In addition to the above activities, Dr. Tokach will be the guest lecturer in the Swine Industry and Production Systems class (ANSC 484) at 9:00 a.m.

*Named among the 50 people who has made the greatest impact in the hog industry in the last 50 years, Mike Tokach, professor of animal sciences and industry, is a swine Extension specialist and researcher for K-State Research and Extension. Tokach’s research focuses on practical swine nutrition, and he works with industry producers to promote the rapid adoption of new technology.*

*Tokach grew up on a diversified livestock and grain farm in North Dakota, which was his first education in many of the day-to-day problems that livestock producers can encounter. He received his *B.S. in animal science from NDSU in 1986*, an M.S. in swine nutrition from K-State in 1988, and completed his Ph.D. in swine nutrition at the University of Minnesota in 1991.*

*He joined the K-State faculty as an assistant professor in 1991, was promoted to associate professor in 1995, and to full professor in 2001. He earned the title of university distinguished professor, K-State’s highest academic ranking, in 2013.*
Graduate Seminar – Kendall Swanson, Coordinator

Date/Time: Thursday, February 4, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
Location: Hultz 104
Speaker: Alex Vasquez, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student
Topic: Blood Volume Increase During Pregnancy, Suggested Mechanisms and Consequences When It is Not Sufficient

Alex Vasquez is originally from Ecuador. He graduated as a veterinarian in 2011 from Ecuador’s Central University. After graduation, he worked in a small animal veterinary clinic for three years before applying to NDSU. Alex is finishing his second year as an M.S. student under the guidance of Dr. Kim Vonnahme.

Speaker: Mary Rodenhuis, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student
Topic: Influence of Grain Source and Dried Corn Distillers Grain Plus Soluble Oil Concentration on Site of Digestion

Mary Rodenhuis is originally from Needham, Indiana. She graduated from Purdue University in May 2014 with a B.S. degree in animal science. She is working on an M.S. in ruminant nutrition under the direction of Dr. Kendall Swanson.

Friday Afternoon Club – Kendall Swanson and Larry Reynolds, Coordinators
Facilitator: Larry Reynolds
Topic: The Academic Career
Date/Time: Friday, January 29; 3:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz 104

All interested department personnel are invited to attend.

Meet Our Newest Graduate Student
Troy King is from Caledonia, MN. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in animal science-beef production. Troy started work on his M.S. degree in the area of animal science precision agriculture under the direction of Drs. Carl Dahlen and Kendall Swanson on January 19, 2016. In his spare time, Troy enjoys hunting, fishing, Angus, and sports. Troy’s email is troy.v.king@ndsu.edu; his office phone number is 701-231-7630; and his office is in Hultz 108.
Animal Sciences Scholarships – Apply Now!
The Animal Sciences Department has over $40,000 in scholarship funds available this year! The scholarships are for students majoring in animal science, equine science, and veterinary technology. There are judging-related scholarships available which are not limited to our majors, so other members of judging teams are encouraged to apply as well.

The scholarship application form is now available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xyoK78MVqalJTd97IgTSB5dtqlqjxUgRaWkZkw67YgY/viewform. The deadline to apply is February 29. If you have questions, please contact Rob Maddock at robert.maddock@ndsu.edu or 701-231-8975.

Extension Sheep Specialist Seminars
Two candidates will interview for the Extension Sheep Specialist position. The first candidate will interview on February 2-3 (Tuesday and Wednesday), and the second candidate will interview on February 4-5 (Thursday and Friday). Complete schedules for the candidate are posted in Hultz 100A. In addition, the vita for each candidate is available in Hultz 102.

As part of the interview process, each candidate will present a public seminar as follows.

Dates/Times:  Candidate 1 – Tuesday, February 2, 2:30 p.m., in Hultz 104  
            Candidate 2 – Thursday, February 4, 2:30 p.m., in Hultz 104

Topic:  Plan for Sheep Extension and Research Programming for North Dakota and Minnesota

The public is invited to attend these seminars.

Upcoming Events - Reminders
• **90th Little International** is February 12-13. Full information is available at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/90th-little-international. Banquet tickets are available in Hultz 102. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, January 29.**
• **Career Expo** is February 9 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Fargodome. Information is available at: https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/career-expo-2-days-2-fairs-1
• **Walking Taco Sale**, sponsored by Collegiate Cattle Women, is Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Shepperd Arena (prior to the S/S meeting). A free will offering will be accepted. Proceeds will support beef education in North Dakota.
• **Top 10 Seniors** – Applications are due in Morrill 315A on March 4 before 5:00 p.m. https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/cafsnr-top-10-seniors-and-outstanding-senior-1
• **Cupcakes, Canvas, and Cows** painting and eating event, sponsored by NDSU Collegiate Cattlewomen, is Sunday, March 6, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Baymont Inn. It is open to club and non-club members. Contact Brittany Olson (brittany.a.olson@ndsu.edu) if you have questions. Cost is $40.