



## Animal Sciences Building on its way with Topping Off Ceremony



Above: A group of Stewards of Animal Sciences at the Topping Off Ceremony, from left: Malinda DeBell, Sarah Fagan, Valene Lickley, Maggie Weinroth, Patrick Linnell, Jessica Brown, Carissa Brandt, and Jenna Oxenhandler. Photo provided by Malinda DeBell

By Carissa Brandt

The Department of Animal Sciences held a Topping Off Ceremony on Friday, September 27th, 2013 to celebrate the Animal Sciences renovation. Donors, faculty, staff, and students joined together to talk about the current renovation, as well as what is to come next.

The event started with light refreshments followed by speakers who included Dean Craig Beyrouy, Department Head Kevin Pond, Malinda DeBell, and Emmanuel Caldera. The speakers gave the public different perspectives of the new Animal Sciences building. The building was open to tour and different parts of the building were labeled with

what there function is going to be.

The Topping Off Ceremony provided information about the renovation of the Animal Sciences building, both Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 of the building is projected to be completed by summer 2014.

Phase 1, restoration of the current building, will allow for interaction between faculty and students like never before. Phase 2 will not begin until Phase 1 is complete.

Phase 2 includes a new harvest facility to teach the entire process of Meat Science, an enclosed arena to learn Animal Welfare or Behavior, and a student-run store stocked with products made on campus.

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## What Happened? The South Dakota Blizzard

By Katie Demme

Earlier this month, a blizzard swept through the Black Hills in western South Dakota leaving ranchers devastated. According to an article published by CBS news on October 14, 2013 it is estimated that over 100,000 head of cattle are dead due to the storm, with the number still on the rise as the snow melts. Some areas saw up to 4 feet of snow. Ranchers are left trying to relocate their herd, or what remains of it. Dead cattle fill the sides of roads, pastures, and have even been seen floating down streams and rivers. It is estimated that the state's agricultural industry will suffer a financial loss of \$600 million, according to James Andrews of Food Safety News.

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**BLIZZARD FROM PAGE 1**

While storms are common in this region of the country, this blizzard came quite early in the season. The livestock had not yet grown winter coats to withstand the cold temperatures. Also, many of the cows had not yet been moved from their summer pastures to winter pastures, which would have provided more protection from the storm. Due to the government's shutdown, cleaning up after the disaster is a challenge. Bryan Walsh of Time Magazine explained a farm bill that would subsidize agricultural producers cannot be passed due to the gridlock in Congress. Federal agencies that would usually help in these situations are on furlough, leaving the ranchers without aid. Disposal of the carcasses is a big

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concern. According to Janeen Lemke, who owns a small ranch in the southwest part of the state, most ranchers do not have equipment to dispose of the carcasses. “All ranchers have a ‘bone pit’ [in] which they place the inevitable livestock losses every year. But most bone pits are not large enough to receive the [massive] amount [of carcasses] we are talking about. To help, pits are being dug in various areas, [meaning] that first animals must be loaded in semi trucks and then transported.” Ranchers are first focused on removing the animals that are near highways and public areas. Disease outbreak is a

major concern in the region. Cattle need to be buried in large pits or burned as soon as possible to help prevent the spread of disease.

The repercussions of this blizzard will be felt for years. Calves that were born in 2013 that were supposed to be sold within about 2 weeks are lost. The number of heifers who were carrying next year's calf crop is greatly reduced. While ranchers will try to rebuild their herds, great genetic traits have disappeared. “Some [ranchers] will simply have to leave the profession because they were already operating on a hope and a prayer due to the several-years drought out of which we just came,” states Lemke. Many agricultural associations are setting up relief funds to help the ranchers who have suffered a huge economic loss.

Join us for the Colorado State University Collegiate Cattle Women

Cattlemen's College and Calf to Brisket Dinner

November 9th, 2013



Cattlemen's College

13th Annual Calf to Brisket Dinner

**SPEAKER**

**TOPIC**

The Calf to Brisket is a major fundraiser to allow Collegiate Cattlewomen to attend the NCBA Convention.

Dr. Kraig Peel

Opening

This event includes a full brisket dinner, silent auction, cow pie bingo, and a keynote speaker. Tickets for cow pie bingo are available in advance.

Dr. Noa Roman-Muniz

Health and Diseases

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dr. Jason Ahola

Seedstock

Tickets

Dr. Dale Woerner

Meat Industry

Come to one...Come to all!

Megan Webb-Grad. Student

Beef Taste Panel Study

Cattlemen's College: \$20.00

Calf to Brisket Dinner: \$20.00\*

Katie Lippolis-Grad. Student

Beef Quality Assurance

Cattle Women's College and Calf to Brisket Dinner: \$30.00

Dr. Paul Meiman

Range Ecology

\*There will be dinner tickets available at the door, in case you change your mind.

ARDEC Tour

Tour

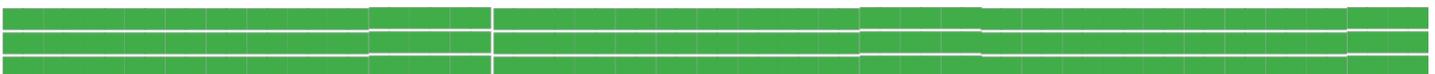
Will be hosted at ARDEC Taylor Center. College Starts at 1:00 pm.

Snacks and light refreshments will be available.

There is a chance to participate in a NCBA Graduate Study, where you will earn \$25 to be on a beef taste panel.

Please RSVP to participate.

Please RSVP by Nov. 1st to Jessica Brown at (303) 582-4062 or csucattlewomen07@gmail.com



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Sciences is continually looking for the public's help to promote the renovation and fund the project that will support learning for students for a lifetime.

# Latinos in Agriculture Leaders Conference

*By Guadalupe Davila, Ellisa Jimenez, and Megan Riveros*

On October 11th – 13th, faculty and students from the College of Agriculture attended the 3rd annual Latinos in Agriculture Leaders Conference in San Antonio, Texas. In attendance were Animal Science majors **Guadalupe Davila, Ellisa Jimenez, and Megan Riveros**, along with advisors and presenters **Shannon Archibeque-Engle, and Ruben Flores**.

The purpose of the conference is to better understand and meet the challenges of a growing demographic and address the impact Latinos can have on the future of Agriculture. Even though this conference focuses on the development of Latinos in agriculture, this conference showed that every ethnicity plays an integral role in the

Important Dates

**October 28th** Registration for Spring opens for graduate students

**October 29th** Registration for Spring opens for Seniors

**November 1st** Registration for Spring opens for Juniors

**November 8th** Registration for Spring opens for Soph.

**November 9th** Collegiate Cattlewomen's Calf to Brisket

**November 15th** Registration for Spring opens for Freshman

**November 20th** Cattlemen's Fall Roundtable

**November 23rd-December 1st** Fall Recess

**December 1st** CSUSA Scholarship application opens

**December 13th** Last day of classes

**December 16th** Final Exams Start

**December 20-21st** Fall Commencement

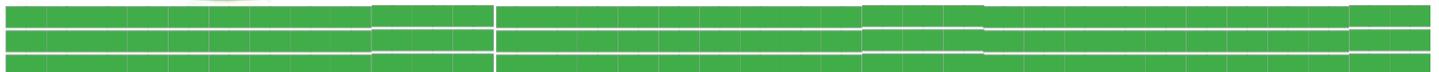
future of agriculture. Those in attendance had the opportunity to network and meet with various leaders in the industry, employers, government and academic personnel who share the common goal of developing a stronger agricultural community.

It is impressive to see how much of an influence CSU has on attendees and presenters. Next year we hope to increase in attendance and encourage students and faculty participation.

For more information, please visit <http://latinosinagriculture.org>



# LATINOS IN AGRICULTURE



# Judging Card

Compiled by Jessica Brown

## Livestock Judging:

The 2013 livestock judging team members are: Ty Bayer, Kamber Carlson, Curtis Doubet, J.T. Gilmore, Catharine Koroulis, Kaitlin Lagow, Geoffrey Mills, and Mikenzie Taylor; coached by Shane Bedwell.

The team has judged at the Tulsa State Fair and the State Fair of Texas.

At **Tulsa** the team placed 6th overall, 3rd in swine, and 5th in sheep. Geoffrey Mills placed 4th individual in sheep.

At the **State Fair of Texas** Curtis Doubet placed 9th high overall individual and 5th in reasons. As a team CSU placed 3rd overall, 3rd in reasons, 4th in swine, and 5th in sheep.

## Dairy Judging:

The dairy judging team is back in action! A team that has not been active for a couple of years is back and winning. The 2013 team consists of: Ryan Bradley, Darrol Telck, Megan Walsh Smith, Kat Pendergrass, and Ellisa Jimenez; coached by William Wailes and Josh Docheff.

The team just finished up judging at the **World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI** where they were 17th overall. Kat and Megan also placed as individuals. Kat Pendergrass received 2nd in Guernsey Breed and Megan Walsh Smith got 10th in the Jersey Breed overall.

## Meat Judging:

The meat judging team is working hard to bring home the bacon! The members of the 2013 team are: Ally Fanning, John Beasley, Karissa Maneotis, Aerial Belk, Alexa Tutor, Tanner Isaacs, and Sally Strohn; coached by Erin Karney.

This team competed in the **Eastern Contest** and the **American Royal** where they placed 4th overall as a team in both contests.

## Animal Welfare Team:

This is a new team to the college! The animal welfare team is a group of students who are faced with multiple scenarios. They then present to a panel of judges on the best scenario. The team will be traveling to **Canada** to compete against a dozen other schools, and will hopefully bring home CSU's first win.

To pick the teams the welfare team had a mock trial. The teams that were selected are the following: Gold: Kelly Arthur, Leigh Cooper, Marianne Ostertag, Meaghan Monahan, and Nicole Cummings; Green: Aneliese Gibson, Auria Tellechea, Emily Geslin, Jade Banks, and Michelle Crites. We wish all of our 2013 teams the best of luck at their upcoming contests! Let's hang a few more banners!



Above: CSU's dairy judging team. From the left: William Wales, Ryan Bradley, Darrol Telck, Kat Pendergrass, Ellisa Jimenez, Megan Walsh, and Josh Docheff. Photo Courtesy of CSU Department of Animal Sciences

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