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1. East Campus Dairy Store Makes Gift-Giving Easy.

Gift-giving is simple and meaningful with online shopping for Nebraska products made by the UNL Dairy Store on East Campus. A wide variety of University-made cheeses, summer sausages, salami and honey selections are packed in gift boxes of varying sizes and can be shipped at your direction. You can also create your own gift box. From mild cheddar to Husker with Jalapeno, there are a dozen cheese varieties to choose from. Smoked sausage with dried, sweetened cranberries is a delicious Nebraska hors d’oeuvre. You can order online, download the gift box brochure or call 402-472-2951 for assistance with ordering. Visit the Dairy Store Web site for more information: http://dairystore.unl.edu/dairy_store/cheese.shtml#cheeseboxes

The annual CASNR Alumni Association Football Reunion and Silent Auction benefit was held on September 11 prior to the NU - Idaho game. Eighty game tickets were made available and sold to members. Reunion attendance was 130 and the 80 auction items were nearly double those of last year, bringing in $6200 to be used primarily for scholarships. Two vintage motorcycles in mint condition were donated by Lee Harlan, CASNR Alumni Association Life Member and active CASNR advocate, and added another $3000 to the total. Reunion participants always enjoy the reunion and meal and have a great time. Three alumni awards were presented in conjunction with the reunion:

The Henry Beachell Distinguished Alumni Award is named after a Nebraskan born in 1906 who earned a degree in agronomy at UNL and was recognized with the World Food Prize for developing a rice variety that changed the nutrition and lives of millions around the world. The recipient this year was Leroy Thom who received a degree in agricultural engineering from UNL in 1949. His interest in irrigation led to T-L Irrigation in Hastings, NE which sells pivot systems worldwide. The award recognized his entrepreneurial spirit based on integrity, commitment and professional ethics.

Leroy and Jean Thom

The Alumni Association’s Achievement Award was presented to Mike Jacobson of North Platte. Jacobson is a CASNR graduate in Ag Econ and Ag Education. He began his career as a Vocational Ag instructor and then moved into banking as an agricultural loan officer. He is now President and CEO of the NebraskaLand National Bank in North Platte. Jacobson was recognized for his leadership, contributions and service of lasting impact and support and advocacy for the University, the Institute and the College.

Mike and Julie Jacobson

The Alumni Association’s Legacy Award is given to recognize personal or professional excellence advancing the legacy of CASNR and making a lasting impact on the College. It was presented to Allen Blezek for nurturing and growing the Nebraska LEAD Program and other far-reaching leadership and agricultural education programs for youth and adults and enriching lives through teaching, scholarship and outreach. Blezek headed Nebraska’s LEAD
Program for 25 years and is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.

We were pleased to have two of our five CASNR alumni scholarship recipients join us at the football reunion. Katie Holoubek of David city, studying agricultural economics and Caleb McKeever from Wymore in animal science were our guests for the event. Not able to attend were Jessica Frank of Dakota City studying pre-veterinary science, Ty Keller from Valentine and Mollie Wilken from Bloomfield, both studying animal science.

3. Earn a Master's Degree and Certification to Teach Science Grades 7-12 in 14 months.

The Department of Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education is now offering a new, full-time, 14-month Masters of Arts in Education that includes the required education courses to become a certified secondary science teacher in the State of Nebraska.

This 42-credit hour program is specifically designed for qualified applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree in an area of science (biology, environmental science, chemistry, geosciences, physics, agricultural sciences or natural resources) or engineering who want to become middle or high school science teachers. The intensive program requires full-time graduate student status starting in May 2011. Upon completion of the program individuals will be eligible to teach by the fall of 2012 and graduate with the MAst in August 2012.

We are looking for recent college graduates in science, and those science professionals making a mid-career change, who have strong academic backgrounds in science and a commitment to public schooling and adolescents learning. We seek applicants who have a strong desire to learn to teach science and become leaders in science education.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Those who apply by January 21st, 2011 are eligible for the NebraskaSCIENCE Scholarship. If you become one of the 14 NebraskaSCIENCE Scholarship recipients, you will receive a $12,000 stipend to support your completion of the MAst.

Program Features 14 months. This full-time program begins in the UNL First Summer Session in May 2011 and ends in the First Summer Session in June 2012.

Graduate Degree and Certification. Successful students will participate in UNL’s summer graduation commencement in August 2012. Upon completion, students will be fully certified to teach in a science area (biology, chemistry, Earth science, physical science, physics) grades 7-12 in the State of Nebraska (and eligible for certification in other states); employable for the 2012-2013 school year.

Application Deadline: March 1st Please note: NebraskaSCIENCE Scholarship applicants must have all materials submitted by January 21, 2011.

For more information see:  http://cehs.unl.edu/tlte/graduate/MAst.shtml
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4. Amahl and the Night Visitors Dec. 12 at the Tassell Performing Arts Center, Holdrege

The University of Nebraska School of Music is bringing Amahl and the Night Visitors to the Tassel Theater in Holdrege on Sunday, December 12. You are invited to attend the performance and join members of the UNL community before and after the show:

· 1:45 p.m. Welcome Reception, Holdrege Middle School Commons, 600 14th Ave.
· 3 p.m. Amahl and the Night Visitors, Tassel Theater, 1324 Tilden St., Holdrege, Nebraska
· 4 p.m. Post-performance Reception, Tassel Theater Lobby

Tickets for the show are $18 for UNL alumni, friends and prospective students, and can be purchased by calling the Tassel Theater, (308) 995-2717. (Regular price is $20. Be sure to mention that you are with the UNL group when you call to receive the discounted price.) The receptions include refreshments, and are complimentary to ticketholders.

This event is a collaborative effort by the UNL School of Music, Hixson-Lied College of Fine
and Performing Arts, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Office of Admissions and the Nebraska Alumni Association. This performance is sponsored by The Bruce C. and Carol S. Hendrickson Fund for Excellence, and the University of Nebraska Foundation.

For more information, visit [http://go.unl.edu/hnz](http://go.unl.edu/hnz) or call 888-353-1874 and ask for Pam.

**About the Performance:**
Amahl is a one-act opera featuring the story of a young boy’s encounter with the three wise men on their way to visit the Christ Child. This 55-minute production will be performed by UNL students in conjunction with students from the local area.

5. American Feed Industry Association Career Center

The American Feed Industry Association Career Center has asked that we share this link with our alumni. The AFIA’s members post jobs for candidates with more experience than the undergraduate level and it may be beneficial for College of Agriculture Alumni to look at AFIA’s career center for open positions.

Here is the AFIA website: [http://www.afia.org/Afia/CareerCenter.aspx](http://www.afia.org/Afia/CareerCenter.aspx)

6. From your College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association, we wish you a joyous Holiday Season and wonderful New Year.

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