitment to our Department and the College.

**Claudia Mincemoyer, Christy Bartley, and Nicole Webster** received a \$45,000 USDA Engaging Youth, Serving Communities Rural Youth Grant to support the new 4-H Afterschool initiative and to continue support of existing youth-adult partnership sites. The funds for the 4-H Afterschool initiative will support the development of resources, curricula, and training for extension educators and after-school staff.

**Cathy Love** will serve on a NASULGC (National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges) /AASCU (American Association of State Colleges and Universities) Task Force on Diversity. The task force will examine educationally and legally sound strategies for maintaining, increasing, and integrating campus diversity in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in the University of Michigan cases. The first meeting was held on April 5.

**Danny Perkins** and **Claudia Mincemoyer** received a Children, Youth, and Families Consortium Level II award (\$20,000) to create and pilot test a measure of specific life skills for youth, ages 8-12, that includes professional cartoon illustrations. Their collaborators include Ty Ridenour, Research Associate from Prevention Research Center, and Linda Caldwell, Professor of Recreation and Park Management.

**Cathy Bowen** has been asked to serve on the Governor's Task Force for Working Families and to co-chair the committee on Improving Financial Literacy. The Task Force's objective is to develop a set of recommendations to mobilize state agencies, departments and affiliated state authorities, and other stakeholders to help working families succeed by making it possible for these families to increase their income, build assets, become financially literate, and protect the assets they have. The Task Force should complete its work in one year.

**Jan Scholl** is the editor for the 2004 national peer-reviewed extension family and consumer science journal, *The Reporter*. She also served on a national USDA panel to review food safety grants in Washington, DC, in April.

**Larry Ragan**, affiliate assistant professor and Director of Instructional Design and Development for Penn State's World Campus, was the research lead on the Effective Workload Management Strategies for the Online Environment project. This initiative was recently honored by the University Continuing Education Association, Mid-Atlantic Region, for excellence in faculty development. The initiative brought more than 22 faculty members from around the world to the University, including Penn State's Ellen Barrow, David DiBiase, Gary Kuhne, Kyle Peck, and Al Turgeon. The team explored barriers to faculty engagement in online teaching and learning. Participants produced a publication that offers effective strategies for managing workloads by faculty members experienced in online teaching. The report is available online at [http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/pub/home/fac/workload\\_strat.pdf](http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/pub/home/fac/workload_strat.pdf).

## Seed Grant Award Winners Announced

Following a review of the 38 seed grant proposals that were submitted to the College, 22 were funded in full or in part. Proposals submitted by AEE faculty members which were funded include *Youth to Youth International Agriculture Initiative* by **Tom Bruening** and **Michelle Rodgers**, *An Impact Evaluation of the Reading Wizards Program* by **Rama Radhakrishna** and **Danny Perkins**, and *Focus Groups for Middle School Girls* by **Cathleen Love**.

## New 4-H Technology Project

A new after-school technology project entitled *Connecting to the Future* began February in Smethport, PA. The rural education outreach project will teach problem-solving and critical thinking skills in math, science, and technology through new computer-based learning modules.

Ann Dunkerton, an after-school educator, will lead 4th-6th grade students in age-appropriate activities that meet state curriculum standards. Students also will complete 4-H youth development instruction in public speaking, teamwork, leadership skills, and life skills. The 4-H youth development program in McKean County and members of the community, including the Smethport School, will provide vital community coordination and support for the program. **Nicole Webster** provides the instructional design and evaluation for the project.

## McDowell Lecture

The 2004 McDowell Lecture was held March 2 at The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center. "Cooperative Extension's Role in University-Community Partnerships" was the title of this year's lecture given by Richard Spoth, Senior Research Scientist and Project Director for Prevention Programming in the Institute for Social and Behavioral Research at Iowa State University. The Lecture honors Pennsylvania's first Cooperative Extension Director, Milton S. (Mickey) McDowell. It was established in 1985 through a gift from the Penn State Class of 1929. The Lecture allows Penn State personnel to learn about issues significant to Extension from the perspective of someone who can offer national insights.

## National 4-H Congress



2004 PA National Congress Delegation

The Pennsylvania 4-H Delegation of 40 youth and six adults traveled to Atlanta, GA, on November 28-December 2 for National 4-H Congress. This event brings 4-H'ers from across the nation together to learn leadership, service learning skills, and environmental and diversity issues. The youth chosen to attend this event are top 4-H'ers in their counties. This year the following counties were represented: Erie, Warren, Mercer, Venango, Clarion, Lawrence, Beaver, Butler, Indiana, Westmoreland, Fayette, Tioga, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Dauphin, York, Lebanon, Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks and Montgomery. These youth listened to and met Rick Bragg, prize winning author and past 4-H'er who wrote Jessica Lynch's Story, "I am a soldier too." They also learned dancing from Hawaii and Puerto Rico and tasted native foods from various countries across the globe.

They also participated in a day of service learning sponsored by Hands Across Atlanta. Youth were assigned sites and were able to give back to other citizens. These sites included the Atlanta Zoo, Inner City Schools, A Tree Festival, and Park Beautification. All participants enjoyed their experiences and took home some valuable life lessons.

## Study Abroad Program

**Tom Bruening** supervised and coordinated the College's semester long program wherein Penn State undergraduates spent the semester in Moscow, Russia, or Lviv, Ukraine, while expanding their knowledge of international agriculture. During spring semester, eight Penn State students participated in the National Security Education Program sponsored by the US Department of Defense. This is the sixth year for the study abroad program in Russia and the first year of the program in Ukraine. Students from Iowa State, the University of Minnesota, Montana State University, and Penn State participated. Professors from the University of Florida, the University of Maryland, and Penn State taught one-month, three-credit courses in Moscow or Lviv. From Penn State, Bob Roberts of Food Science, Dennis Buffington of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, and John Becker of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology taught courses.

## History of the Department

**Marilyn Furry** and three of our emeriti faculty report that they are making significant progress in writing the history of our Department. Emeriti Professors **Dick Stinson**, **Sam Curtis**, and **Norman Hoover** and Marilyn are updating our history that was initially written over 50 years ago for the Penn State Centennial. A document is being written to cover three major periods in the life of our Department: (1) prior to 1981 when teacher education was the primary focus, (2) from 1981-1988 when the family living unit was merged into the Department, and (3) 1988 to the present when 4-H was added to the Department. This extensive writing project is being completed with outstanding contributions from many faculty, staff, and former students. Marilyn wants to have the document completed by December.

## Student Teachers

The following students completed student teaching during the Spring 2004 semester:

<b>Valerie Spangler</b>	Bermudian Springs
<b>Curtis Swineford</b>	Northern Potter
<b>Tim Gettle</b>	Northern Lebanon
<b>Jessica Landis</b>	Cumberland Valley
<b>Sara Beth Wanbaugh</b>	Big Spring
<b>Renee Baker</b>	Penn Manor
<b>Jesse Brant</b>	Holland
<b>Jess Donahue</b>	W.B. Saul
<b>Bart Gill</b>	Eastern York
<b>Anne Agnew</b>	Derry
<b>Jason Innerst</b>	Southern Fulton
<b>Nicole Marinos</b>	Tayamentaschta
<b>Laura Bennet</b>	Central Mountain
<b>Mark Skinner</b>	Central Mountain
<b>John Hines</b>	Bellwood Antis
<b>Joe McDaniel</b>	Central Columbia
<b>Cheri Lyons</b>	Columbia Montour

## Armsby Honor Society

The Armsby Honor Society was created two years ago by the College to honor a select group of graduates who have distinguished themselves as leaders, scholars, scientists, business professionals, etc. This group includes individuals who have served as officers of the College's Alumni Society and other graduates who have been named outstanding alumni of the College. On November 14, 35 individuals were inducted as new members. AEE graduates who were inducted included **Terry Musser** and **Kenneth Staver**. Musser completed her B. S. in Agricultural Education in 1979 and her M.S. in 1993. She is a senior student advisor in DUS. Staver received his B.S. in Agricultural Education in 1947. Congratulations to all of the inductees. We are proud of your accomplishments.

## Governor's School 2003

The Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences Research Symposium was held August 1. Three AEE faculty served as mentors for students. The titles of the student research papers and their mentors were (1) *State Agricultural Leadership Forum* by Loren Hershey (mentored by **Tracy Hoover**); (2) *Global Awareness and Understanding of the 2003 PGSAS Scholars* by Dan Oliver (mentored by **Rama Radhakrishna**); (3) *Assessment of 4-H Experience* by Sarah Sterner and Andy Fabin (mentored by **Rama Radhakrishna**); and (4) *Analysis of Media Coverage of Agricultural Biotechnology* by Becky Seigworth, Marissa Calfe, Sean Golembiewski and Cindy Wasser (mentored by **Joan Thomson**).

## Summer Research Scholars

Three AEE faculty members served as mentors for students participating in the CIC Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) last summer. The students presented their research during a symposium on July 29 at the Nittany Lion Inn. The titles of their papers and their mentors were (1) *Using Agriculture as a Tool for Science in the Classroom* by Marsha M. Jones (mentored by **Cathy Lyons**); (2) *I Pledge My Head to Clearer Thinking: Integrating Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Programs in the 4-H Curriculum, A Needs Assessment for Six Counties in Pennsylvania* by Randi M. Congleton (mentored by **Nicole Webster**); and (3) *College Credit: Attitudes About Money and Credit Card Knowledge Among 2003 SROP Students* by Stacy L. Wallace (mentored by **Cathy Bowen**). The SROP students came from colleges and universities across the US and Puerto Rico. This is a highly selective program that targets underrepresented students who have expressed interest in graduate study.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Evans Family Lecture

The 4<sup>th</sup> Evans Family Lecture for Graduate Research was held April 14-15 at the Penn Stater Conference Center. The purpose of this Lecture is to provide a forum to present graduate research and increase communication and awareness regarding graduate research completed in the College. Students who completed their master's or doctoral degrees in the College between Fall 2001 and Summer 2003 were eligible to submit papers (published, unpublished, or in press) for this competition. The outstanding paper in each of the following categories received a \$100 cash award:

- Agricultural Research - Co-winners: Kathiravan Krishnamurthy and Annette Evans.
- International Agriculture Research - Winner: **Lisa Chauveron**.
- Research in Extension Education - Winner: **Catherine Munyua**.
- Research in Agricultural Education - Winner: **Anne Dunigan**.



The keynote speaker was David L. Williams, Professor, Agricultural Education and Studies, Iowa State University. Dr. Williams has extensive expertise in the area of agricultural education and curriculum and instruction.

He has been recognized for conducting exemplary and programmatic research in agricultural education. Additionally, Dr. Williams has authored or co-authored over 150 monographs, journal articles, prepared papers, books, and other creative works. His presentation entitled, "Graduate Education as a Piece of the Career Development Puzzle", was presented April 14.

## Junior MANRRS Weekend

Thirty-two middle school and high school students representing the following schools—Abraham Lincoln High School in Philadelphia, the Washington Polytechnic Academy Middle School, and the George Westinghouse High School for Science and Math in Pittsburgh participated in the annual Junior MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences) Weekend in March.

Contributing to the successful Junior MANRRS Weekend were the following AEE faculty, staff, and students:

**Barbara Wade**, Office for Undergraduate Education

**Nicole Webster**, assistant professor

**La Shonda Lewis**, MANRA student in Agricultural Science, and

**Leslie Grant**, MANRA student in Agricultural Science

## Alumni News



### 1960s

**Adiel de la Cruz Balam Chan** (AG ED, '62, AG & BIO SC, '63). Retired from Federal Government School and from Xmuch'haltun Botanical Garden. Now has a ornamental plant nursery, landscaping and private garden maintenance business in Campeche, Mexico. Recently celebrated his 72 birthday.

**Winthrop Merriam, Jr.** (EXTED, '66, M.S) retired in 1994 as an Extension 4-H Program Specialist, West Virginia Coop Extension Service with 36 years of federal service.



### 1990s

**Jeremiah J. Underhill** (AG SC, '99, B.S.) recently started attending Widener School of Law in Harrisburg in pursuit of a J.D.

**Douglas G. Brown** (AG ED, '91, B.S., '99, M.Ed.) is chairperson of the Practical Arts Department at Central Columbia, as well as Head Coach of the boys varsity track and Jr. High football, Associate Director of the Columbia County Conservation District, and Faculty Council member.



### 2000s

**Michelle Jaymes-Parks** (AG SC, '00, B.S.) married Matthew Parks in 2001, and had a son (Riley Matthew Parks) in 2003. She is working as Dairy Industry Program Assistant for DAS at PSU Harrisburg campus.

## Student Honors & Awards

### 2003-04 Graduates

#### BS Summer 2003

<u>Student</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>
<b>Melissa Halick</b>	AG SC	L DEV

#### *Graduates*

<b>Lisa Chauveron</b>	M.Ed./YFE	
<b>Eric Dixon</b>	M.Ed./AEE	
<b>Anne Dunigan</b>	M.S./AEE	
<b>Francisco Leite</b>	Ph.D./AEE	
<b>Myron McClure</b>	M.S./AEE	
<b>Catherine Munyua</b>	Ph.D./AEE	

#### BS Fall 2003

<u>Student</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Minor</u>
<b>Randi Congleton</b>	AEE	L DEV	
<b>Genia Harpster</b>	AEE	L DEV	

<b>Eli Blackburn</b>	AG SC		AG BM
<b>Thomas Conley</b>	AG SC		AGRO
<b>Eric Cowden</b>	AG SC		AG BM
<b>Jessica Fischer</b>	AG SC		WFS
<b>Kristin Garwacki</b>	AG SC		INTAG
<b>Lee Stocker</b>	AG SC		
<b>Erik Traver</b>	AG SC		YFE

#### *Graduates*

<b>Levon Esters</b>	Ph.D.	
<b>Marianne Lorenson</b>	M.Ed.	

#### BS Spring 2004

<u>Student</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Option</u>	<u>Minor</u>
<b>Anne Agnew **</b>	AEE	ENVSC	
<b>Laura Bennett</b>	AEE	ENVSC	
<b>Jesse Brant</b>	AEE	ENVSC	

<b>George Farkas</b>	AG SC		AG BM
<b>Bart Gill</b>	AEE	PRODT	ANSCI
<b>John Hines</b>	AEE	PRODT	
<b>Nicole Marinis</b>	AEE	ENVSC	THEA & INTAG

<b>Joseph McDaniel</b>	AEE	PRODT	HORT
<b>Jason McNett</b>	AG SC		ANSCI
<b>Melinda Morrison</b>	AG SC		WFS
<b>Barbara Reichard</b>	AG SC		YFE
<b>Valarie Spangler</b>	AEE	PRODT	
<b>Robert Whittaker **</b>	AG SC		WFS

\*\*\* Standard Bearer

#### *Graduates*

<b>Nike Liu</b>	Ph.D./AEE	
<b>Tsakani Ngomane</b>	Ph.D./AEE	
<b>Xiarong Shao</b>	Ph.D./AEE	
<b>Dario Cidro</b>	M.S./AEE	
<b>Marney Dorsey</b>	M.S./AEE	
<b>Lisa Shaw</b>	M.Ed./AEE	
<b>Diana Ramos</b>	M.Ed./YFE	

## Student Honors & Awards cont'd

**Clifton Bonzo**, a master's student, was awarded \$1,000 in Global Travel Funds to support his travel to Indonesia to conduct research for his M.S. thesis.

**Nike Liu**, a Ph.D. student, received scholarships from the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) and the Alaska National Resource and Outdoor Education Association (ANROEA) for presenting her dissertation research entitled, "Effectiveness of Intergenerational Approaches for Enhancing Environmental Knowledge and Concern" at the NAAEE conference which was held October 7-10 in Anchorage, AK.

**Tsakani Ngomane**, a Ph.D. student, was selected as the recipient of the 2003/04 Ethel Parker International Fellowship by the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. This award was in recognition of her dedication to graduate studies aimed at enhancing her ability to improve the lives of people she will teach and serve. Also, Tsakani was named the winner of the 2004 W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award in the graduate student category at Penn State.

**Ken Jones**, a Ph.D. student, received a 2004 Phi Delta Kappa Andrew Kozak Fellowship Award. The fellowship is awarded to outstanding Penn State graduate students who represent the organization's ideals of leadership, research, and service to public education. Ken was recognized at the Annual Phi Delta Kappa Banquet on April 3 at the Nittany Lion Inn.

## Collegiate 4-H News

The Penn State Collegiate 4-H has been busy making a difference through a variety of projects. Among their recent activities are facilitating the community service activity at the Keystone Teen Council (KTC) conference held in February, leading team building exercises, and serving meals at the KTC leadership weekend in April, and staying busy with a community service project making cards for terminally ill children at Hershey Children's Hospital. Some of the hand-made cards were sent for Valentine's Day while others were sent with refreshing thoughts of spring. Most recently, the Club enjoyed a retreat for new officers and committee chairs to ensure progress throughout the upcoming year. The retreat helped the new leaders think about leadership styles, a parliamentary procedure workshop was a highlight, and goals for the club were established. The new officers are President-**Sarah Geiger**, Vice President-**Jill Hoover**, Secretary-**Rosalee Salansky**, Treasurer-**Jodi Torock**, Ag Student Council Representative-**Emily Yeiser** and News Reporter-**Maggie Moore**. The advisor is **Jackie Bruce**.

## AEE Open House

Please mark October 9 on your calendar for an open house for our alumni. Tracy Hoover has secured a block of 40 tickets to the Purdue-Penn State football game. Our Department's 1,900+ alumni are invited to purchase tickets (\$42) and participate. A tailgate luncheon (\$10) will be held in 301 Ag Administration prior to the game. Several faculty and students will display posters depicting their scholarship. See page 10 for more details and order form.



## 2004 PA 4-H Capital Days

The 2004 Pennsylvania State 4-H Capital Days held in Harrisburg was a great success. The event hosted 77 4-H members from across Pennsylvania and 24 adult volunteers, educators, and university staff. The 2005 4-H Capital Days Event will be held April 3-5.

## 68th Departmental Banquet

On April 28, more than 105 students, supporters, faculty, and staff of the Department gathered at the State College Elks' Club for the 68th Annual Department Banquet. Individuals were recognized for their outstanding achievements and accomplishments through their involvement in the Graduate Student Association, Alpha Tau Alpha, Collegiate 4-H, Collegiate FFA, and the Department. Kerry Golden, Executive Director of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and CAS Outstanding Recent Alumnus, addressed the attendees about getting involved and staying involved in both collegiate organizations and other organizations within their communities.

The following awards were presented:

### **AEE Graduate Student Association**

**Amy Bertelsen** - Participated in the Society of Research on Adolescence Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Erik Kelling** - Presented at the AIAEE Conference in Dublin, Ireland. The title of his presentation was "Benefits of Engaging Graduate Students in Participatory Rural Appraisals".

**Julie Scheve** - Participated in the Society of Research on Adolescence Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Tsakani Ngomane** - Received the W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award.

Also, **Laura Dininni**, **Samuel Duo**, **Liberty Inciong**, **Ken Jones**, and **Megan Sinasky** received certificates for similar outstanding accomplishments.

**Collegiate 4-H Staff Award** - **Debby Mayes**, **Kim Boonie**, and **Anita Sprankle** (all AEE staff).

**Collegiate 4-H Member Award** - **Sarah Geiger** and **Alicia Frank**

### **National FFA Convention Awards**

Debate Team: **Sara Colson**, **Bart Gill**, **John Hines**, **Nathan Schanbacher**, and **Curtis Swineford**. Quiz Bowl Team: **Sarrah Biddle**, **Cristen Hetrick**, **Valerie Spangler**, and **David Treece**; Delegates to the ATA Conclave: **Tim Gettle** and **Jason Innerst**; Presenting the Program of Excellence: **Sherisa Brammer**, **Rebecca Highley**, and **David Treece**; Judges for the National FFA Public Speaking CDE's: **Isaac Bucher** in Creed, **Lydia Everhart** in Extemporaneous, and **Sherisa Brammer** in Prepared.

**Collegiate FFA Outstanding Freshman** - **David Bittner**

**Collegiate FFA Outstanding Sophomore** - **Sherisa Brammer**

**Collegiate FFA Outstanding Junior** - **Stacey Benner**

**Collegiate FFA Outstanding Senior** - **Sarrah Biddle**

**Workhorse Award** - **Dave Treece**

**Outstanding Faculty Award** - **Tracy Hoover**

**Student Advisor Awards** - **Renee Baker**, **Timothy Gettle**, **Bart Gill**, **John Hines**, **Jason Innerst**, **Jessica Landis**, **Valerie Spangler**, **Curtis Swineford**, and **SaraBeth Wanbaugh**.

**Collegiate FFA 2004 Auctioneer Gavel** - **Chad Waddell**

**Collegiate FFA Gavel of Friendship** - **Sherisa Brammer**, Collegiate FFA President, presented **Sarah Geiger**, current President of Collegiate 4-H, with a block and gavel as a symbol the appreciation for her effort and willingness to work with Collegiate FFA members

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## New Ag Advocates Announced

New College Ag Advocates for the 2004-05 academic year from AEE include:

**Jennifer Bechtel**, **Sherisa Brammer**, **Jerilyn Gomez**, **Rebecca Highley**, **Deborah McAllister**, and **Jacqueline Pratt**

Returning Ag Advocates include:

**Elio Chiarelli, Jr.**, **Terri Grissinger**, **Karen Grubb**, **Nate Schanbacher**, and **Dominique Yasin**

# 2004 AEE Open House

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PSU Class Year & Major (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Football Seating Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain)

Dietary Needs (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Necessary Accommodations (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you wish it to appear on name badge (please print or type):  
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ACTIVITY	NUMBER	PRICE	AMOUNT
<b>Saturday, October 9, 2004*</b> <b>Football Tickets (Block Seating)</b> <b>Purdue vs. Penn State</b>		<b>\$42.00</b>	
<b>Tailgate Lunch (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.)</b>		<b>\$10.00</b>	
	<b>Order Total</b>		

*\*Football ticket orders (limit of 2 tickets) will be processed on a first come basis and only for those making lunch reservations. 4:30 p.m. kick off.*

NOTES: All persons, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter Beaver Stadium.  
 You will receive written confirmation of your registration.  
 Tickets will be distributed at the Open House in 301A Ag Ag. Admin. Building on game day.

**Make Checks Payable to "Penn State University" and mail form to:**

**Debby Mayes, Department of Ag. & Extension Education**  
 323 Ag. Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802  
 (Tel: 814-865-1688; Fax: 814-863-4753; E-mail: dvm3@psu.edu)

**Open House Reservations Must Be Received By:**  
**September 3, 2004**

## Department Hosts 2003 Outstanding Alumni



Don Sargeant, Kerry Golden, Blannie Bowen, Paul Hann



Sam Curtis (left) and his former student Don Sargeant

Three superb AEE graduates were named outstanding alumni by the College in fall 2003.

**Paul Hann** graduated in AEE and then worked in the poultry industry. He was nominated jointly by the Departments of Poultry Science and AEE because of his long service to the industry and Purina.

**Donald G. Sargeant** retired last year as chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). During his long tenure, two notable changes occurred on the campus that began as an agricultural high school. In 1993, UMC began offering bachelor's degrees in Agricultural Management, Management, and Technical Studies to better serve Northwest Minnesota. That same year UMC became the first college to provide laptop computers to all students and faculty. Perhaps the best barometer of the leadership that Chancellor Sargeant

provided can be gleaned from UMC being ranked a *US News* "Best College" in the "Midwest Public Colleges" category for the last 5 years (1999-2003). Dr. Sargeant received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Education in 1970.

Also, **Kerry L. Golden** was selected one of the College's 2003 Outstanding Recent Alumni. Kerry distinguished herself as an undergraduate in Agricultural Science and later while completing her master's in Extension Education. In August 1993, she moved to her current position as Executive Director of the PA House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Her background work and staff support for two major pieces of legislation best illustrate her effectiveness. Those efforts involve the "Clean and Green" initiative and "Farm Land Preservation". Former PDA Secretary Sam Hayes, another AEE alumnus, often commented that Pennsylvania is a national leader in farmland preservation. Kerry is heavily involved with various aspects of the agriculture community across the state.

The three alumni visited our Department on October 24. Donald, Kerry, and Paul presented seminars. They were later honored at a reception hosted by the College.

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