



Katrina Rotness is a 2011 graduate of NCTA. She participated in the Equestrian Team and placed 2nd at Regionals and 8th at semi-nationals. Through her years at NCTA, she impacted the Equestrian Team significantly.

While being involved with the Equestrian Team, she was also a member of the PTK, Student Senate and served as a Residence Assistant.

Prior to the Fall

of 2010, Katrina traveled to Kenya, Africa for a mission trip. During the trip the team that she was a part of, made several material and monetary donations, as well as other services.

After graduation she is joining the Marines. May 16th she leaves for South Carolina for basic training. Afterwards, she will go to Florida for Military Occupational Specialty School, which is Aircraft maintenance. To read her whole story, check it out on the Aggie Up! Facebook page!

Phi Theta Kappa Inducts New Members



The members now include the following: Samantha Bol Adams, Adam Brobst, Raelyn Davis, Karissa Fauss, Wade Hawkinson, Megan Klassen, Justin Loeffelholz, Remington Miller, Kari Qualley, Katrina Rotness, Kaci Schroer, Amanda Senkbile, Derek VanDyke, Rebecca Wicks, Melissa Winkelmann, Samantha Yonkers.

The night of Wednesday, April 20th, the PTK Induction Ceremony and Reception was held on campus. 16 new members were inducted, please take time to congratulate the students for their academic achievements.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May, 2011

- 5 Horticulture Club Plant Sale from 9 am-4pm
- 5 Graduation at 1:30 pm
- 6 Wallace 2nd and 3rd grade visit in Veterinary Hospital at 9:30 am
- 12-13 Cow/Calf College in Livestock Teaching Center 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
- 13-15 Sandhills Hunter/Jumper Association Spring Clinic in Livestock Teaching Center at 5:00 pm
- 30 Memorial Day (NCTA offices closed)

June, 2011

- 13 Summer Session Begins
- 17 Last day to Drop a summer session course and receive a 100% refund.

To get an event added to the Calendar of Events contact Eric Reed at ereed2@unl.edu or find an Aggie Up! editor.



Cody Rajdl and Lacey Finney at the NCTA Awards Night, Wednesday, May 4th

**Congrats to the Aggie of the Year,
Lisa Niedermeyer!**



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- Eric Reed, Faculty Advisor

A Note from Dean Sleight

This academic year is coming to an end and we at NCTA want to thank each of you for enriching our lives as we have taught you and watched you grow and develop into fine young women and men.

After finals, we will see many of you leave NCTA with a degree or certificate and others who will return this summer or next fall to continue your education. I encourage each of you to know that this time in your life is very important and only comes around once.

Also, remember that you have a great work to do in growing the Nebraska and U.S. agriculture industry because during your lifetime the world food supply will need to increase by 70 percent. To make this

happen, you will need to take every opportunity to keep your education current. This can happen only if you take advantage of every learning opportunity in the classroom and through

experience gained through internships and employment.

Wherever you go, have a wonderful summer, and know that you are very important to us and all the friends you gained while at NCTA.



Horticulture Plant Sale Thursday, May 5th



The Horticulture Club is having a plant sale. They will have annuals, a few perennials, vegetables and herbs available this year. Their tip is to come early, since some items are guaranteed to sell out quickly.

Date: Thursday, May 5 Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

NCTA's Women's Basketball 2010 – 11 Season in Review



Front Row: Sitting Left to Right — Sable Gardner - Maddie Thurtston - Staci Holthus
 Second Row: Left to Right — Jenny Archer - Karla Freudenburg - Rebecca Spanel - Abby Sybrant - Nichole Hornyak
 Third Row: Left to Right — Coach Jeremy Sievers - Sitka Gardner - Edith Nickel - DeRae Hasper - Jordyn Van Ryswyk - Randii Endorf - Statistician - Samantha Adams

The NCTA women's basketball team had a successful season at home, going 5-1, with an overall record of 5-7. The team started out with a small core group of players but expanded to the largest roster since the reintroduction of women's basketball at NCTA three years ago. The Aggies did a good job opening their home season with a win and only having four girls left on the court due to fouls and injuries.

NCTA did have some rocky times on the road this year with some double digit losses, but overall showed improvement from the past two seasons. Offensively the Aggies scored 46 points per game and gave up 69.25 points per game. The Aggies shot 32% from the floor and 28.5% from behind the three-point arc giving them a 24th place ranking in three-point percentage in the USCAA. To go along with the three point percentage shooting, the Aggies also placed 25th with 4.083 threes per game. NCTA ended up just a little outside

of the top 25 rankings for free throws with a shooting percentage of 50.5%. The inside game for the Aggies was strong this season, with a 13th place ranking, an average of 50.5 rebounds per game, and a +.75 rebounding margin. NCTA dominated the boards all season long and is showed with their 1st place ranking in offensive rebounds with 19 per game and 2nd place finish in defensive rebounds with 31.50 per game.

Coach Jeremy Sievers said, "I was very pleased with the way we finished the second half of the season and our strong showing at home for the ladies. We will have a nice core of returning athletes to build upon the success we had this year, with just two or three players from this year's team graduating in May. We did have some first time wins over different teams this year and played hard all year long. Hopefully the positive things that happened this season will allow us to build more for next year and into the future."

Aggies Speak Out

What are you looking forward to MOST this summer?

The thing I'm looking forward to most this summer is havng a class that I can ride my own horse in.

—Ariel Buhrman, Saint Libory, Neb.

My job and the 4th of July.

—Rem Miller, Aurora, Neb.

I am looking forward to spending some time out in the warm weather, either fishing, working, swimming or just laying out on the grass.

—Ashley Panowicz, Saint Paul, Neb.

No homework.

—Megan Klassen, Bailey, Colo.

Getting the last of my summer classes finished and over with. That they are letting us stay in Aggie west. And the fact that we don't have to live off the food in the deli and that the cafeteria is actually going to be open!

—Shannon Carmichael, Grand Island, Neb.

I'm looking forward to going home and working on the farm and spending time with family and friends!

—Sarah Klein, Roseland, Neb.

Im most looking forward to starting my rodeo career with my new horse!

—Michelle Gentert, Holstein, Neb.

Being home and getting my life started. I'd like to get a job working at a horse barn and I'm taking a trip to Texas.

—Lauren Hospodka, Lincoln, Neb.

About Our Valedictorian

By Heather Harms

I grew up on a ranch in the sandhills, near Valentine, going to a country school from Kindergarten through 8th grade. I love the ranching way of life and everything that goes with it. I have been riding horses since I was 2 or so, and am still in love with them.

I was avidly involved in 4-H, where I was involved in shooting sports, art and showing horses, cattle, cats and dogs. In high school I was a member of FFA, where I was treasurer and president.

I was Miss Rodeo Cherry County 2007. Through

I'm looking forward to meeting new people and experiencing a new environment with my profession. To experience new ways for different environments. I'm looking forward to Alaska and all the new clients I will be helping.

—Jakki Nachtman, Atkinson, Neb.

I am looking forward to nice weather! Other than that I'll be working, meeting new people and hanging out with a few great friends!

—Mark McClain, Fremont, Neb.

Remodeling my house, spending time with friends, family and my dog.

—Khrystyna Gerke, Blair, Neb.

I am looking forward to the time I will get with my family and friends, and the time I will get away from school!!!

—Chase Barnhart, Saint Francis, Kan.

Going to the lake, and spending time with my family and friends.

—Noelle Gerken, York, Neb.

I'm looking forward to my intership. I think it will be a good learning experence and I can apply some of what I learned this year.

—Jack Horn, Granby, Colo.

Want to participate in Aggies Speak Out? Join the Facebook group!

that, I had the opportunity to travel, meet a lot of people and have many great experiences.

My favorite hobbies are riding horses, drawing and painting.

My best experience at NCTA was being able to work with Stephanie and Vicky in the Student Services and Admissions offices.

After graduating, I'm getting married on June 4th. After that, I'm hoping to get a job at a bank or insurance company.