

CALS Spring Awards Banquet

On April 23, 2012, I had the privilege to attend the CALS Awards Banquet. CALS joins the University in celebrating the 150th year of the Land Grant University System. A cake was decorated in celebration of the Morrill Act for the banquet. Dean Kathryn Aiken gave a wonderful talk on the Morrill Act and it's affect on the University. After all, it is why we exist. Here is a bit of history from the UI website.

"The University of Idaho opened its doors on Oct. 3, 1892, when it welcomed about 40 students and one professor, John Edwin Ostrander.

On June 11, 1896, the university graduated its first class when four students marched across a stage to receive their diplomas. Two years later, the university awarded its first graduate degree. By 1899, a growing body of University of Idaho alumni formed the Idaho Alumni Association.

Alumni numbers weren't all that grew in those early days. Over the next few years, the University of Idaho established its College of Agriculture, dedicated Ridenbaugh Hall and established the Pacific Northwest's first Department of Domestic Science (later to be called Home Economics).

The Administration Building fire in 1906 was a turning point in the university's history. John Tourtellotte, a Boise architect who had designed the state's capitol, designed a new Tudor Gothic structure to symbolize the university's growth and maturity as a major institution of higher education. The Administration Building remains the centerpiece of campus.

The hiring in 1908 of the nation's premier landscape architects, Olmsted Brothers of Massachusetts whose firm's founding father designed New York's Central Park, led to the small-town New England look of the campus.

President Theodore Roosevelt was the first U.S. president to visit the campus in 1911. He planted the first tree in Presidential Grove

Through the next 50 years, the campus continued to grow in size and academic offerings. Among the additions were Forney Hall, the School of Education, Science Hall, Hays Hall, the Music Building, the Library, the Student Union and outreach campus locations.

In 1976 the new ASUI-Kibbie Dome won a national engineering structural achievement award. Its sound structure has withstood roaring cheers of Vandal fans (as well as the groans and occasional wailings of rival teams) ever since.

Today, the university is home to nearly 12,000 students and nearly 3,159 faculty and staff. It continues to be a leading place of learning in Idaho and the West, because although it is ever-responsive to the changing needs of its students and society, it never forgets its roots and traditions.

*Perhaps no better example of this distinct combination of rich history and innovative service is the Associated Students of the University of Idaho (ASUI). Today as vibrant as ever, ASUI has been a force on campus for more than 100 years.”**

As we continue our history lesson, let's look at the Morrill Act.

“The Morrill Act of 1862 was also known as the Land Grant College Act. It was a major boost to higher education in America. The grant was originally set up to establish institutions in each state that would educate people in agriculture, home economics, mechanical arts, and other professions that were practical at the time. The land-grant act was introduced by a congressman from Vermont named Justin Smith Morrill. He envisioned the financing of agricultural and mechanical education. He wanted to assure that education would be available to those in all social classes.

There were several of these grants, but the first passed in 1862. This bill was signed by Abraham Lincoln on July 2. This gave each state 30,000 acres of public land for each Senator and Representative. These numbers were based on the census of 1860. The land was then to be sold and the money from the sale of the land was to be put in an endowment fund which would provide support for the colleges in each of the states.

The land-grant has improved the lives of millions of Americans. This was not the case in the early stages. At the time the grants were established, there was a separation of races. In the South, blacks were not allowed to attend the original land-grant institutions. There was a provision for separate but equal facilities, but only Mississippi and Kentucky set up any such institution. This situation was rectified when the Second Morrill Act was passed and expanded the system of grants to include black institutions.

The Morrill Acts have become a major educational resource for our nation. This program is available to all people who are in search of higher education. Over the years it has proven to be an important part of our educational system. This Act changed the course of higher education. The purpose of education shifted from the classical studies and allowed for more applied studies that would prepare the students for the world that they would face once leaving the classroom. This Act also gave education support directly from the government. The Morrill Act changed the face of education and made room for our growing and ever changing country and ensured that there would always be money to finance educational facilities and that there would be continual government support of these institutions.”†



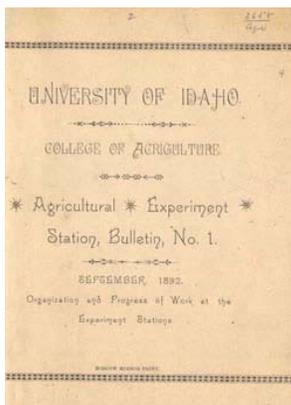
[Morrill, Justin S. \(Justin Smith\), 1810-1898](#) Civil War photograph album, ca. 1861-65. (James Wadsworth Family Papers).

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We also celebrated the 125th anniversary of the Hatch Act. This was the second cake made for the banquet.

*“The **Hatch Act of 1887** (ch. 314, 24 [Stat. 440](#), enacted 1887-03-02, [7 U.S.C. § 361a](#) et seq.) gave federal funds, initially of \$15,000 each, to state land-grant colleges in order to create a series of [agricultural experiment stations](#), as well as pass along new information, especially in the areas of soil minerals and plant growth. The bill was named for Congressman [William Hatch](#), who chaired the [House Committee of Agriculture](#) at the time the bill was introduced. State agricultural stations created under this act were usually connected with those [land-grant state colleges and universities](#) founded under the [Morrill Act of 1862](#), with few exceptions.*

Many stations founded under the Hatch Act later became the foundations for state [cooperative extension services](#) under the [Smith-Lever Act of 1914](#). Congress amended the act in 1955 to add a formula that uses rural and farm population factors to allocate the annual appropriation for [agricultural experiment stations](#) among the states. Under the [2002 farm bill](#) (P.L. 107-171, Sec. 7212), states will continue to be required to provide at least 100% matching funds (traditionally, most states have provided more). On average, Hatch Act formula funds constitute 10% of total funding for each experiment station. (7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.).”^s



If you click on the link below, it should take you to the UI web and the view of the first Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin pictured on the left.

<http://issuu.com/uidahodigital/docs/uiexp01?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskin.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fcolor%2Flayout.xml&backgroundcolor=8BA9B8&showFlipBtn=true>

I am also posting this link to Bill Loftus' article on both the above acts for your reading enjoyment.

<http://www.cals.uidaho.edu/edcomm/AgKnowledge/AgKnow276.pdf>

The third and final celebratory cake was to commemorate 100 years of Idaho 4H.

"4-H prepares young people to step up to the challenges in their community and the world. Using research-based programming around positive youth development, 4-H youths get the hands-on, real world experience they need to become leaders. Through America's 109 land-grant universities and its Cooperative Extension System, 4-H reaches every corner of our nation—from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities. With a network of more than 6 million youths, 540,000 volunteers, 3,500 professionals, and more than 60 million alumni, 4-H helps shape youths to move our country and the world forward in ways that no other youth organization can.

4-H is open year-round to youths ages 5-18 without regard to race, creed, gender, marital status, handicaps or disadvantages, economic or ethnic backgrounds." **

<http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h>

Jim Miller gave us a wonderful talk concerning the importance of 4H and how one person can make a monumental difference.

Now on to the awards and the rest of the reason we gathered to celebrate.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences was honored to celebrate the following University – wide and National CALS Awards.

- **CAROLYN BOHACH** – UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, UI OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
- **BARBARA WILLIAMS** – UI TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD
- **NORA OLSEN** – UI OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
- **LARRY MAKUS** – UI ADVISING EXCELLENCE AWARD
- **CHERRYL SODORFF** – LARRY MCBRIDE PRIZE
- **AMIN AHMADZADEH** – NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGES AND TEACHERS OF AFRICULTURE FELLOW
- **ESSIE FALLAHI** – 2012 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURIST AWARD
- **STEPHEN DEBADOSS** – UI PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS TEAM AWARD
- **SARAH HULSE** – UI STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, IDAHO STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR- CALS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- **NYLAH HOLT** – UI STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – CALS ADMIN. SERVICES

We also had to say goodbye to three wonderful employees who are retiring this 2011-2012 school year. They are:

- **Dr. Laurel Brannen** – Professor FCS
- **Dr. James Fletcher** – Professor FCS
- **Dr. Carl Hunt** – Department Head & Professor AVS

Those receiving departmental awards are:

Ag Econ & Rural Soc. –

- 2012 Western Agricultural Economics Association Outstanding Senior – **Jesse Smit**
- Outstanding Graduate Student - **Rita Du**

AVS

- Outstanding Animal Science Senior – **Darci DeBoer**
- Outstanding Pre-Vet Senior – **Cynthia Scholte**
- Outstanding Graduate Student – **Katherine Hunt**

Food Science

- UI SFS Outstanding Senior Award – **Alex Fredrickson**

FCS

- Outstanding FCS Student – **Kim Young**

2011-2012 ALUMNI & FRIENDS AWARDS

- **DWANE BENSON**
 1. BS & MS in Food Science from UI
 2. 35 years with Heinz/Ore-Ida in Ontario, Oregon
 3. Currently teaching a product development class during his retirement
 4. “As an intern, Dwane challenged my skill and technical knowledge.”
- **KEITH HYATT**
 1. Taught High School Agriculture in Kuna and Payette for over 30 years
 2. Daughter Marci was a state FFA officer and is now a high school business teacher in Payette
 3. Son Jared is a high school Agri teacher in Wyoming
 4. Idaho State FFA Superintendent of the Agricultural Sales Career Development Event

- **MILT OSGOOD**

1. Taught high school Agri in Middleton for over 30 years
2. BS & MS in Ag Ed from UI
3. Assists with Idaho FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event
4. Middleton was the first Idaho Agri program to have a computer lab under Milt's leadership

DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATE AWARD went to **Dennis Searle**. He received his BS in Gen. Biology from BSU and his MA in Guidance and Counseling from UI. He promotes the use of green manure crops and crop rotation for nematodes in sugar beets and is a member of the UI Sugar Beet Advisory Committee.

ALUMNI ACHEIVEMENT AWARD

- **SHAWN DYGERT**

1. Idaho Native
2. Served as a Utah State FFA officer
3. BS in Agri Ed from USU, MS in Agri Ed from UI
4. Taught for 2 years in Oregon before returning home to Idaho
5. IVATA Legislative Liaison for over 10 years

- **JODI MINK**

1. BS & MS from UI
2. Her mom is an extension educator in Twin Falls
3. Currently ranching and teaching high school Agri in Cambridge, Idaho

2011-2012 OUTSTANDING FACULTY – **BOB TRIPEPI, PSES**

R.M. WADE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHIN AWARD – **ROBERT HEINSE, PSES**

2011-2012 OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARDS

OFFICE SUPORT STAFF – **NITA ROBINSON, AVS**

TECHNICAL/LAB SUPPORT STAFF – **DIANE BRADY, PSES**

GENERAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT STAFF – **KATHLEEN PAINTER, AERS**

2011-2012 STUDENT AWARDS

CALS CLUB OF THE YEAR – **DAIRY CLUB**

CALS CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR – **MELISA STILSON**

OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN – **MICHELLE BALL, AE4-HYD**

OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE – **KATELYN STEIMKAMP, AVS**

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR – **KATIE MOSMAN, AE4-HYD**

OUTSTANDING SENIOR – **VALERIE PANTONE, AERS**

AGRICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL NEW OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – **JESSICA REYNOLDS**
VICE PRESIDENT – **KELLIE ENGER**
SECRETARY – **MELISA STILSON**
TREASURER – **SAM EMMERT**
REPORTERS – **JULIA CHRISTIAN & CODY WILLMORE**

We must say goodbye and thank you to the retiring officers: **Juan Mora, Ben Enger, Kya Vines, Jessica Reynolds, James Nasados & Don Curry**. Good Luck to all of them on their upcoming endeavors!

2012 – 2013 CALS AMBASSADORS

RETURNING AMBASSADORS: **Rachael Ashley, Travis Chase, Adam Daggs, Nicola Elliott, Sam Emmert, Shelby Forrest, Jordan Lybeck, Kate Mills, Sam Peters, Josh Prow, Katelyn Steinkamp, Melisa Stilson, Tara Stubbers, & Amanda Wilder.**

NEW INCOMING AMBASSADORS: **Nic Carey, Diana Carlson, Nick Dame, Pamela Holman, Mickinzie Johnson, Shane Kerner, Kaycee Royer, Kacie Salove, Anthony Schilling, Jessica Schlanger, Ricky Scuderi, Allen Wysocki.**

We must say goodbye and thank you to our retiring CALS Ambassadors: **Drew Cruikshank, Darci DeBoer, Eric Eldredge, Melissa Greenwalt, Audra Henderson, Corbin Hohl, Sarah Hulse, Katie Robertson, Cynthia Scholte, Jennifer Spencer & Mandy Strey.**

I would like to extend my thanks to **Julia Christian** and **Melisa Stilson**, our CALS Banquet Interns and congratulate them on a job well done. Also to **Erica Louder**, AVS Business Senior and **Ben Enger**, AVS Pre-Vet Senior for doing a fantastic job as emcee. Another thank you goes out to our awards selection committees; they had a hard job and need a virtual hug from all of us. A big thank you to **AGRIBEEF CO.** for donating our prime rib dinner! **I would lastly like to thank Katie Strittmatter, Dr. John Foltz, Dean John Hammel and UI President Duane Nellis for all the hard work they do, not only for the banquet, but every day to make our UI experience a memorable one!!**

In closing, if you missed the banquet, you missed a wonderful time. We had laughs and were touched by motivational speeches. Plan to attend spring 2013! This remarkable event only happens once a year!

(Please forgive any misspelling of names! :-D)

* <http://www.uidaho.edu/about/universityoverview/universityhistory>

† <http://www.nd.edu/~rbarger/www7/morrill.html>

‡ <http://memory.loc.gov/mss/mcc/051/cartes/021063fv.jpg>

§ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hatch_Act_of_1887

** <http://sitecore.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/pages/about>