

CASNR awards the best of the best

In the company of alumni, faculty, family and friends, the Oklahoma State University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources held its annual awards banquet April 5, 2002, to honor the college's best and brightest.

CASNR awarded \$374,250 in scholarships to incoming freshmen, transfer and continuing students enrolled in the college — an amount \$271,650 greater than the previous year's total, said Dean Sam Curl of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. These funds are made possible through the financial support of donors. The contributions of all scholarship funds from departments and the college totaled \$753,125.

New scholarships added this year include the Reproduction Enterprises Inc. Scholarship (\$1,500), the Lloyd Henslee Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Agriculture (\$500) and the Frank Sanders Memorial Agriculture Scholarship (\$500).

Shane Stephens of Chickasha, Okla., captured the prestigious Paul and Mary Hummer Outstanding Senior Award with his parents Mike and Shirley Stephens present to watch.

During his tenure as associate dean, Paul Hummer and his wife, Mary, established the annual award that includes a Remington bronze presented to the Outstanding Senior in CASNR, said Ed Miller, CASNR associate dean.

Stephens said he has worked toward this award since 1999 when he received the OSU Charles and Magda Browning outstanding freshman award. He has since earned his bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics with a minor in international business and business economics.

"I feel Top 10 Seniors must be driven academically, have a desire to lead within their profession and community and be goal-orientated," said Stephens.



Elizabeth Kinney is awarded Outstanding Freshman honors by Sam Curl, Dean of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. (Photo by Nicola Xanthus)

"While at OSU, I tried to possess each of these qualities as part of my growing experience."

Stephens was also named this year's Oklahoma State University outstanding senior man.

Along with Stephens, nine other outstanding seniors were recognized at this year's banquet. The seniors included Shannon Angle of Amorita, Okla., agricultural economics/accounting double major; Adele Gelvin from Joes, Colo., animal science major; Carrie Ann Hennigh, agricultural economics/accounting double major from May, Okla.; Bradley Johnson of Oklahoma City, agricultural economics major; Ryan McMullen, agricultural economics/pre-law option major from Burns Flat, Okla.; Robyn Ott of Fairview, Okla., agricultural communications major; Michael Pettijohn, plant and soil sciences major from Chickasha, Okla.; Coleman Smith, environmental science major from Fayetteville, Ark.; and Yancy Wright of Mooreland, Okla., plant and soil sciences major.

Each year, the top five seniors in the CASNR are recognized in honor of Fred LeCrone, who served as the assistant dean in the resident instruction office of the college of agriculture in the '60s and '70s.

"He was beloved by those who knew him," said Miller.

After his retirement, Dean LeCrone served on the city commission and as vice mayor of Stillwater. One of his pas-



Shane Stephens (left), outstanding senior of CASNR, stands with the award sponsors Paul and Mary Hummer and his parents Shirley and Mike Stephens. (Photo by Todd Johnson)

sions was to encourage students to reach their full potential and to strive for excellence in academics and leadership. The winners for 2001-2002 were Angle, Stephens, Smith, Wright and Hennigh.

Charles and Magda Browning established the Browning Outstanding Freshman Award. Charles Browning served as dean and director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for 17 years.

Each year the award is given to a CASNR student who has demonstrated academic and leadership achievements throughout his or her freshman year.

This year's recipient of the Charles and Magda Browning Outstanding Freshman Award was Elizabeth Kinney, agricultural communications major from Mooreland, Okla.

Kinney was also recognized as the Alpha Zeta Outstanding Freshman along with Jamie Johnson, animal science major from Wyandotte, Okla.

The Agricultural Ambassadors Outstanding Adviser Award was given to animal science professor Dave Buchanan.

The CASNR Outstanding Support Staff award was pre-

sent to Bethel Simmons, unit assistant for CASNR's academic programs office.

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Pictured are the top 10 seniors for CASNR. Front: Coleman Smith (left), Fayetteville, Ark.; Robyn Ott, Fairview, Okla.; Shannon Angle, Amorita, Okla.; Carrie Ann Hennigh, May, Okla. Back: Shane Stephens (left), Chickasha, Okla.; Michael Pettijohn, Chickasha, Okla.; Ryan McMullen, Burns Flat, Okla.; Bradley Johnson, Oklahoma City; Yancy Wright, Mooreland, Okla.; and Adele Gelvin, Joes, Colo. (Photo by Todd Johnson)

2002 CASNR Awards

<i>Outstanding Senior.....</i>	<i>Shane Stephens</i>
<i>Browning Outstanding Freshman</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kinney</i>
<i>Alpha Zeta Outstanding Freshman</i>	<i>Jamie Johnson</i>
	<i>Elizabeth Kinney</i>
<i>Agricultural Ambassadors Outstanding Adviser.....</i>	<i>Dave Buchanan</i>
<i>Outstanding Support Staff.....</i>	<i>Bethel Simmons</i>

Top Ten Seniors

<i>Shannon Angle</i>	<i>Robyn Ott</i>
<i>Adele Gelvin</i>	<i>Michael Pettijohn</i>
<i>Carrie Ann Hennigh</i>	<i>Coleman Smith</i>
<i>Bradley Johnson</i>	<i>Shane Stephens</i>
<i>Ryan McMullen</i>	<i>Yancy Wright</i>

Top Five Dean LeCrone

<i>Shannon Angle</i>	<i>Coleman Smith</i>	<i>Shane Stephens</i>
<i>Carrie Ann Hennigh</i>		<i>Yancy Wright</i>