Greetings from the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies!

One of my favorite memories of 2022 was during the first few weeks of fall classes. I would often look out my office window, which overlooks Central Campus, and see the mass of students moving between classes. What a wonderful sight! With all the hustle and bustle, it just felt normal.

The end of the year is a time of reflection. As a department, we are blessed with terrific students. We are fortunate to have great faculty and staff who work hard to educate and support our students, conduct research, and serve the state and nation through Extension. We are thankful for our alumni and donors who support our students and programs in all kinds of ways. Many serve as recruiters and promoters when you share your ISU stories. Others give back by volunteering their time or donating money to support our students and advance our programs. Whatever form it takes, we truly are thankful for your contributions.
This newsletter highlights a few of the things that have happened within the department. These things, while only a small sample, are evidence of our efforts to prepare students and fulfill our land-grant mission. Enjoy reading.

On behalf of the faculty and staff in the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies, Season’s Greetings!

Dr. Michael Retallick
Department Chair

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Awards and Honors

*Ben Chamberlain* received the University Academic Advising Impact Award

*Jon Davis* was a **Golden Owl Award Finalist** through the Iowa FFA Foundation

*Dr. Greg Miller* received the Auburn University College of Education Outstanding Educator Alumni Award

*Dr. Scott Smalley* received the NC Outstanding Teacher Educator Award at the NC-AAAE conference

*ISU Teaching Farms* received the IAAE Outstanding Cooperation Award

*Virginia Hanson* was promoted from Assistant Teaching Professor to **Associate Teaching Professor**

*Dr. Mike Retallick* served as 2021-22 President of the American Association for Agricultural Education and presided at their annual meeting in Oklahoma City in May.

*Dr. Shuyang Qu* presided over the 2022 National Agricultural Communications meetings in New Orleans as President

*Emma Parkins* received the **CALS Outstanding Senior Award**

*Lauren Mosher* received the **CALS Distinguished Service Award**
**Enrollment**

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**Clubs**

**Ag Communicators of Tomorrow** - The Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) Club celebrates a year of success in terms of club growth, national recognition, and engaging club meetings. The club now boasts over 30 members with up to 50 attendees at its monthly meetings. At the 2022 Agricultural Media Summit, held in Raleigh, North Carolina this past July, ACT club officers were honored with two Chapter of the Year awards for recruitment and community service. Visit their [Facebook page](#) to see things throughout the year!

**AgEd Club** - Ag Ed club has had success in developing future educators for secondary schools and extension education. The club continues to grow in members and engagement with professional through professional development opportunities and monthly meetings. Placement of our graduates continues to be excellent with many new secondary agricultural education programs being established across the state. Visit their [Facebook page](#) to see things throughout the year!

**Farm Op Club** - The Farm Operations Club at Iowa State University had a very successful and engaging semester. Career fair interview preparation, engagement with industry professionals, and creating connections among peers with similar interests in production agriculture were the focus of the fall club meetings. The semester was capped off by a wonderful day-long trip touring the Kinze Manufacturing facility in Williamsburg, IA, lunch, and a tour of the Corteva Agriscience facility in Johnston, IA. Club meeting attendance continued to stay strong throughout the semester with upwards of 70 students in attendance each month. Visit their [Facebook page](#) to see things throughout the year!
Professional Agricultural Students - PAS club continues to find new ways to recruit members, raise funds and compete well at both the state and national competitions. This past year the club finished with two nationally winning teams and two more in the top three in their categories. Additionally, 14 students finished in the top three of their contest area at the national level. Students continue to find internship and job opportunities through this club and enjoy meeting with industry representatives. The club looks forward to the year ahead as both state and national contests will be in Ankeny, Iowa. Visit their Facebook page to see things throughout the year!

GO in AgEds - The Graduate Organization in Agricultural Education (GO in AGEDS) provides a welcoming environment for all AGEDS Graduate Students. In 2022 the club began hosting hybrid meetings to include in-person and remote students. GO in AGEDS has enjoyed exploring campus student engagement offerings including bowling at Cybowl & Billiards, sampling of ISU Creamery ice cream, arts & crafts at the Workspace, and lunch at the Joan Bice Underwood Tearoom. The organization has hosted several guest speakers at monthly meetings. A highlight of the year was when Dr. Antoine Alston, Alumni and Professor at NC A&T University, joined GO in AGEDS Grads for a luncheon in the fall. Learn more about club members here!

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert Allen Martin, Professor in the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies, passed away of natural causes at his home in Ames, Iowa at the age of 76. Dr. Martin was a faculty member in the department from 1983 until his retirement in 2019. He was known in Iowa and nationally for his work related to agricultural literacy, supervised agricultural experiences and student teaching supervision.

Dr. Martin served as the Department Chair, Director of Graduate Education in Agricultural Education and supervised the secondary major and minor in international agriculture in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He taught many courses at ISU, including presentation methods, adult education, technology transfer, administration and comparative international education. He also supervised many student teachers throughout his professional career.
Dr. Martin’s dedication and passion for agricultural education was second to none. His impact is immeasurable because of the ripple effect and the influence of his work. Dr. Martin leaves a legacy of growing the ag communication option in addition to the countless lives he has impacted. He will be greatly missed by faculty, staff, students and alumni. His obituary can be found [here](#).

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**Iowa Ag Tour**

On September 23rd, AGEDS faculty, staff and graduate students enjoyed a home cooked breakfast at the AGEDS 450 Farm, toured Heineman Farms near Ogden, Iowa and manufacturer LDM Ag in Jefferson, Iowa. This proved to be an excellent opportunity to connect with the most recent developments in production agriculture, business and entrepreneurship and to gather information from alumni on the impact of their Iowa State education in their professional lives. Faculty, staff and graduate students appreciated the hospitality shown by hosts and the opportunity to network and socialize with each other and our hosts.

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**Teacher in Residence**

*The best career there’s ever been’; Ag education in action*

Sarah Martin didn’t have it in her plan to teach agriculture education, but a chance placement during her student teaching rotation changed her course. Sarah shared her story during her visit to campus as a part of the department's Teacher in Residence program. Learn more [here](#).

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**Giving**

If you are wrapping up your year end giving and would like to support our students and the work of our department, you can do so [here](#). All gifts are tax deductible. Make your gift today and impact an AgEdS student for a lifetime!