



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

College of Agricultural Sciences  
& Natural Resources

# CASNR Today

E-NEWSLETTER / JUNE 2009  
VOLUME 4, ISSUE 6

## ALUMNI EVENTS

**July 28:** Vocational Ag Teachers of Texas Alumni Reception – Lubbock (Ranching Heritage Center)

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### AFS Quiz Bowl Team takes national championship

Texas Tech University's Meat Science Academic Quiz Bowl Team trounced its opponents 65-0 in the final round to become national champions at the 62nd Reciprocal Meat Conference in Rogers, Ark. The Red Raiders dominated 23 other teams that represented the top meat science programs at universities from across the United States. [more »](#)

### CASNR students honored during spring commencement

Texas Tech University awarded diplomas to more than 3,100 students during the May graduation exercises at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock, including 129 from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources during the May 8 program. [more »](#)

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



### Research: Wind power could affect critical Texas wetlands

Despite the attraction of wind as a nearly pollution-free power source, a Texas Tech University wildlife ecologist cautions that a tsunami of modern wind turbines dotting the South Plains of Texas could have as yet unknown ecological consequences on critical wetlands known as playas. [more »](#)

### In Profile: Agricultural Economist Shaikh Rahman

Both literally and figuratively, Shaikh Rahman has traveled many miles from his family's three-acre Bangladesh farm to the halls of academia here at Texas Tech University. Introduced early to applied economics, Rahman said that even before he was old enough to realize it, his father's rice, jute and vegetable farm introduced him to the "Cobweb Phenomenon." [more »](#)

### 22 outstanding students named to Agri-Techsan organization

Officials in Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources have announced its 2009-2010 slate of Agri-Techsans, the college's award-winning organization of student recruiters. Comprised of select undergraduates from every department in the college, this year's Agri-Techsans are a diverse group. [more »](#)

### H1N1 flu likely will hammer exports of ag products, study says

Emergency measures implemented in Mexico to halt the spread of H1N1 influenza will most likely sicken the only U.S. trade sector still generating a surplus in the downturned economy, say two Texas Tech University agricultural economists. [more »](#)

### In Profile: Jenna Jones / CASNR 2009 Student of the Year

Jenna Jones was standing in front of a packed audience of friends and faculty last week at Texas Tech University's ritzy Merket Alumni Center, when the 22-year-old senior learned she was the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' 2009 Outstanding Student of the Year. [more »](#)

### Tech ag professor selected as president of international association

David Lawver, a noted agricultural educator and Fulbright Grant award winner from Texas Tech University, has been selected president of the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, John Burns, dean of Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, announced Tuesday. [more »](#)

### CASNR Ag Pal Program looks for volunteer mentors

If you're enthusiastic, friendly and proud of your college and university, then Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Ag Pal Program might be a great fit for you, program officials reported today. Students interested in participating in the program as an Ag Pal Mentor should sign up in at CASNR's Student Services Center prior to May 15. [more »](#)

### High achieving NRM advisor honored by Texas Tech

Kay Arellano with Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management has been recognized for her exceptional efforts in academic advising. The Wilson native was named the winner of one of only two annual President's Excellence in Academic Advising Awards presented on May 5. [more »](#)

## Administrative Council

DR. JOHN BURNS  
Dean  
[john.burns@ttu.edu](mailto:john.burns@ttu.edu)

DR. NORMAN HOPPER  
Associate Dean for Academic  
& Student Programs  
[n.hopper@ttu.edu](mailto:n.hopper@ttu.edu)

DR. SUKANT MISRA  
Associate Dean for Research  
[sukant.misra@ttu.edu](mailto:sukant.misra@ttu.edu)

DR. EDUARDO SEGARRA  
Agricultural & Applied Economics  
[eduardo.segarra@ttu.edu](mailto:eduardo.segarra@ttu.edu)

DR. STEVE FRAZE  
Agricultural Education  
& Communications  
[steven.fraze@ttu.edu](mailto:steven.fraze@ttu.edu)

DR. KEVIN POND  
Animal & Food Sciences  
[kevin.pond@ttu.edu](mailto:kevin.pond@ttu.edu)

DR. ALON KVASHNY  
Landscape Architecture  
[alon.kvashny@ttu.edu](mailto:alon.kvashny@ttu.edu)

DR. PHILIP GIPSON  
Natural Resources Management  
[philip.gipson@ttu.edu](mailto:philip.gipson@ttu.edu)

DR. THOMAS THOMPSON  
Plant & Soil Science  
[thomas.thompson@ttu.edu](mailto:thomas.thompson@ttu.edu)

DR. CINDY AKERS  
Student Services Center  
[cindy.akers@ttu.edu](mailto:cindy.akers@ttu.edu)

JANE PIERCY  
Development & Alumni Relations  
[jane.piercy@ttu.edu](mailto:jane.piercy@ttu.edu)

NORMAN MARTIN  
Marketing & Communications  
[norman.martin@ttu.edu](mailto:norman.martin@ttu.edu)



College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
PO Box 42123  
Lubbock, Texas 79409-2123  
806.742.2808 phone  
806.742.2836 fax  
[norman.martin@ttu.edu](mailto:norman.martin@ttu.edu)