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## ANSC Student Chosen as National Beef Ambassador

Animal Science sophomore, Will Pohlman, was recently chosen as a National Ambassador for the Beef Council.

To earn the honor Pohlman competed against 20 other state ambassadors, in four areas: consumer demonstration; media interview; issues response and education and outreach. The competition, which was held in Denver this year, stretched across two days with five state representatives being chosen as National Ambassadors.



Will Pohlman

The purpose of the national ambassador is to promote the beef industry. "The ultimate goal is a positive experience with a beef producer that encourages consumers to buy beef and correct misinformation," said Pohlman.

The newly appointed national ambassadors will spend the next year traveling to events such as: the Boston Marathon; NY Boilermaker; food expos and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association conference to do promotions and cooking demonstrations.

Each state is allowed to send one ambassador to the national competition. To be eligible, each contestant has to complete a series of requirements and the Masters of Beef Advocacy Program.

"We are so proud of Will," said Wendy Pettz, Chairman Arkansas Beef Ambassador Program. "He will be a great asset to the team and a wonderful representative to the beef community," she said. }

## Animal Science Establishes Grad Student Award

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural Food and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science has established the Paul R. Noland Graduate Student Award.

Created in honor of Noland's 90th birthday, the award will be given to the winner of an annual competition. The competition, to be held in January one week prior to the start of the semester, will judge students in three areas: abstract, oral presentation and curriculum vitae.

One MS and one PhD student will be awarded a travel stipend to apply toward travel to regional/national conventions where they are presenting research. The winners will also represent the Department in the Bumpers outstanding graduate student competition.

A reception honoring Dr. Noland was held at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science center. Chancellor G. David Gearhart; Dr. Clarence Watson, Division of Agriculture Experiment Station Director; and Dr. Michael Vayda, Dean of Bumpers College all fet-

ted Noland with remarks regarding his dedication and influence on the students of the Department and the University. Following the remarks, Elizabeth Backes, president of the Department's Graduate Student Association presented a plaque to Noland marking the establishment of the award.

Noland joined the Animal Science faculty in 1951, he was promoted to professor in 1960 and in 1988 became Department head, a position he held until his retirement in 1994. He was mayor of Fayetteville and a member of the city's board of directors.

From 1955-57 he assisted the Minister of Agriculture of Panama in creating an animal research program. In 2009 Panama awarded Noland the Vasco Nunez de Balboa Award, which is the highest award in Panama.

"Establishment of this award is a small way to commemorate Dr. Noland's 90th birthday and recognize his 43 years of

extraordinary service to the Department, College and University," said Dr. Michael Looper, Department head. }



Dr. Paul Noland with Dean Michael Vayda, Chancellor G. David Gearhart, Dr. Michael Looper and Dr. Clarence Watson at the reception establishing the award in honor of Dr. Noland's 90th birthday.

## Faculty Teaches Officers Livestock Techniques

The Department of Animal Science recently partnered with the Arkansas State Animal Control Association to educate and promote safe livestock handling and wellbeing. Animal Science faculty met with the Animal Control officers from across the state at the Faulkner County fairgrounds to provide several educational sessions on the topic.

Hank Chaney, Staff Chair along with Rebecca Thomas Extension Agent for the University of Arkansas System, Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service in the county, coordinated the day's activities. Farm Bureau provided the printed materials and Travis Justice, with Arkansas Farm Bureau, was also on hand to help.

Faculty members Dr. Jason Cater, Bryan Kutz, Dr. Mark Russell, Dr. Tom Troxel and Dr. Michael Looper presented on various topics including signs of sickness, and behavior and handling of several

species of animals. To access information retention, pre and post presentation surveys were administered to the officers.

Troxel presented the officers with information on the healthy and unhealthy signs of beef cattle; and the importance of body condition. "I found the animal control officers to be very attentive and observant," he said.

Russell agreed, "I was very happy with the interest they showed in wanting to learn more about the equine part of the program." As they moved through the equine portion several officers offered personal experiences, Russell explained.

The faculty also assembled a book of guidelines to serve the animal control officers and law enforcement officials when addressing neglect and cruelty to livestock. It provides recommended minimum standards of care. }

## Horse Judging Team Earns Spot in Top Five in Tulsa

The Department of Animal Science horse judging team recently earned top five honors at the Tulsa State Fair Intercollegiate Horse Judging con-



Team members Travis Hefley, Lauren Cheever, Rylie Bevil, Becca Schlote and Mike Schultz with coach Casey Orr.

test. Mike Schultz, Rylie Bevil, Travis Hefley, Becca Schlote and Lauren Cheever were the judging team members that competed.

The team competed against 12 teams in the senior division, and won fifth place overall. They also placed in several categories including: seventh in halter, fifth in performance and fourth in reasons.

A couple of team members placed individually as well. Bevil placed eighth in reasons, and Cheever placed tenth in performance.

This was the first year for the competition; it marked the start of the fall judging season for the team. "I am very happy with their performance and I'm looking forward to future competitions with them," said Casey Orr, judging team coach.

Up next for the team is a competition in Ohio in mid-October. }



Bryan Kutz, Department of Animal Science faculty member, speaks to Animal Control officers from across the state during a training session on livestock.