

# Animal Science Weekly

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## Physiology of reproduction group gathers for holiday luncheon

The Department of Animal Science Physiology of Reproduction section held their annual Holiday Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Dec. 10 at the G. Rollie White Visitor Center. Approximately 40 faculty, staff, graduate students, student workers and guests gathered for a barbecue brisket and sausage meal.

Nicole Burdick, doctoral student working under the direction of Drs. Tom Welsh and Jeff Carroll, was presented the Dr. A.M. "Tony" Sorensen, Jr. Achievement Award and the Mauro Procknor Memorial Award.

The Sorensen Award is presented to a doctoral candidate in the Department of Animal Science majoring in Physiology of Reproduction to recognize an individual's outstanding ability and potential and to provide monetary support for completion of the doctoral degree. The award was established in memory of Dr. Sorensen through a generous endowment by Hal Goggan. Dr. Sorensen was section leader for many years before his death in 1980. The award includes \$1,000, a commemorative plaque and inscription of the recipient's name on a wall plaque in the Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center.

The Mauro Procknor Memorial Award is presented annually to a graduate student that best exemplifies excellence in academics and research, patience in teaching, and innovation in the laboratory. The award was established in memory of Dr. Procknor who received a doctorate in Physiology of Reproduction under the direction of Dr. Paul Harms in the early to mid-1980s. Shortly after his graduation, Mauro was killed in a traffic accident. His fellow students established the Procknor Memorial Award in 1986.



*Left, Dr. Jeff Carroll and Dr. Tom Welsh present two physiology of reproduction awards to Nicole Burdick.*

*Happy Holidays*

The Department of Animal Science would like to wish all of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters a happy holiday season. Thank you for continuing to make our department one of the best in the country.

# Congratulations Graduates!



The Department of Animal Science is proud of its recent graduates! On Dec. 18, nine graduate candidates from the department received their master's degree and 69 undergraduate students received their bachelor's degree. We wish you all much success in your future careers and educational pursuits.

## Upcoming events

**The Department of Animal Science and Anipro Xtraformance Feeds** will host a reception at the 2010 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and NCBA Trade Show (January 28, 2010 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio) - For more information, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham <tryon@tamu.edu>.

**Southwest Beef Symposium** (January 20-21, 2010 - Tucumcari, NM) - For more information, please contact Dr. Bruce Carpenter <BCarpent@ag.tamu.edu> at 432-336-8585.

**Mare/Foal Workshop** (February 24, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

**Horse Management 101** (February 25, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.



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