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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 11 – Turfgrass Field Day:

The latest turfgrass research from controlling fire ants to conversion of bermudagrass to buffalograss, and weed control options in wildflowers will highlight the 2009 Turfgrass Field Day on Aug. 11 at in Texas Tech University's Quaker Research Farm. [more »](#)

Oct. 10 – Homecoming

Breakfast: Alumni of Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will get a warm welcome Saturday (Oct. 10) as the graduates, young and old, celebrate their annual Homecoming Breakfast festivities at the livestock arena behind the Animal and Food Sciences Building on the corner of Indiana and Main in Lubbock.

Nov. 5 – Pig Roast: CASNR will honor three South Plains residents with outstanding agriculturalist awards on Thursday (Nov. 5) during its annual Pig Roast, which honors scholarship donors, recipients and intercollegiate judging teams, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

**Plant ecologist joins
Tech's Plant & Soil**



Historic CASNR pavilion joins emergency blue phone system

A campus emergency 'blue phone' has been installed adjacent to Texas Tech University's Landscape Architecture Pavilion, report officials with Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. [more »](#)

CASNR learning community eases freshman transition

Transition from high school to college can be difficult, regardless of whether a student hails from a small farming community or a large suburban high school. Recognizing this fact, Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources actively participates in several programs aimed at facilitating the academic success and positive social integration of its incoming freshman class. [more »](#)

Green Energy: Safflower field day focus at Texas Tech research farm

High Plains research aimed at boosting regional safflower crop production was showcased at a field day on July 21 at Texas Tech University's research farm. The facility is located in Lubbock at 2nd Street and Quaker in Lubbock. [more »](#)

Texas Tech's 'The Agriculturist' magazine wins national recognition

Texas Tech University's Department of Agricultural Education and Communications student magazine, *The Agriculturist*, has won the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association's first place award in its student programs area department/unit newsletter category. [more »](#)

Alicia Daugherty reigns at Collegiate NRHA Championship

Texas Tech University senior Alicia Daugherty tied for second place at the 2009 National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Collegiate Reining Championship on Saturday (June 27) at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Daugherty, one of 12 riders to compete, earned a score of 214.50 aboard 'The Ultimate Magnum,' owned by Jean Piper of Madisonville. [more »](#)

Science Department

Jyotsna Sharma, a plant ecologist and conservationist from the University of Florida, has joined Texas Tech University's Department of Plant and Soil Science as a new assistant professor of environmental horticulture. She began her research and teaching duties in March.

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AMSA honors two Red Raiders at Reciprocal Meat Conference

The American Meat Science Association (AMSA) honored a Texas Tech University faculty member and a Texas Tech alumnus at its 62nd Annual Reciprocal Meat Conference in Rogers, Ark. Mindy Brashears, an associate professor of food microbiology and safety and director of the International Center for Food Industry Excellence, was one of three recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award. [more »](#)

In Profile: Mindy Brashears / Dept. of Animal & Food Sciences

Keeping food safe is more than a passing practical exercise in preparing meals for Mindy Brashears, Ph.D., ('92, BS, food technology) associate professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. Food safety is a passion for the microbiologist because of its universal impact. [more »](#)

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