

EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS

4-H Interns Assist Extension Staff During Summer



Extension's 4-H interns (L-R) Julia French and Sarah Pankoke

Each summer, two interns join the 4-H staff at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County and provide much needed assistance for Clover College, the County Fair, contests, workshops and other activities as needed.

Intern Julia French is assisting Extension Associate Deanna Karmazin in the livestock areas. This is Julia's second year as a 4-H intern. She is a senior at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in agriculture education. She will graduate in May 2004. In the spring semester, Julia will be student teaching in Randolph. Julia grew up on a farm near Eagle and was very active showing sheep, cattle and other projects in 4-H and FFA.

Intern Sarah Pankoke is assisting Extension Associate Tracy Kulm in the family and consumer science areas. Sarah is a senior at UNL, majoring in Family and Consumer Science. She will graduate this August. Sarah is originally from Seward County where she grew up on a farm near Beaver Crossing. Sarah was a 4-H'er for more than eight years, taking part in many projects, club activities and contests.

Partners in Pollution Prevention Intern Assists Businesses

The Partners in Pollution Prevention (P3) program is an 11-week program which is part of a UNL civil engineering class, "Pollution Prevention - Principles and Practice."

P3 intern Vince Kuppig is working at the UNL Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County office. This summer, Vince will work with local businesses and provide them with pollution-reducing assistance that can potentially help save money as well as ease environmental stress.

As part of his internship, Vince will provide public education on pollution prevention to various civic groups. He is a senior at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in civil engineering. Vince grew up in Lincoln, graduating from Lincoln Southeast High School.

The P3 program is in its seventh year. During the first six years, 81 program interns have worked with 260 Nebraska businesses such as farm cooperatives, dry cleaners, paint shops, metal platers, auto repair shops and more.



Partners in Pollution Prevention intern Vince Kuppig

2003 Lancaster County Pioneer Farm Families

The Nebraska Pioneer Farm Awards program honors farm families in Nebraska whose land has been owned by members of the same family for 100 years or more. Honoree's receive an engraved plaque and a gatepost marker as permanent recognition of this milestone. To date, nearly 6,000 families in 93 Nebraska counties have been honored.

These awards are sponsored by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers.

The Lancaster County 2003 Awards will be presented at the Lancaster County Fair, Thursday, July 31, 6 p.m. in the fair tent of the south parking lot.

Congratulations are extended to this year's recipients:

- Harlan and Phyllis Kuster, Hickman (family farm north of Hickman)
- Johanna Hesser, Adams (family farm south of Panama)
- Mrs. Virginia S. Rolofson, Lincoln (family farm north of Lincoln)

Come to the fair and help recognize these families. (GB)

Distance Education at UNL on the Rise

Enrollments in distance education courses are up nearly 20 percent at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

According to UNL registration data, enrollments for the spring 2003 semester rose 19.2 percent from fall 2002 numbers to 1,413. This is also a 21.4 percent increase from the previous spring.

This increase comes at a time when budget cuts have forced administrators to look closely at priorities. All areas of the university have been affected, including extended education, but it remains a strong priority.

UNL has been offering distance-delivered courses for more than 90 years, initially providing print-based courses for students in Nebraska. Today, UNL prepares, coordinates and delivers courses utilizing a variety of technologies to students in Nebraska, across the nation and around the world. Actually, the university's distance programs bring quality educational opportunities to students in all 93 Nebraska counties, all 50 states and more than 135 countries around the world.

Although courses reach across the globe, the primary focus is on serving the citizens of Nebraska. With nearly two-



thirds of its students residing within the state, the Office of Extended Education and Outreach (EEO) partners with UNL's academic colleges to determine new programs based on regional needs. Programs are kept small enough to ensure quality instruction and student services. They also look at available resources at other universities to reduce costs for existing and new programs.

UNL distance education allows students to:

- participate in an in-depth and high-quality learning experience
- interact with distinguished UNL faculty and students from around the world
- benefit from various student services, such as advising, online registration, computer and technical assistance, library access and career

services

- balance work, family and other time commitments while taking courses and earning their degree
- choose courses and programs from six UNL academic colleges

Distance education offers 14 masters degrees, two doctoral degrees, three endorsement programs and two certificate programs available through UNL via the Internet and other technologies including interactive TV,

videoconferencing and CD-ROM. Most courses are delivered online, though, giving students anytime, anywhere access to course materials and one-on-one interaction with their professors.

The EEO Web site at extended.unl.edu provides details on all of UNL's distance offerings and how to get started.

Registration is currently under way for fall courses, which begin Aug. 25, with more than 80 courses to choose from. An up-to-date listing of courses is available on the Web site. Viewers can display courses by semester and subject area and should remember to select the box to display only distance courses.

For more information, contact Extended Education and Outreach at 472-0400.

This Nebraska student gets the picture.

CRYSTAL CORMAN, an advertising major from Edgar, NE, works as a photojournalist for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student newspaper. She developed a passion for photography in Australia where she studied for a semester. At Nebraska, Crystal found a place she could broaden her horizons: "The University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers so many opportunities on campus and through study abroad programs. It's really the best of both worlds."

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