

GRAND PRESIDENT AWARD WINNERS

By Year

1991

Taylor Brown – Montana State, BS, 1979, Chapter Recruitment Chairman, Noble Ruler, Student Body President, General Chairman for 1984 ATP National Convention. Owner of Northern Ag Network, which broadcasts 42 radio stations and five TV stations.

Mike Jackson – Purdue, BS, Noble Ruler, Student Body President, National FFA Secretary, Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Developed ATP's "Recruiting for Excellence" training program. Founded AgriBusiness Group, a management consulting firm.

Jay Vroom – Illinois, BS, 1974, FFA American Farmer Degree; Graduated with honors; Speaker at ATP Leadership Seminars and Conventions, Contributing Editor for SICKLE & SHEAF, President of National Agricultural Chemicals Association.

Jim Zarndt – Wisconsin-Madison, BS, Vice Noble Ruler, Recruitment Chairman, Treasurer of campus-wide governing body, former ATP Regional Vice President-Northeast. Area Marketing Manager, Monsanto Company.

1992

Jack Kaltenberg – Wisconsin-Madison, BS, Noble Ruler, State FFA Treasurer, President of Madison Ag College Alumni Association, President of Proseed Growers Inc., Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer, General Manager of Kaltenberg Seed Farms Inc.

Dwight Seegmiller – Iowa State, BS, National FFA President, Treasurer of SICKLE & SHEAF Endowment Fund, Ag Consultant for Peace Corps, Iowa State University Alumni Association Board, President and CEO of Hills Bank and Trust Company

Walt Whitcomb – Maine, BS, Noble Ruler, Student Government Leader, ATP Assistant Secretary, SICKLE & SHEAF Editor, Republican Minority Leader in Maine House of Representatives, Dairy Farmer

1993

Sam Brownback – Kansas State, BS, Student Body President, ATP Alumni Association President, Law Degree from University of Kansas; White House Fellow, Kansas Ag Leader of the Year, U.S. House of Representatives then Senator from Kansas.

John DeRuiter – Cal Poly SLO, BS, Noble Ruler, RVP, State FFA Officer, California Ag Leadership Training Program, International Marketing Manager for Ag Exports with Golden Genes, VP, Fresno AgriBusiness Sanwa Bank

Frank Moore – Tennessee-Knoxville, BS, 1979, Noble Ruler, National Recruitment Task Force, State FFA Officer, Graduated Summa Cum Laude in Ag Education and Magna Cum Laude in Ag Journalism, Lieutenant U.S. Army, : President, Food & Fiber Technologies

1994

David Buckman – Missouri, BS; Dairy Club President, Ag Student Council, ATP Rush Chairman, Former Regional Vice President, Western Region, District Sales Manager, Fort Dodge Franklin Laboratories

John C. Cottingham – Purdue, BS, Ag Intercom Editor, NAMA-Charter member of Purdue student chapter, Boilermaker Tractor Pull President, Chicago ATP Alumni President, Career Day volunteer President, AGRicultural Investment Associates Inc.

Frederick McClure – Texas A&M, BS, 1976, Texas A&M colony Founder, served 3 years as Assistant to President George Bush for Legislative affairs, Law degree from Baylor, Managing Director of First Southwest Company, an investment banking firm

Ole Meland – Cal Poly-SLO, BS, Fund Raising Chairman, Alumni President, National Board of Directors Vice President, Chapter House Loan Fund Board Trustee, Grand President, Vice President, Accelerated Genetics Tri-State Breeders

1995

Tom Davis – Purdue, BS, SICKLE & SHEAF Task Force, Vice President, Central Iowa ATP Alumni, Chicago ATP Alumni Chapter NAMA Meritorious Service Award, Director of Advertising, *Successful Farming* magazine

Scott Moffitt – Kentucky, BS, College of Ag Senator, Director 1978 ATP Convention, Recruitment committee, speaker at Leadership Seminars, marketing committee, SICKLE & SHEAF contributor, Senior Product Manager, Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products

William C. Schilling – Nebraska, BS, Noble Ruler; ATP Undergraduate Achievement Award; *SICKLE & SHEAF* Editor; College Fraternity Editor's Assn.-President; UNL Alumni Association Board; Executive Director of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity.

Jerry Weller – Illinois, BS, Interfraternity Council President, Illinois State representative, Aide to Secretary of Agriculture John Block, listed 1990 Almanac of Illinois Politics as “one of the rising stars”, U.S. Congressman, Illinois

1996

Terry Bass – North Carolina State, BS, Noble Ruler, Inter-Fraternity Council President, Collegiate 4-H Club President, Ag Economics Club, Collegiate Livestock Judging Team, served on ATP Nominations Committee, Certified Financial Planner with own private practice

C. James Bode – Oklahoma State, BS, Noble Ruler, Speaker and Delegate at many National Conventions, Fund Raising Chairman for Pi Alumni House Reconstruction, and Alumni President, Managing Director of Chisholm Private Capital Inc.

William C. Miller – Kentucky, BS, VNR-Alumni Relations, Committee Chairman for 1978 National Convention, Student Representative on National Board for Omicron Delta Kappa, State 4-H Officer, Editor of *SICKLE & SHEAF*, Leader, Mission: Moving Mountains

Jay S. Poole – Virginia Tech, BS, Charter member of Beta Eta Chapter, 1990 Convention Steering Committee Member, DC Alumni Chapter and Virginia Tech Alumni Corporation officer, Director, Government and Community Relations, Philip Morris Management

Corporation

1997

Charles “Chuck” Clemons Sr. – University of Florida, BS, Alpha Gamma Noble Ruler, 1982 National Convention Host Committee, President and Founder of Alpha Gamma Educational Foundation, 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Service Award for Alpha Gamma Chapter, 1995 Outstanding Kiwanian of the Year, University of Florida Agricultural Alumni & Friends Treasurer, Registered Investment Advisor, Koss-Olinger Consulting Inc.

Dave Parker – Purdue University, BS, Vice Noble Ruler, Legislative Coordinator of Purdue Student Lobby, Co-developer and Facilitator of National Recruitment Workshop, Agricultural Speakers Network, President and Program Chairman for Mid-American NAMA Chapter Foundation Board, Director of Sales and Partner, AgriBusiness Group Inc.

Paul Schulte – Oklahoma State University, BS, Pi Chapter Noble Ruler, AGR Undergraduate Achievement Award, former Regional Vice President, 1995 Director on Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho, President of Pi Chapter Alumni Association, Member of the Agricultural Crisis Task Force for the Oklahoma Bar Association; Board of Directors for Oklahoma State University Alumni Association, Attorney, Baker Logsdon & Schulte

1998

David L. Bracht – Nebraska, BS, Agriculture, 1982, Agriculture Honors Major, Member of Innocents Society, Alpha Zeta, and a law degree in 1995 from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., Lawyer, Kutak Rock, Corporate Department in Omaha, Nebraska. Also assist planning, construction and management of 12,000 head commercial cattle feedyard for family business in West Point, Nebraska.

Ed Jernigan – Middle Tennessee State, BS, Founder and Charter member of Beta Theta Chapter, Educational Foundation VIP, Performance Plus Task Force, considered one of the experts in the world for cotton marketing, recognized as an industry leader by the National Cotton Council, involved in many community activities, President, The Jernigan Group

Ted A. McKinney – Purdue, BS, Noble Ruler, Vice Noble Ruler, Stanley K. Lacey Executive Leadership Series, 1991-92, Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program, 1990-91, G. A. Ross Award, 1981, Outstanding Male Graduate, Purdue University, Manager, Government & Public Affairs for Dow AgriSciences.

Michael Bret Thurmond – Georgia, BS, Treasurer, 1978, Noble Ruler, 1979, Pledge Trainer, 1980. Gold Kist Scholarship for Most Outstanding Rising Freshman in College of Agriculture, 1977. Award for Most Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Engineering. J. W. Brooks Award for Outstanding Senior in the College of Agriculture. John G. Sutton Memorial Award for Most Outstanding Agricultural Engineering Student in the Nation. Member, AgHon (Highest honor for agricultural student at University of Georgia). President, Alpha Eta Chapter Alumni Corporation, 1988-1993, President, Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. Founded company in 1988 with Steve Cooper, fellow AGR.

1999

Jay L. Ewald – Minnesota, BS, Noble Ruler, Outstanding Senior Member, Director St. Paul Board of Colleges, College of Agriculture Board, Technical Agriculture Commission, President National Junior Polled Hereford Association, Director Kansas City Alumni Chapter, Managing Director of Wintec EMC Chile, South America.

Brose A. McVey – Purdue, BS, Noble Ruler, Director Purdue Student Government, Occupation Outlook, City Council Student Representative, President, Vice President, Secretary Washington Alumni Association, Executive Vice President, National Oilseed Processors Association.

Brian Moeller – Illinois, BS, Noble Ruler, National AGR Undergraduate Achievement Award, Interfraternity Council VP & Treasurer, Outstanding Freshman in the College of Agriculture, Alpha Zeta Honorary, Vice President, Harris Trust & Savings Bank.

Tony D. Williams – Texas Tech, BS, Founding Member Beta Xi, Alumni Secretary, Alpha Zeta Fraternity, Ag Economic Association, Outstanding Student Agricultural Economics Department, Beta Xi Advisor, Executive Vice President of Texas Cotton Ginners' Association.

2000

Steven L. Stice – University of Illinois, BS, Fine Committee, Co-Chair of Spring Philanthropy, Co-Chair of Founder's Day Committee, Co-Chair of Faculty Appreciation Day, Orange Crush Organization, University of Illinois Meat Judging Team, Alpha Zeta, Block and Bridle, Illinois State Scholar, Speaker, Exhibitor and Sponsor at Chicago Career Days, Former Chief Scientific Officer at Advanced Cell Technology, Inc. and Eminent Scholar in Animal Reproductive Physiology at the University of Georgia

Jeffrey L. Warner – University of Western Illinois, BS, Scholarship Chairman, VNR Finance, Noble Ruler, Student Government Association, IFC, Founding member of local National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), Assistant Executive Director of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity 1983-1997, Managing Editor for SICKLE & SHEAF and *AGR Action*, developed and implemented the Brotherhood Program, Landscape Design Specialist, Norman Landcraft Co.

2001

Kraig Wagenecht – Western Illinois, BS, Alumni Board Director, Advisor, Alumni Board Treasurer, Noble Ruler, Vanguard Volunteer, 2nd Century Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee, Planning Task Force Liaison, Executive Administrator, IL Council on Food and Ag

Randall Little – New Mexico State Chapter Alumni Secretary, Advisor, Alumni Board Secretary, Alumni Board Director, Vanguard Volunteer, Who's Who in America, Planning Task Force, Associate Professor of Ag Econ, Mississippi State University

Charles Woodside – Nebraska, BS, Noble Ruler, Vanguard Volunteers, Convention Steering Committee, Chief Financial Officer, MBC Holding Company

2002

David A. Rolf – Illinois, BS Agriculture, 1984
J.D, University of Illinois, 1987

Served as President, Rush chairman, Homecoming Chairman and Pledge Class President, Served on the Alpha Gamma Rho alumni board since 1995 as board member and secretary.

Currently partner in a 32 attorney law firm, member of the ITLA Association Board of Managers, served on the SCBA Young Lawyers Board of Directors, retains a Very High Ability and General Recommendation rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory

Timothy Minert – Nebraska, BS, Agriculture, 1986, Vice Rush Chairman, Executives committee, active member of the University of Arizona Alumni Chapter from 1990-2000, served as president, vice-president, and secretary, actively involved in the National AGR Convention held in Phoenix in 1994, partner with an independent Investment Advisory Firm. Spent more than 12 years with Peacock and Associates, a regional Phoenix investment firm.

William Carriere – California – Davis, BS, Agriculture and managerial economics, 1986 assistant house manager, adviser for Alpha Gamma Rho at California State University – Chico from 1995-2000, annually hosts an AGR Alumni breakfast at the Colusa Farm and Equipment show, President of Borges of California, a grower and processor of walnuts, a managing partner in Carriere Brothers, Inc., and co-owner of simplyroses.com and simplynuts.com

Dave E. Anderson – Kansas State, BS, Agricultural Economics, 1983; MBA, Marketing and Finance, Indiana University: President and CEO of NeuVision Group, LLC, a marketing and business strategy firm based in St. Paul, MN. The firm assists business clients with new product programs, new business ventures and major growth initiatives. Prior to founding NeuVision Group, Dave held leadership roles in marketing, business development and business management at 3M and its technology spin-off, Imation.

2003

Jeffrey D. Adkisson, CAE – Western Illinois, BS, Executive Vice President and Treasurer of the Grain & Feed Association of Illinois. Over 90% of the commercial storage space in the state of Illinois is represented by the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois.

Russ Galle – Kansas State, BS, Milling Science and Management, currently Production Planning and Purchasing Manager for the Quaker Foods Division of PepsiCo in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has a passion for helping coworkers and others in the early stages of their careers.

Charles Hall – University of Tennessee, BS, Agricultural Economics in 1984, M.S., Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, 1986, Ph.D. from Mississippi State University in 1988. He began his academic career at Texas A&M in 1988, and is currently Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Tennessee.

Rick Nagel – Purdue, BS, studying at St. Meinrad Catholic Seminary in Southern Indiana. Upon completing a five-year formation program, he will be ordained as a priest and serve the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He also taught high school agriscience for seven years, served for three years as the Executive Director of the Indiana FFA Association and served two years with the Foundation and Leadership Center.

2004

Merle G. Flowers – Auburn University, BS, Agricultural Business & Economics; University of Mississippi, MBA. Served six years as District Manager to Congressman Roger Wicker (R-MS) before becoming elected Senator (R - MS). President of Flowers Properties.

Doug Griffin – Purdue University, BS, Agricultural Engineering. He spent twelve years in marketing for Caterpillar, Inc., before joining Challenger North America, AGCO Corporation as Director of Sales and Marketing.

David B. Reis – University of Illinois, BS. Partner, Reis Farms, Willow Hill, Illinois. Owned by family for 120 years. Has served on Illinois Pork Producers Association Board of Directors since 1999.

2005

Daren Coppock – Oregon State University, BS, Agricultural and Resources Economics. Daren served five years as the Executive Vice President of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) before moving to Washington, D.C. to become the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG).

Doug Eckrote – Purdue University, BS, Agricultural Sales. Doug is Senior Vice President of Purchasing and Operations for CDW Corporations and President of CDW Logistics, a FORTUNE 500 Company and leading provider of technology products and services for businesses, government agencies and educational institutions.

Anthony Haynes – University of Tennessee – Martin, B.S. in Agriculture (in Plant and Soil Science), MPA, University of Memphis. Anthony is the Director of State Relations for the University of Tennessee. Haynes works with the state lawmakers during the legislative sessions and is involved with local communities building and maintaining good relationships with state agencies throughout the year.

David McDonald – Iowa State University, BS in Animal Sciences. David joined OSI Industries – a fast growing food processor. His goals were to expand OSI's business internationally in Latin America and Asia. McDonald proved to be successful at this task and others that he eventually was promoted to senior executive vice president/Americas and Asia/Pacific zone manager before his 40th birthday. Today, McDonald serves on the Board of Directors for the company, which has grown to become one of the largest privately held companies in the world and generates more than \$3 billion in annual revenues as a supplier of beef, pork, poultry, pizza, seafood, and vegetable products to customers around the world.

Presidents Award, and Team Achievers Circle Award. He also serves as Advisory Committee member for the Agriculture Engineering Department at the University of Florida.

John L. Kruse – South Dakota State University, BS in Agricultural Education. John is Senior Sales Representative for Abbott Laboratories in Raleigh, North Carolina. Prior to this John served as a legislative intern in Washington, DC; developmental officer for the National 4-H Council; director of North Carolina 4-H Development Fund; and executive director for the Agronomic Science Foundation in Madison, Wisconsin. He was also Vice president of his family printing business in St. Paul Minnesota

Paul Weubbe – California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, BS in Economics and International Trade; Diploma in International Agricultural Relations from the University of Reskilde in Denmark. Paul is the Distribution Manager for The Coca-Cola Company, managing the California Distributor Network. Paul previously worked for Capital Coors Company as Territory Manager and District Manager. He also worked for Minute Maid Company, and held many other positions in the Coca-Cola family.

Wayne Worthley – University of Minnesota, BS in Agriculture and Biology; Florida International University, MS in Science Education; Florida State University, Specialist Degree in Science Education. After volunteering with the Peace Corps for two years in Ecuador, he worked as a contractor for the US government as the Animal Production Trainer for the Peace Corps in Ecuador. Since 1995 he has worked for Redland Middle School, Homestead, Florida, which has produced several national winners in the area of Agriscience research in the ten years he has worked taught there. He has been honored as Redland Middle School Teach of the Year, Miami-Dade County Agri-Council Agriculture Teach of the Year, as well as other community awards.

2006

Bryce Kelly Sr. – University of Florida, BS in Agriculture Operations Management. Bryce currently serves as the Assistant Vice President for Cargill Juice in North America. He formerly worked for Hilliard Brothers in Clewiston, Florida as a Production Manager in Sugar cane production, Procter and Gamble, and Citrus Hill as Feed Mill Manager. Cargill has honored Bryce with the Achievers Circle Award, the

2007

Paul Boettcher – University of Wisconsin-Madison, BS in Animal Science, University of Minnesota, MS in Animal Science specializing in Genetics. He was a member of the UW-Madison Dairy Judging Team. While he was a professor at the University of Guelph, Ontario in 2005, he helped his research team win the Nobel Peace Prize. He is an animal geneticist and technical

officer working for the International Atomic Energy Agency, Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications in Vienna, Austria. He is responsible for providing technical support and consulting to developing countries on animal breeding and production.

Todd D. Johnson – Kansas State University, BS in Agricultural Economics and Animal Sciences, 1994. Served as Noble Ruler and currently as chapter Adviser. Executive Director of the Kansas Beef Council and Membership for the Kansas Livestock Association.

Shane C. Kitchen – Mississippi State University BS and MS in Forest Products, 1993, 1997. After working for the wood industry, he developed three start-up consulting companies to pursue research: TASKpro and TermiSys (wood enhancement research) and TermiSys Technologies (innovative termite control). Currently pursuing PhD in Forest Products. Serves as Alumni President.

Kevin Ochsner – Colorado State University, BS Agricultural Business, 1991; MS, Management, Purdue, 1998. Served as a National FFA Officer in 1987. Kevin has served as Regional Manager currently as Senior Business Development Manager for Agri Business Group. Served as 2006 Convention Chairman.

2008

Tracey Binkley – University of Tennessee-Knoxville, BS Agricultural Economics, MS Business Administration. Serves as Assistant Vice President in the financial advising Private Client Group with Merrill Lynch. Previously served as Director of Chapter Development with Home Office. Now serves as Regional Vice President for Mid-East region.

Rich Engel – University of California-Davis, BS in Agricultural Education, MS in Education from California State University-Sacramento. He serves as the director of College Relations at Cal-Davis. He also serves as Chapter Co-advisor of the Davis AGR Alumni Association. He previously served on the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees.

Corey Geiger – University of Wisconsin-Madison, BS in Dairy Science and Agricultural Economics. Serves as associate editor of Hoard's Dairyman Magazine. Also serves as vice president of the Wisconsin Holstein Association and is on the Executive Committee

for National Dairy Shrine. He headed the effort to develop a National Junior Leasing Program.

Bill Hayen – University of Missouri, BS Science and Agricultural Economics. Operates a 700-acre row crop farm. Brother of the Century award winner. He served as an agricultural chemical sales representative for United Suppliers. He is co-chair for a student mentoring program and a member of the Salvation Army Board of Directors.

2009

Michael Gomes – Cal Poly State University-SLO, BS Agricultural Business and Marketing, MS Business Administration in Management from Golden Gate University. He is Global Market Manager for TSD Integrated Controls. He is widely recognized as an industry resource regarding the use and application of GPS/GIS technology into agricultural equipment. He served in various capacities on the board of the Central Coast AGR Alumni Association.

Grady Roberts – University of Florida, MS in Agriculture, Ph D in Philosophy. He is associate professor of agricultural education at the Florida, and widely recognized for his research and teaching in the area of experiential learning. Serves as the adviser to Alpha Gamma Chapter. He has also served as co-adviser for Beta Nu Chapter and as a Leadership Seminar Curriculum adviser.

Michael Wainscott – University of Kentucky, BS Agricultural Economics, BS Accounting from Guilford College. He is Chief Financial Officer for Technology Crops International. He has worked with the development of the TCI's long-term strategy to provide a profitable sustainable cropping option for farmers throughout the world.

Thomas White – University of Tennessee-Knoxville, BS Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M. He is owner/manager of Fish Springs Marina & Resort, a third generation family business. He is involved in VIP fundraising and has contributed to several different task forces. He served on the Home Office staff from 1993 to 1996 as Consultant and Director of Chapter Development.

2010

Daniel Foor – Iowa State University, BS Agricultural Business/International Agriculture, Executive Master's in International Business from St. Louis University. He is Market Lead for Monsanto's CANCAR Region, consisting of 28 countries in South America, Central America and the Caribbean. He has sought to ensure continued interest in the pursuit of agricultural careers through an annual scholarship to his high school FFA program. He served on the 2010 Convention Steering Committee for the Convention in St. Louis.

Allen Lambright – East Texas State University, BS and MS. He is Area Director for USDA Rural Development in McKinney, Texas. He served his country for nearly 20 years and has assisted Midwest flood victims in 1993 and relief operations for Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He serves as adviser for Texas A&M-Commerce's Beta Lambda Chapter.

Michael Revelle – University of Tennessee-Martin, BS Agriculture, Doctor of Medicine from the University of Tennessee-Memphis. He is an emergency physician for the Jackson Madison County General Hospital and Medical Director for the Medical Center EMS in Jackson, Tenn. He also served in the National Guard for several years where he served two tours of duty in Iraq. He assists his local chapter and alumni with Founders Day events.

Jim Zumwalt – University of Illinois, BS Agriculture Mechanization. He is Business Development Manager for Agri Business Group. He served as president of the Alpha Alumni Corporation Board and served on the Convention Steering Committee for the 2008 Chicago Convention and the 2002 Minneapolis/St. Paul Convention. He was also award the Brother of the Century Award in 2004 and previously served as Chapter Consultant for the Home Office.

Raymond Hodge – University of Florida, BS. He is Director of Governmental Affairs for Southeast Milk, Inc. in Belleview, Fla. He serves on the board of directors for Suwanee County Farm Bureau, board of directors for Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame, board of directors for Mason Smoak Foundation, and is president of Rotary Club of Live Oak and state officer of Florida FFA Association. He has remained involved with the Alpha Gamma Alumni Association.

John Latham – Iowa State University, BS. He is president of Latham Hi-Tech Hybrids, Inc. in Alexander, Iowa. As an independent company with access to all corn and soybean technologies offered in the marketplace, he is able to help farmers find which technology is right to maximize the income of their farming operation. He has remained involved with AGR through the Eta Chapter Alumni Corporation.

Tom Lilja – North Dakota State University, BS. He is executive director for North Dakota Corn Growers Association in Fargo, N.D. He acted as District 27 chairman of the North Dakota Republican Party from 2004 until 2007. He has been part of the National Corn Growers Public Policy Action Team since 2008. He was the market analyst for Progressive Ag for the 2004 crop year. He remains active with the Epsilon Alumni Corporation Board.

Glenn Poxleitner – University of Idaho, BS. He is a forester, log buyer and public relations officer for Idaho Forest Group in Grangeville, Idaho. He is also owner operator of NP Cattle Ranch/Farm. In 1994, he was named "Mr. AGR," and in 2009 he was recognized as Beta Phi Alumni of the Year. He has been actively involved with 4-H programs, and he served as chairperson for a \$50,000 fundraising campaign. He has served as alumni president of Beta Phi chapter since 2007.