**College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni**
*(photo and biography provided by the College of Agriculture)*

Mike D. Tokach, recipient of the 2015-16 College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources Distinguished Alumni Award, will visit campus on **Wednesday, February 10**. Please mark your calendar and join us for some of the following activities:

- **10:00 a.m.** Coffee with Animal Sciences Faculty and Staff
- **11:00 a.m.** Meet with Animal Sciences Department Graduate and Undergraduate Students
- **3:30 p.m.** Seminar – “Building a High Functioning Team in an Academic Setting;” Sudro 27
- **4:00 p.m.** Reception; Loftsgard Hall Atrium

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.

**New Department Hires**
Two search processes were recently completed in the department.

**Gregg Bauman** was hired as the swine unit manager. Gregg will fill the position created by the retirement of Ron Zimprich. Gregg was originally hired in March 2015 as the assistant swine unit manager. Prior to working at NDSU, Greg was a quality control lab supervisor for SunOpta in Alexandria, MN.

**Jena Bjertness** has been hired as the assistant nutrition laboratory manager. She will begin her position on March 1. Jenna received her M.S. degree in animal science/nutrition working under the direction of Dr. Joel Caton in Spring 2015. She has been working as a quality management chemist for Cargill in Wahpeton, ND, since January 2015.

Congratulations to Gregg and Jena on your new positions!
**Graduate Seminar – Sarah Wagner, Coordinator**

**Speaker:** Laura Bachmeier, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

**Topic:** A Review: Effects of Cooked Temperature on Pork Tenderness and Relationships Among Muscle Physiology and Pork Quality Traits in Loins From Landrace and Berkshire Swine

Laura is originally from Apply Valley, MN. She received her B.S. degree with a double major in animal science and agricultural business from NDSU in 2014. Laura is a second year M.S. student studying meat science and meat biology under the direction of Dr. David Newman. Her research focuses on pork quality in the retail meat case.

**Speaker:** Briana Ferguson, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

**Topic:** A Review: Number of Fetuses and Conceptus Growth Throughout Gestation in Lines of Pigs Selected for Ovulation Rate or Uterine Capacity

Briana is originally from a small farm near Kerkhoven, MN. She received a B.S. degree in animal science from NDSU in 2012. Following graduation, Briana worked as a farrowing lead for Pipestone Systems on a 2,500 sow farm near Mitchell, SD. She is working with Dr. Kim Vonnahme on her M.S. degree.

**Date/Time:** Thursday, February 11; 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Hultz Hall 104

**Friday Afternoon Club – Kendall Swanson and Larry Reynolds, Coordinators**

**Facilitator:** Lauren Hanna

**Topic:** Animal QTLdb (Quantitative Trait Loci)

**Date/Time:** Friday, February 5; 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hultz 104

All interested persons are invited to join the group for discussion.

**A Celebration of Life Service**

A celebration of life service for Dr. Chung Park who died Monday, January 18, will be held on Saturday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. in Boulger Funeral Home, 123 Tenth Street South, Fargo, ND.
Berg to be Inducted – Greg Lardy
Dr. Erika Berg, associate professor of equine science, has been selected for induction into NDSU’s Tapestry of Diverse Talents.

Tapestry of Diverse Talents, a program of the Memorial Union, is a pictorial mosaic that recognizes students, faculty, staff, and alumni for the diversity and contributions they bring to North Dakota State University. Each year individuals are inducted into the Tapestry. Inductees are engaged in work, activities, and projects that reflect the diverse populations of the university community.

Here is an excerpt from the nomination letter: “Dr. Berg’s work with individuals who are differently abled, as well as socially or economically disadvantaged across campus, throughout the Fargo-Moorhead community, regionally, and beyond, makes her especially deserving of this nomination. She has developed a network whereby she takes her work here beyond the doors of our campus to influence an entire community, state, region and nation. Dr. Berg’s devotion to assisting individuals with challenges influences not only their lives but that of the students, staff and faculty on campus as well by raising awareness and bringing about change. Through her efforts and volunteer time on behalf of people who are differently abled, Dr. Berg has impacted the lives of over 200 students, therapeutic riders, and underprivileged women. This group of people has had their lives improved by her efforts.”

The induction ceremony will be held Wednesday, February 24, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Century Theater, Memorial Union.

90th Little International
“Decades of Dedication”
February 12-13
Agriculturalist of the Year – Ron Zimprich
Full details at http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/90th-little-international

Winners of the Little I Public Speaking Contest, held Wednesday, February 3, are:
Champion – Kyle Aasand; Second place winner – Justin Zahradka;
Third place winner – Tori Rude
Laser Markers Installed – Tate Eck (photo by Shannon Eck)
Six laser markers were installed in the arena at the Equine Center on February 3. The technology will facilitate setup during long barrel races. The lasers, placed in the ceiling at a specific angle, will shine down on a mark placed in the center of the barrel so the setter knows where they should go.

The old system entailed hammering a stake with a rope on it into the ground. During the competition or when work was done on the barn, these were often disrupted. A total of six lasers were placed in the barn.

Steer With a Window – NDSU Animal Sciences Facebook page
Matt Crouse talked cattle research with Shawna Olson from AgWeek TV in a recent segment. Kayla Chilcoat helped orchestrate behind the scenes.

This segment reminded Marc Bauer to retrieve the first U.S. publication of a “steer with a window” (photo at right by Marc Bauer). North Dakota Agricultural College (NDSU) was the first to cannulate a steer in 1928.
Dean’s List for Fall Semester – Registration and Records
A total of 157 students who major in animal science, equine science and veterinary technology were named to the Dean’s List for Fall Semester. We congratulate these students on their accomplishments. Keep up the great work! The list is attached separately.

Fall Semester Graduates – Registration and Records
The following 24 students graduated at the end of Fall Semester. We congratulate them and wish them the best in their upcoming endeavors.

Animal Sciences
(12 undergraduates, 3 graduate students)
Mohammed Alkhuriji, M.S.
Scott Alm
Bayleigh Antonsen
Hannah Bakke
James Gaspers, M.S.
Stephanie Gross
Kayla Haglund
Marisa Holst
Cora Huss
Jacob Keller
Victoria Kennedy, M.S.
Benjamin Lodoen
Amy McConnell
Megan Ruch
Lindsey Schmidt

Veterinary Technology
(6 undergraduates)
Kelsey Amborn
Arielle Glaspie
Ashley Hoffmann
Margaret Meacham
Amanda Schnase
Shelby Seifert

Equine Science
(3 undergraduates)
Amber Benham
Christina Dulik
Emily Tucker

Congratulations
Dean's List
Department of Animal Sciences
Fall 2015

Animal Science Majors

Scott M. Alm
Bayleigh M. Antonsen
Hannah J. Bakke
Rachel A. Baniecke
Emily L. Cavett
Lauren A. Ciernia
Alexis G. Craig
Michelle L. Craig
Melissa C. Cross
Brittany J. Cudworth
Camille E. Curtis-Heaton
Adam F. Dean
Hannah B. Deaton
Amanda D. Donarski
Erin E. Ehlis
Tracy L. Ellig
Marissa Evans
Tanner J. Fischer
Sarah B. Freitag
Brett P. Gallagher
Abby J. Ganyo
Ashley L. Giedd
Shane C. Giedd
Elisabeth M. Gnitka
Amy E. Greenberg
Nathaniel P. Greseth
Megan A. Gross
Stephanie M. Gross
Kayla M. Haglund
Shelby L. Hanson
Emily R. Hauck
Sheridan O. Heid
Alexis M. Hoelmer
Marisa S. Holst
Stacia M. Hopfauf
Logan R. Hulst
Kacey R. Koester
Kimberly S. Kollman
Kathleen A. Kranda
Madison Kulas
Jessi R. Lagein
Marissa M. Leier
Daniel G. Lengowski
Emily J. Leseman
Lloyd L. Lesmeister
Jennifer M. Lukach
Kevin P. Mathews
Lindsey R. Mosher
Catherine J. Nalewaja
Rachel H. Ouren
Anna M. Peterson
Lynn M. Pouliot
Danika D. Quick
Stephanie B. Schaunaman
Kala A. Schleif
Lindsey Schmidt
Sydni E. Schmidt
Blaire L. Schnabel
Jessica R. Schneider
Rachel R. Schroeder
William M. Schroeder
Jared R. Schumacher
Jacob W. Shreffler
Tescha E. Siewert
Alyssa J. Sorum
Thomas R. Sorum
Aaron R. Stanoch
Aaron R. Subart
Adreanna M. Trzpuc
Emily A. Trzpuc
Dana A. Weatherford
Sarah J. Williams
Jordan L. Wittrock
Chelsey R. Zaharia
Veterinary Technology Majors

Kelsey M. Amborn
Kayla L. Anderson
Alexa J. Andries
Kalley M. Athmann
Mackenzie J. Bartsch
Samantha K. Batsch
Samantha J. Batzlaff
Kelsey L. Breuer
Mariah J. Brooks
Samantha J. Buie
Nancy F. Cook
Atarah Crawford
Allyson L. Cull
Amanda K. Eickhoff
Jessica L. Eliason
Miranda J. Ellingson
Kristen L. Erickson
Kelli B. Foss
Lexi N. Furstenau
Monique C. Haman
Jenelle L. Henry
Sarah M. Hoiland
Taylor R. Horner
Kaycee D. Howard
Sarah M. Hutchens
Larissa R. Jennings
Alexandra D. Joersz
Marissa M. Judes
Chelsie A. Keiper
Morgan L. Kirschenmann
Rebecca A. Klose
Danielle M. Knott
Whitney L. Koch
Alexia K. Koepppe
Taylor A. Lemieux
Marissa M. Olson
Rebekah L. Prazak
Rachel L. Quanbeck
Jocelyn M. Quarstad
Kady R. Rath
Linda R. Rausch
Leah N. Rempfer
Ariana M. Rinell
Serina G. Rossow
Nicole J. Schindler
Aren A. Schluessler
Kari V. Schmeling
Amanda J. Schnase
Kaycee N. Schwind
Shelby D. Seifert
Jessica D. Sheets
Kristina M. Shirk
Kara L. Stegner
Pheafrisia C. Strachan
Emerae A. Strege
Allison L. Thelen
LeAnna R. Thom
Samantha L. Thompson
Samantha S. Torvik
Jamie L. Virgillito
Sarena J. Ward
Alyssa M. Wehri
Christina M. Wetzel
Shania B. Wilson
Kalyn J. Woinarowicz
Kayla M. Woltz
Equine Science Majors

Kaylee M. Bliss
Christina F. Dulik
Nicole L. Human
Haley M. Johnson
Brooklyn M. Kadrmas
Megan A. Larson
Joline A. Manikowski
Braidyn M. Mashak
Amelia R. Nichols

Madelaine C. Rehn
Samantha M. Ruger
Becka L. Sadlemyer
Hayley Sauber
Samantha L. Stoel
Morgan S. Trester
Abbey M. Tucker
Emily M. Tucker