Student Organizations
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SYSTEMS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Achieving lifetime skills through involvement in student activities
When dozens of qualified people apply for the same job, how does an employer choose? “I look for tie breakers,” a representative of a major corporation said. “I look for people with demonstrated leadership, communication skills and job experience.”

That’s a familiar concept to students in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. Students here are taught that there are four things they can do to foster their own success at the university: 1) go to class and study, 2) get to know faculty and staff outside of the classroom, 3) join some clubs in order to learn teamwork, leadership and to build your network of friends, and 4) have fun. Student organizations obviously contribute to the third item but also provide great opportunities that contribute to the second and fourth items.

Of course there’s much more to be gained from involvement in student organizations than an entry on your résumé. Student groups are a great way to meet people with similar interests and to have a good time. You can get to know upperclassmen who can provide good information about courses, instructors and campus life. You can interact with faculty and staff outside of the classroom, and they can become references in your job applications and will, in many cases, become your lifelong friends. You can meet professionals who work in your field, take field trips and travel to regional and national meetings and competitions, and gain confidence through improved organizational, leadership and communication skills.

This booklet describes organizations of particular interest to students in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. NDSU has many additional organizations, committees and activities, and many College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources students are active in them as well. One good way to learn about them is to attend the Student Involvement Expo at the beginning of each semester. The expo is sponsored by the Congress of Student Organizations (CSO) and is held either on the east patio of the Memorial Union or in the Great Plains Ballroom.
**Ag Ambassadors**

**Advisers**
Patti Sebesta, 316 Morrill Hall, 231-8524, patti.sebesta@ndsu.edu
Dr. David Buchanan, 315 Morrill Hall, 231-7426
david.s.buchanan@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
Twice a month; group determines date/time each semester

**Goals**
Provide an informed and enthusiastic group of undergraduate students to represent the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, and to serve as student spokespersons and hosts at selected college-related events

**Major Activities**
Participate in student recruitment activities and events for alumni, donors, industry leaders and others

**Membership Requirements**
Undergraduate students currently enrolled in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources or an interdisciplinary major that includes agriculture, who have a minimum 2.75 GPA and are willing to make a one-year commitment to the Ag Ambassador program may apply. Ag Ambassadors are selected through an application and interview process. Criteria include scholarship, communication skills, enthusiasm, honesty and knowledge of the college and NDSU.

**How to Join**
Applications are taken each spring. For more information, contact an adviser or email us at NDSU.AgAmbassadors@ndsu.edu.

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**Agribusiness Club**

**Advisers**
Dr. Erik Hanson, 628 Barry Hall, 231-7378, erik.drevlow.hanson@ndsu.edu
Dr. David Saxowsky, 428 Barry Hall, 231-7470, david.saxowsky@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
6:00 p.m., first and third Tuesday, 140 Barry Hall

**Goals**
Give students an opportunity to meet professionals, gain career contacts and develop leadership, communication and organizational skills

**Major Activities**
The Agribusiness Club was formed through a merger of the Agricultural Economics Club and the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). Activities include tours and speakers in the agribusiness industry, professional and peer mentors, an annual awards banquet, employment brochure and promoting good student/faculty relations.

**Membership Requirements**
Open to all interested NDSU students

**How to Join**
Come to meetings and pay dues

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**Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow**

**Adviser**
Becky Koch, 7A Morrill Hall, 231-7875, becky.koch@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
Twice a month

**Goals**
Provide resources and opportunities to students interested in professional agricultural communication

**Membership Requirements**
NDSU students with an interest in agricultural communication

**How to Join**
Contact the Agriculture Communication Office at 231-7875 or becky.koch@ndsu.edu
Agricultural Systems Management Club
Adviser
Dr. Tom Bon, 202 Ag and Biosystems Engineering, 231-7275, thomas.bon@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Times and location are subject to change; meetings are announced via listserv and flyers are posted in the Ag and Biosystems Engineering building.

Goals
• Acquaint students with practical phases of agriculture
• Promote professional development and provide an opportunity for social interaction

Major Activities
Annual lawnmower and snowblower clinics, restoring antique tractors, special projects with ag engineers, sponsoring and participating in the NDSU Ag Technology Expo and various philanthropic projects

Membership Requirements
Open to students in any major; members eligible to become student members of national ASABE (American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers)

How to Join
Attend meetings; pay dues

Agronomy Club
Student Activities Subdivision, American Society of Agronomy
Crop Science Society of America
Soil Science Society of America

Adviser
Dr. Kirk Howatt, 470F Loftsgard Hall, 231-7209, kirk.howatt@ndsu.edu

Meetings
7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday, 380 Loftsgard Hall

Goals
Provide for personal growth and encourage communication among student members, faculty and administrators in the crop and weed sciences and soil science fields

Major Activities
Tours of local agribusinesses, guest speakers at meetings, participation in campus activities, sponsoring members in local and national contests, fall and spring picnic, homecoming and philanthropy projects

Membership Requirements
Open to all interested NDSU students

How to Join
Attend meetings and pay dues ($10 per semester)

ASABE
Student Branch of American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers
Adviser
Dr. Tom Bon, 202 Ag and Biosystems Engineering, 231-7275, thomas.bon@ndsu.edu

Meetings
6 p.m., Thursdays, twice a month; 201 Ag and Biosystems Engineering; meetings are announced via listserv and flyers are posted in the Ag and Biosystems Engineering building.

Goals
• Promote the professional interests and advancement of students in agricultural and biosystems engineering-related fields
• Acquaint students with practical phases of engineering and agriculture and help develop a professional point of view
• Encourage, promote and support student publications and professional and social activities, and create a fraternal spirit among students

Major Activities
Industry field trips and speakers, snowblower and lawnmower tune-up clinics, Agricultural Technology Expo, design competitions, student/faculty picnic, national AEM trophy competition

Membership Requirements
Member: undergraduate agricultural and biosystems engineering student; minimum GPA 2.0

Associate Member: other students
Members are eligible to become student members of the national ASABE organization.

How to Join
Contact officers or adviser; pay semester dues and attend meetings
**Animal Sciences Graduate Student Organization**

**Adviser**
Dr. Eric Berg, 100e Hultz Hall, 231-6271, eric.p.berg@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
First Friday of each month

**Goals**
- Promote interaction among graduate students and the community
- Explore various areas of animal sciences
- Raise money for travel to scientific meetings
- Serve as a voice for graduate students in the department

**Major Activities**
Provide chuck-wagon style meals via catering services (Carnivore Catering) throughout the university and the community; various community service events; graduate student activities (outings, etc.)

**Membership Requirements**
Must be enrolled as a graduate student and advised by a faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences

**Biotechnology and Microbiology Club**

**Adviser**
Rachel Richman, 123 Van Es, 231-7184, rachel.l.richman@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
Every other week during the academic year; meeting notices are announced through the listserv and posted in Van Es

**Goals**
- Expose students, faculty and staff who have an interest in biotechnology and/or microbiology to the many different aspects related to each respective field including research, clinical, industrial, and social applications
- Foster communication among students and faculty who share an interest in biotechnology and microbiology

**Major Activities**
Tours of biotechnology and microbiology-related research facilities, industry and faculty speakers, social events, fundraisers, volunteer work, and professional conferences

**Membership Requirements**
Open to undergraduate or graduate students, staff and faculty members with an interest in biotechnology and microbiology

**How to Join**
Contact the adviser or a member; pay dues

**Bison Dairy Club**

**Adviser**
Todd Molden, Dairy Barn, 356-3282 or 701-799-7729, todd.molden@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
Twice a month, usually every other Thursday night in Sherrif Arena or at dairy barn, depending on members’ schedules

**Goals**
- Actively promote an interest in the dairy industry and the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources at NDSU
- Provide members with educational and recreational activities to learn about the future of and placement within the dairy industry

**Major Activities**
Regional and National American Dairy Science Association conventions, Living Ag Classroom, dairy tours, a fall trip and a variety of other functions throughout the year, including Little International and Dairy Challenge

**Membership Requirements**
Open to any student interested in the dairy industry and agriculture

**How to Join**
Come to any meeting; contact a Bison Dairy Club member or adviser
**Bison Pullers**

*International ¼ Scale Tractor Club*

**Adviser**
Dr. Tom Bon, 202 Ag and Biosystems Engineering
231-7275, thomas.bon@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
Twice a month

**Goals**
- Develop a ¼ scale tractor for the A-team competition, and modify the previous year’s tractor for the X-team competition at the International Quarter Scale Tractor (IQS) pull held each June in Peoria, IL.

**Major Activities**
- Design and development of the tractors, fundraising, public service, promotion of ISQ, and presentation of the ¼ scale tractor at campus functions

**Membership Requirements**
Interested students in good standing at NDSU

**How to Join**
Come to a meeting and become involved

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**Collegiate Cattlewomen**

**Advisers**
Dr. Kasey Maddock Carlin, 168 Hultz Hall, 231-8797
kasey.maddockcarlin@ndsu.edu
Loren Baranko, 169 Hultz Hall, 231-7018, loren.l.baranko@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
5:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, 104 Hultz Hall

**Goals**
- Promote the livestock industry
- Work for better rural-urban relations
- Become better acquainted with others in the same industry through philanthropic, leadership and social activities
- Cooperate with the North Dakota Cattlewomen, the North Dakota Beef Commission and the livestock industry in promoting beef
- Work for better “beef” publicity in our state

**Major Activities**
- Host Annual Canvas, Cupcakes, and Cows event; school readings; Taco Night for the Little International; Beefin’ It Up Fuel for the Finish Run; and participate in various other philanthropic and beef promotion events

**Membership Requirements**
Students with an interest in the beef cattle industry; experience with cattle is not required

**How to Join**
Attend any meeting and talk to an officer or adviser

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**Collegiate Farm Bureau**

**Advisers**
Dr. Cheryl Wachenheim, 520 Barry Hall, 231-7452,
cheryl.wachenheim@ndsu.edu
Joey Myers, Director of Development, North Dakota Farm Bureau, 701-318-2252, joey@ndfb.org

**Meetings**
5:30 p.m., twice monthly, Tuesday evenings in Loftsgard 380

**Goals**
- Engage in lively discussion about current issues in agriculture and other issues of interest to members
- Network with leaders in agriculture locally and nationally
- Capitalize on opportunities to develop member skills and expand member experiences in all things important to personal development

**Major Activities**
- NDSU discussion panels; attend and participate in National and North Dakota Farm Bureau and Young Farmer and Rancher meetings, actively participate and attend North Dakota Farm Bureau state convention, and participate in Living Ag Classroom and other local events to promote agriculture

**Membership Requirements**
Open to all students at NDSU

**How to Join**
Come to a meeting and pay dues; free pizza and pop at every meeting
Collegiate FFA of NDSU

Adviser
Dr. Adam Marx, 210 FLC, 231-7439, adam.marx@ndsu.edu

Meetings
6:00 p.m., first and third Thursdays; times change every semester

Goals
Provide professional opportunities for students seeking careers in education and agriculture; provide opportunities to serve and learn on campus, and at state and national levels

Major Activities
• Prepare and host NDSU PAS/CFFA judging contests for FFA members from North Dakota and Minnesota to include ag sales, small animal care and agronomy career development events
• Prepare and put on Food Information Forum
• Serve FFA members by helping at District Leadership Convention and State Convention

Membership Requirements
Open to all students at NDSU; previous FFA membership not required

How to Join
Attend a meeting or contact adviser, Dr. Marx

Entomology Club

Adviser
Dr. David Rider, 268 Hultz Hall, 231-7908, david.rider@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Monthly meetings as scheduled, 272 Hultz Hall

Goals
• Provide opportunity for students to meet and discuss items of interest in entomology
• Promote entomology education among elementary and secondary school students
• Enjoy activities concerning entomology

Major Activities
Attend regional, national and international meetings of the Entomological Society of America, spring picnic, guest speakers, insect photo contest, insect collecting, camping trips, judging science fairs and providing insect displays

Membership Requirements
All are welcome. Interest in entomology is a must!

How to Join
Attend a meeting or contact the adviser or an officer

Farmers Union Collegiate Chapter

Adviser
Rhonda Nilles, 206G Quentin Burdick Building, 231-6503, rhonda.nilles@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Second Thursday of the month in the library

Goals
• Provide opportunities for students to become involved in university and community volunteer activities
• Promote importance of team building and cooperative principles

Major Activities
Collegiate cooperative conferences

Membership Requirements
Open to anyone interested in being more involved with the university and wishing to serve the community through volunteerism and community service

How to Join
Come to a meeting; if interested, pay $10 membership dues
Food Science/ Food Safety Club

Advisers
Dr. Clifford Hall, 210 Harris Hall, 231-6359, clifford.hall@ndsu.edu
Dr. Anuradha Vegi, 231A Harris Hall, 231-6240, anuradha.vegi@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Twice a month according to students’ schedules, 11 Harris Hall

Goals
• Lead undergraduate and graduate students by fostering a close relationship among the food industry and students and faculty
• Encourage leadership, promote school activities and foster interest in cereal and food sciences, food safety and food technology professions; get involved in community

Major Activities
• Attend and participate in sectional and North Central Area meetings and activities organized by the student association of the Institute of Food Technologists, including Suppliers Night, Student Recognition Night, and American Association of Cereal Chemists
• Participate in local events such as Homecoming, Little I, Food Science Open House, international potluck and community service projects
• Organize career workshops for students

Membership Requirements
Interest in the cereal and food sciences, food safety and food technology professions

How to Join
Attend a meeting and meet membership requirements

Honor Commission

Adviser
David Englund,
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Meetings
As needed, Morrill Hall

Goals and Major Activities
The Honor Commission is a student judicial organization that oversees the Honor System in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. The Honor System is a method of student self-governing for those enrolled in courses in the college. Under the Honor System, students sign an honor pledge; the responsibility for proctoring examinations and quizzes lies with the individuals enrolled in the course. When a case of possible academic dishonesty is reported, the Honor Commission meets to review all pertinent evidence. If it determines that a violation occurred, the commission recommends disciplinary action.

Membership Requirements
The Honor Commission includes 13 undergraduate students and one graduate student enrolled in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. Members are selected annually as freshmen by the existing commission to serve for a three-year term beginning their second year. The graduate student is selected annually by the Commission.

How to Join
Freshmen enrolled in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources are invited to apply based on grade point average. Honor Commission members are selected through an interview process.

Horsemen’s Association

Advisers
Dr. Carrie Hammer,
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Tara Swanson, 178 Hultz Hall,
231-8865, tara.swanson@ndsu.edu
Erika Berg, 174 Hultz Hall,
231-9611, erika.berg@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Every other Thursday or as scheduled

Goals
Actively promote an interest in the equine industry and provide members with educational and recreational activities to learn about the future of the horse world

Major Activities
Horse-related clinics, field trips, fundraising, philanthropy and recreational activities

Membership Requirements
Open to any student interested in the horse industry and agriculture; pay annual dues

How to Join
Attend a monthly meeting or contact the advisers
Horticulture and Forestry Club

Advisers
Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, 470E Loftsgard Hall, 231-8536, h.hatterman.valenti@ndsu.edu
Dr. Todd West, 266E Loftsgard Hall, 231-6476, todd.p.west@ndsu.edu

Web Site
www.ag.ndsu.edu/plantsciences/academics/organizations/horticulture-forestry

Meetings
6 p.m., Tuesdays (Fall – twice a month; Spring – every week), South Lord and Burnham Greenhouses

Goals
To peak student’s interest in plants and trees; to create networking opportunities in industry through competitions, field trips and employer visits; to make friends, have a good time and gain knowledge while doing so

Major Activities
Attend horticulture-related meetings and social events; conduct plant sales; compete in regional and national competitions

Membership Requirements
Open to anyone who has a love for plants or wants to learn more about them; do not have to be in a related major

How to Join
Come to a meeting; become involved in club events

Judging Club

Advisers
Dr. Rob Maddock, 175 Hultz Hall, 231-8975, robert.maddock@ndsu.edu
Todd Molden, Dairy Barn, 356-3282, todd.molden@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Twice a month in Shepperd Arena

Goals
• Sponsor students to represent NDSU in intercollegiate judging contests across the nation
• Offer students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the selection of livestock, livestock products and pricing of meat animals
• Offer networking and collegiality opportunities with students across the U.S. who share a common interest

Major Activities
• Coordinate and conduct Little International Livestock Judging Contest for 4-H and FFA youth
• Assist with state 4-H and FFA dairy, meats and livestock judging contests

Membership Requirements
Participants should have an interest in livestock, dairy or meats judging. Judging Club is for the past, present and future judging teams in order to ensure the continuation of the team contests and activities. Members of all judging teams are required to be paying members of the Judging Club.

How to Join
Attend meetings and meet membership requirements
NAMA
National Agri-Marketing Association
Advisers
Dr. Thomas Wahl, 406 Barry Hall, 231-9481, tom.wahl@ndsu.edu
David Englund, 404 Barry Hall, 231-6641, david.englund@ndsu.edu
Web Site
www.nama.org
Meetings
4:15-5:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Barry Hall;
AGEC 450 (1 credit)/AGEC 451 (1 credit)
Goals
Learn the components of a marketing plan, develop marketing and presentation skills, network with professionals, and develop leadership and communication skills
Major Activities
Develop a marketing plan for a selected product and present the plan at the NAMA national convention in competition with other university teams
Membership Requirements
Open to all NDSU students
How to Join
Attend meetings, enroll in AGEC 450 (fall)/AGEC 451 (spring), or contact the adviser

Natural Resources Management Club
Adviser
Dr. Jack Norland, 205A Morrill Hall, 231-9428, jack.norland@ndsu.edu
Meetings
Twice a month
Goals
Enrich the college experience for undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in the management of natural resources by providing opportunities for social interaction, service, personal and professional development and career contacts
Major Activities
One of the NRM club’s signature activities is management of the prairie restoration at the Research and Technology Park. In addition, the club is the Scientific and Natural Area site steward for the Blanket Flower Prairie in SE Clay County. As site stewards, the club does surveys and organizes events helping preserve natural features and rare resources of the site that are of scientific and educational value. The club sponsors camping and hiking events along with local/regional service activities such as volunteering on National Public Lands Day, building the North Country Trail in North Dakota, and working with other organizations in the region on activities like river clean up. Other club activities are a summer job fair and sponsoring training such as chainsaw training. The club has fundraisers to support the annual NRM scholarship and to fund their activities.
Membership Requirements
NRM Club welcomes all NDSU undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in natural resources.
How to Join
Attend a meeting or contact Natural Resources Management at 231-8180 or 231-9428; in addition you can email jack.norland@ndsu.edu
NDSU Ag Collective
(Formerly NDSU Ag Coalition)

Advisers
Dr. Adam Marx,
210 FLC, 231-7439
adam.marx@ndsu.edu
Loren Baranko,
169 Hultz Hall, 231-7018
loren.l.baranko@ndsu.edu

Meetings
7:30 p.m., Thursday

Goals
To promote and celebrate the importance of agriculture, food systems, and natural resources to the NDSU community and Fargo/Moorhead through agricultural-focused events

Major Activities
NDSU Ag Week; interactions with other organizations on campus to promote agriculture

Membership Requirements
Open to all majors; must have completed two semesters at NDSU

How to Join
Applications are available at the beginning of the fall semester. Members are selected through an interview process.

Plant Pathology Student Organization

Adviser
Dr. Andrew Friskop,
303 Walster Hall, 231-7627
andrew.j.friskop@ndsu.edu

Meetings
Second and fourth Tuesday, Walster 315

Goals
- Provide opportunities for professional growth through communication between students, faculty and administration
- Encourage understanding of plant pathology within the community
- Provide valuable assistance to new graduate students
- Arrange partial travel funds for students to attend scientific meetings

Major Activities
Fundraisers, volunteer service, student field trips

Membership Requirements
Must be a graduate student in the Department of Plant Pathology

How to Join
Contact any graduate student in the department or the faculty adviser

Plant Sciences Graduate Student Association

Adviser
Dr. Burton Johnson,
470D Loftsgard Hall, 231-8895
burton.johnson@ndsu.edu

Meetings
As needed, 102 Loftsgard Hall

Goals
- Provide a forum for communication, professional development and interaction with faculty and administration to meet graduate student needs
- Encourage interaction among graduate students through organized professional and social activities

Major Activities
- Host a graduate student symposium every third year for plant science students from NDSU and the Universities of Saskatchewan and Manitoba; help organize NDSU’s contribution when the symposium is held in Canada
- Assist in updating the department’s Graduate Student Handbook
- Participate in winter party and other social events
- Help with Ag Week activities
- Graduate student mentorship program available for new graduate students, where new students are matched with current graduate students to assist with their transition to campus and to catalyze their involvement in various activities and organizations

Membership Requirements
Must be a graduate student in the Department of Plant Sciences

How to Join
Contact any graduate student in the department or the faculty adviser
Rodeo Club
Adviser
Tate Eck, 159 Hultz Hall, 231-7726
tate.eck@ndsu.edu
Meetings
7 p.m., Tuesdays, Equine Center
Goals
• Increase and maintain student interest in the sport of rodeo
• Attract prospective college rodeo students to enroll at NDSU
• Participate in rodeo competition as members of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association
• Represent NDSU in functions of the NIRA
Major Activities
Participate in college rodeos in the six-state Great Plains Region and host a college NIRA-approved rodeo

Saddle and Sirloin Club
Advisers
Dr. Eric Berg, 100e Hultz Hall, 231-6271, eric.p.berg@ndsu.edu
James Kirsch, 121 Hultz Hall, 231-7665, james.kirsch@ndsu.edu
Steven Anderson, Sheep Unit, 356-3295, steven.e.anderson@ndsu.edu
Dr. Kendall Swanson, 166 Hultz Hall, 231-6502, kendall.swanson@ndsu.edu
Web Site
www.ndsusaddleandsirloin.com
Meetings
7:00 p.m. every Wednesday, Shepperd Arena
Goals
Promote leadership and organizational skills for all students who have a dedicated interest in animal agriculture
Major Activities
Organizes, manages and runs Little International Livestock Show; promotes animal agriculture by educating area preschoolers and elementary students at Kiddie Days and Living Ag Classroom; participates in regional and national meetings and various other philanthropic and academic activities.
Membership Requirements
Students should have an interest in animal agriculture and the willingness to become involved. All majors are welcome.
How to Join
Attend any meeting and talk to an officer or an adviser

Pre-Veterinary Club
Adviser
Dr. Neil Dyer, 161 Van Es, 231-7521, neil.dyer@ndsu.edu
Meetings
Every other Tuesday, 101 Van Es
Goals
• Provide opportunities for students to meet with others who have similar professional interests
• Provide information on professional trends and opportunities in veterinary medicine as well as preparing students for the process of applying to veterinary school
Major Activities
Guest speakers, visits to veterinary clinics, fundraising events, annual dog show, community volunteer opportunities and visits from veterinary school representatives
Membership Requirements
Anyone with an interest in veterinary medicine is welcome.
How to Join
Attend a meeting and pay membership dues
**Turf Club**

**Adviser**
Dr. Deying Li, 474B Loftsgard Hall, 231-8037, deying.li@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
7:30 p.m.*, second or fourth Wednesday, 104 Loftsgard Hall
*Can vary depending on schedules

**Goals**
Provide members with opportunities to share information, connect with the turf industry, gain hands-on experience and broaden their knowledge

**Major Activities**
Topic discussions, regional and national turf conferences, community service and fundraising

**Membership Requirements**
Open to any undergraduate or graduate student, staff or faculty member with an interest in turfgrass management

**How to Join**
Contact the adviser or current club president; annual membership dues vary

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**Veterinary Technology Club**

**Adviser**
Kari Bolgrean, 107 Robinson Hall, 231-7530, kari.l.bolgrean@ndsu.edu

**Meetings**
5:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, 106 Robinson Hall

**Goals**
- Promote the educational advancement of veterinary technicians
- Enhance knowledge and skills through continuing education programs
- Promote and maintain a good professional image and high ethical standards while working closely with community members and local animal rescue organizations
- Promote progressive and humane medical care for all creatures
- Promote and maintain a cooperative professional relationship with the veterinary medical profession
- Fundraising

**Major Activities**
NDSU Veterinary Technology Club strives to provide educational and informative guest speakers, continuing education experiences, hands-on animal experience, local and national field trips and fundraising events. Activities include annual dog show, annual homecoming parade participant, annual large animal youth educational event, National Veterinarian Technician Week community education, Moos Ewes and More, National Veterinary Technician Conference.

**Membership Requirements**
Any students interested in animals and animal health

**How to Join**
Attend any meeting or contact an adviser; pay $10 dues
In addition to the student organizations listed above, the following fraternities and sorority with chapters at NDSU have specific ties to agriculture:

**Alpha Gamma Rho**

**Adviser**
Thomas Socha (218) 456-2548

**Web Site**
www.agrfargo.org

**Goals**
- Provide a professional bond for male students who share a common interest in agriculture
- Promote academics and involvement in student activities

**Major Activities**
Members are active in chapter activities, student government, athletics and student organizations.

**Membership Requirements**
Male NDSU students with an interest, background, and a major in agriculture

**How to Join**
Contact the recruitment chairs, Nate Vipond (320-287-1840) or Kyle Fawcett (406-765-7217)

**FarmHouse Fraternity**

**Advisers**
Dr. Marc Bauer, 155 Hultz Hall, 231-7691, marc.bauer@ndsu.edu
Dr. David Ripplinger, 614F Barry Hall, 231-5265, david.ripplinger@ndsu.edu

**Web Site**
www.ndsufarmhouse.org

**Meetings**
Monday evenings during the academic year

**Goals**
- Leadership, scholarship, fellowship
- Build the whole man intellectually, spiritually, socially/morally and physically

**Major Activities**
FarmHouse members are involved in numerous campus organizations; participate in philanthropic events each semester; and are active, social gentlemen across the NDSU campus

**Membership Requirements**
Full-time male students with a minimum GPA of 2.5

**How to Join**
Visit the house at 1144 College Street, call (701) 293-7761, visit www.ndsufarmhouse.org or Facebook.com/NDSU FarmHouse
Sigma Alpha

Adviser
Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, 470E Loftsgard Hall, 231-8536, h.hatterman.valenti@ndsu.edu

Web Sites
www.ndsusigmaalpha.com
www.sigmaalpha.org

Meetings
7:00 p.m., Monday

Goals
• Promote women in agriculture through fellowship, scholarship, leadership and service
• Develop excellence in women pursuing careers in agriculture

Major Activities
• Social activities such as Homecoming, annual Christmas party, Founder’s Day banquet, intramurals and exchanges with other fraternities and sororities
• Leadership and professional development activities such as Ag Career Fair and speakers from industry and career workshops; and leadership conferences
• Philanthropic events such as Heifer International, Bethany Retirement Homes
• Fundraising events
• Agriculture education events such as teaching in the classroom

Membership Requirements
Open to women who have a sincere interest in agriculture or are enrolled in an agriculture major, maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and are members of at least one other organization

How to Join
Attend recruitment activities (usually second or third week of each semester – publicized around campus), and fulfill other membership requirements; contact an adviser, officer or member (email addresses can be found on the NDSU Sigma Alpha Web site)