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College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association

CASNR Alumna Found Success in Brazil

A Brazilian student has used what she learned at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to succeed in the field of agronomy.

Brescia Terre attended the University of Nebraska–Lincoln from May 2001 to October 2003. She completed a master’s degree in agronomy and is now the marketing manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. in Brazil.

CASNR was Terre’s home for more than three years.

“I learned that at the end of the day, the only things that matter are what you experienced, the people you met, and that good friends are the family you get to choose,” Terre said.

Terre said her U.S. experiences helped her gain the credentials she needed to excel, as did living with Joe and Rita Kean, dean of Undergraduate Studies.

“Joe and Rita were my family in the

states and helped me get through my master’s,” Terre said. “They made me feel safe in a different country.”

Because of her experiences, Terre supports study abroad programs. She said that living in a different country can open your horizons and can make you feel that the world is really not that big.

“You can make it anywhere as long as you work hard enough,” Terre said.

When Terre asked Joe Kean what she could do to pay him and his wife back for their generosity, he said, “Do the same for someone else who needs a place to



Living and studying in the United States created a desire for CASNR agronomy graduate Brescia Terre to help others in the same way.

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Sweet as Honey

There is a club on campus with work as sweet as honey.

The Insect Science Club is for students studying Insect Science and all other insect enthusiasts who want to expand their insect collections, study abroad, learn about the field and get involved in teaching the community.

One of the main events for this College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources club involves research, hard work and a sweet tooth. Club members collect honey and wax from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln research bee colonies and turn them into products such as jars of honey, candles, soaps, lip balms, and lotions to sell as a fundraiser. Their next sale is Nov. 16–17 at both the Nebraska East and City Unions. Money

earned from the sale funds scholarships for the students to participate in an entomology-specific study abroad trip to Costa Rica.

Club members have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica every other year to study tropical insects and expand their knowledge and experience in the field. Not only do the students who travel learn during the experience, but other students benefit from the program as well. Pictures taken by the study-abroad students are organized, identified and

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Football Reunion Reflects Our Association

The sixth annual CASNR Alumni Football Reunion and Silent Auction was Sept. 11, prior to the UNL-Idaho game. This event has grown from some 85 participants and a handful of auction items to 130 alumni and friends, and 80 auction items. Our first reunion in 2005 brought in nearly \$700. The last one generated \$6,200 – and isn't over.

Your alumni board has been unanimous in directing a major share of auction proceeds to student recruitment scholarships. The 2009 reunion funded five, \$1,000 scholarships awarded to 2010-11 incoming freshmen. (See page 4.) These scholarships are very significant to many of our students.

In many respects our annual reunion is the epitome of the CASNR Alumni Association. It fosters a lifelong relationship with the University of Nebraska – our vision. With the pre-game reunion, and serenades of *Hail Varsity* and *Dear Old Nebraska U*, we think about what the college experience has given us, what the university has become and how we can make that experience available to others.

It helps to cultivate the network of CASNR alumni with current and prospective students – our mission. The reunion and football ticket availability announcement is sent to all Association members, including graduates within the last year. The primary purpose of the silent auction is to provide recruitment scholarships. Our membership is increasingly supporting that concept with both donations and purchases at the reunion. We involve students at the reunion by bringing in scholarship recipients and having study abroad veterans to share experiences. Reunion attendees can help recruit, sharing their knowledge of the College with potential students.

The reunion fosters cooperation among all alumni of CASNR and UNL and facilitates communication between alumni and IANR – our objective. At this last reunion we were joined by Diane Mendenhall, executive director of the Nebraska Alumni Association, and Shelley Zaborowski, associate director.



Adam Smith

They supported the silent auction with a great gift basket and coffee table book *There is No Place Like Nebraska*. Our football tickets are made available through the Nebraska

Alumni Association. While our College alumni association is no longer an official part of the NAA and we are financially independent, we do work closely together and both associations benefit by the collaboration. Reunion communications leading up to and following the event are widely shared with all of IANR.

Regarding the auction tally, one of our CASNR Alumni Association Life Members and ardent supporter of the College, Lee Harlan, has given our Association two vintage motorcycles in mint condition to be included in our auction. Both 1982 models, a Honda Urban Express Deluxe and a Kawasaki AR80, each with about 50 miles on them, running and in excellent condition, will be placed on eBay most likely before this newsletter is published. This gift embodies the generosity and broad thinking of our members, and will certainly enhance our Association's scholarship fund.

On behalf of our association, welcome to Dr. Ronnie Green and his wife, Jane. Dr. Green was recently selected as NU Vice President and Harlan Vice Chancellor, IANR. Dr. Green and Jane are CASNR graduates and Alumni Association Life Members, and enthusiastic supporters of the organization. We were pleased and honored to have Dr. Green, Jane and one of their daughters attend our football reunion Sept. 11 and have Dr. Green address our gathering. Welcome, Dr. Green and family.

Thank you, members, for your support and for your continuing interest in this College.

Adam Smith, *President*

Your CASNR Alumni Association

The CASNR alumni board of directors represents a wide range of degree programs and professions in agriculture, natural resources and beyond. Remember that if you have comments, suggestions or ideas for your CASNRAA or its publication, call the CASNR Dean's Office at 1-800-742-8800, ext. 2541 and request the alumni development director.

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CASNR Alumni Association Award Recipients

The CASNR Alumni Association presents awards to deserving recipients at the CASNR Week Banquet in the spring and at the CASNRAA Football Reunion and Tailgate each fall. These awards recognize contributions to CASNR, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and their respective professions.



Cerald Horst

CASNR Dean Steve Waller, right, presents the Alumni Legacy Award to Tom Slocum during the 2010 CASNR Week Banquet in April. Slocum, who worked 40 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Photography Lab, was presented

this award for his commitment to preserving, sharing and documenting the deep history of CASNR, IANR and the university through his photography. Now retired from the university, Slocum and his wife live in Lincoln where he continues his career in photography.



Tom Slocum

Dean Eisenhauer, left, receives the Award for Engagement of Emeriti Faculty from CASNR Dean Steve Waller, on behalf of the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. The honor recognizes effective and innova-

tive engagement of emeriti faculty and incorporation of emeriti resources to improve the department, its students, CASNR and the university.



Tom Slocum

Dan Meier, CASNR Alumni Association treasurer, presents Steve Kilpatrick, left, with the 2010 Achievement Award at the CASNR Week Banquet. Kilpatrick, a terrestrial habitat biologist with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, is

actively involved in researching information and education about animal habitats. He has taught landowners the science of using fire as a range management tool and the use of fire in habitat management in Wyoming.



Karris Harris

Mike Jacobson was honored with the 2010 CASNR Alumni Association Achievement Award at the 2010 CASNRAA Reunion in September. Jacobson received this award for his exemplary

service to CASNR and in recognition of his leadership, contributions and service of lasting impact on the financial well-being of Nebraska agriculture. Jacobson is chairman, president and CEO of the NebraskaLand National Bank in North Platte. Pictured are Mike and his wife Julie Jacobson.



Tom Slocum

Leone "Lee" S. Harlan, receives the 2010 Alumni Service Award at the CASNR Week Banquet from Dan Meier, CASNR Alumni Association treasurer. Lee and the late Neal E. Harlan have been longtime supporters of UNL and IANR. In addition to creating

the first named vice chancellorship in the University of Nebraska system in 2000 for IANR, they have funded the annual Omtvedt Innovation Awards and two professorships, one being in Agribusiness. Most recently, Mrs. Harlan created 16 scholarships in 2009 for Agribusiness freshmen.



Karris Harris

Allen Blezek was presented with the 2010 Legacy Award at the 2010 CASNRAA Reunion in September. Blezek made a lasting impact through his service as director of Nebraska's LEAD program for 25 years.

In this role, Blezek provided leadership and agricultural education programs for youth and adults and enriched lives through teaching, scholarship and outreach. He also served as founding director of the Nebraska Center for Leadership Development. Pictured here is Blezek with his wife Kay Blezek.

2010 CASNR Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumni Association Reunion's 2009 Silent Auction raised money to support five recruitment scholarships for students entering CASNR in Fall 2010. The scholarship recipients are: Jessica Frank of Dakota City, studying pre-veterinary science; Katie Holoubek of David City, an agricultural economics student; and Ty Keller from Valentine, Caleb McKeever from Wymore, and Mollie Wilken from Bloomfield, both studying animal science.

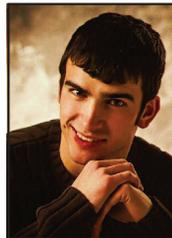
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Karris Harris

Leroy Thom, president and owner of T-L Irrigation Company in Hastings, received the 2010 Henry Beachell Distinguished Alumni Award at the 2010 CASNRAA Reunion in September. The award honored Thom's efforts of dedicating his career to improving agriculture throughout Nebraska and the country, and his professional contributions that have advanced the university and irrigation industry. Leroy and his wife Jean Thom are pictured here.

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incorporated into the classroom.

The Insect Science Club also helps with insect education off campus. During the academic year, club members visit about 20 K-12 classrooms. Club members also take part in approximately 30 insect educational events during the summer and are very involved in Lincoln Public Schools after-school programs.

The club also provides beneficial information for those interested in pursuing a career involving insects. At meetings, a variety of speakers talk about topics such as current research in the field, how to get into undergraduate research, job opportunities and collecting insects.

— Grace Farley

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stay." Terre returned the favor in Brazil by hosting Karla McKilligan, a CASNR alumna also employed with Pioneer. Terre enjoyed the experience and stated that getting to know McKilligan was a gift.

After Terre's CASNR graduation, she obtained a position as a Pioneer agronomist when the opportunity presented itself. She earlier worked with technical information in Pioneer's marketing department and has since been promoted to marketing manager. She now is responsible for corn and soybean marketing in Brazil.

— Stephanie Smolek

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