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## **Curtis Ag College to Celebrate Centennial in August, 2013**

Curtis \_ A "Century of Ag Education" will be celebrated in Curtis on August 9-11, 2013, at the University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) with festivities for alumni, students, staff and agricultural friends from throughout the Midwest, said NCTA Interim Dean Scott Mickelsen.

"We are looking forward to seeing many alumni and friends join us in August, returning to the Curtis institution where they spent their high school years, were staff or students at the college, or both," Dr. Mickelsen said.

Announcements were mailed to alumni this week who graduated from one of the four schools (two high schools, then two colleges): NSA – Nebraska School of Agriculture, UNSA – University of Nebraska School of Agriculture, UNSTA- University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture, and now NCTA.

The ag campus at the northeastern edge of Curtis will be open for campus and farm plot tours, competitive events, a chuckwagon dinner, and social activities beginning Friday evening, August 9<sup>th</sup> and concluding Sunday morning. Hotel space is limited, so guests can also stay at Aggie West dormitory on campus.

"The Centennial celebration will include campus tours featuring the new Education Center and additions to the state-of-the art veterinary teaching hospital, cowboy poetry entertainment and dance, and some fun competitions for all ages on Saturday," Mickelsen added.

Registration forms and schedule are available at [www.NCTA.unl.edu](http://www.NCTA.unl.edu), or e-mail to [chauptman4@unl.edu](mailto:chauptman4@unl.edu), or telephone the main campus number at (308) 367-5200.

The 330-student, 2-year technical college graduated 84 students on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, said Mickelsen. He has served as the school's associate dean since May, 2011 and also holds interim dean duties until Dr. Ron Rosati of Missouri joins the University system on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Former Dean Weldon Sleight retired in December.

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### **Timeline**

1911 – The Nebraska Legislature established **Nebraska School of Agriculture (NSA)** for high school students  
Sept. 9, 1913 – Nebraska School of Agriculture began high school classes  
1946 – NSA became the **University of Nebraska School of Agriculture (UNSA)**  
1965 – UNSA became part of the land-grant university system, supplementing the UN-Lincoln mission  
1968 – UNSA became the **University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture (UNSTA)**  
1987-88 – State funding was cut; no new students were enrolled at UNSTA  
1988-1989 – Student enrollment and colleges classes resumed at UNSTA  
1994 – UNSTA changed to **University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA)**  
2013 – August 9-11 NCTA will observe "A Century of Ag Education" in Curtis

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