

SES News

SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES | DECEMBER 2015

Happy Holidays from the School of Economic Sciences!



All of your friends and colleagues in the School of Economic Sciences wish you a wonderful and joyous holiday season. We hope it is a glorious time for you and your family.

This has been a great year for the alumni, students, faculty, and staff of the School of Economic Sciences. In the pages ahead, you will learn about the many accomplishments of the SES family. Many of these achievements are the result of years of effort by the individuals and groups recognized. It is important to know that it is the shared vision for excellence and the sustained efforts of all members of the SES family that make the School of Economic Sciences the special place it is, where discovery, learning, and service are part of the fabric of each day.

We greatly enjoyed seeing all the SES alumni and friends at the Annual Colloquium, Banquet, and Auction on Homecoming

Weekend. The presentations covered a wide range of interesting topics, and the dinner and auction were wonderful. All was made better by fantastic attendance and time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We cheered on the Cougar football team as they beat Oregon State.

We continue to receive a substantial number of communications from our alumni and friends that keep us informed of new developments in their careers and lives. You are all part of the school's many successes. We very much appreciate hearing from you and take great interest and pleasure in reading about your lives, careers, and adventures in life. Please keep writing and remember to include your email address or home address when you do.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the many of you who have contributed financially to the School of Economic Sciences this past year. Your contributions are very important to us and support the school and its students in many ways. Undergraduate and graduate scholarships help students pay tuition and purchase academic materials and supplies needed for their studies and, in some cases, make attendance at WSU possible for students who otherwise might not have been able to. Contributions also enhance the intellectual environment in the school, such as allowing us to bring many high-quality seminar speakers to Pullman, and help support faculty and graduate student travel for professional development and research, among a long list of other important activities. We thank you in advance for any future contributions you might consider making. We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope with possible funding areas listed if you are interested.

Sadly, we lost an outstanding leader this year. President Elson S. Floyd was truly a visionary and admired leader who will be deeply missed. We take a moment this holiday season to remember Dr. Floyd and his family and all that they have meant to the SES family.

We hope you enjoy reading about the progress and accomplishments of alumni, faculty, students, and staff in this issue of SES news. If you are in Pullman, you are most welcome to come by and visit us in Hulbert Hall.

All of us in the School of Economic Sciences wish you a peaceful, joyous, and prosperous New Year.
GO COUGS!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Alan Love'.

H. Alan Love, Professor and Director

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Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars on October 15, 2016, for the Alumni & Friends Colloquium, Banquet, and Auction during Homecoming Weekend in Pullman. For ways to get involved with alumni and friends outreach and fund-raising activities, please contact **Jaimie Dahl** (509-335-5555 or jaimie@wsu.edu). We'd love to hear from you!

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Reunion Reception

WSU annually hosts a reunion reception at the AAEA meetings, which will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-August 2, 2016. SES Professor and AAEA President **Jill McCluskey** will preside over the Annual Meeting. Details of the reception will be announced soon at www.aaea.org

School Highlights

Editorships:

Robert Rosenman is coeditor of *Economic Inquiry*; Alumnus **Wes Wilson** ('86 Ph.D.) is managing editor of *Economic Inquiry*.

Hayley Chouinard and **Gregmar Galinato**

completed their term in 2015 as editors of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.

Karina Gallardo was named editor of the *Journal of Food Distribution Research*.

Faculty Honors and Awards



SES Professor **Tom Marsh** was named Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Marsh was honored for contributions to agricultural economics, particularly using novel

econometric approaches to define the risk of invasive species and transboundary livestock diseases. The nonprofit AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*.



Richard Shumway

was selected as an inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at University of California,

Davis, which was presented at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of their Ph.D. program.

Hayley Chouinard, Adrienne Ohler, and Jon Yoder won the Western Agricultural Economics Association's Outstanding Published Research Award for "What Floats Your Boat? Preference Revelations from Lotteries over Complex Goods", published in the *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*.

Vicki McCracken received the Sahlin Faculty Excellence Award for Leadership. This is a university-wide award and one of the highest honors that WSU gives. She also received the 2015 Purdue Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Award.



Professional Leadership



Jill McCluskey giving the Presidential Address at the AAEA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Jill McCluskey was named AAEA President. McCluskey gave the Presidential Address at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco in July 2015, on "How Diversity of People and Ideas

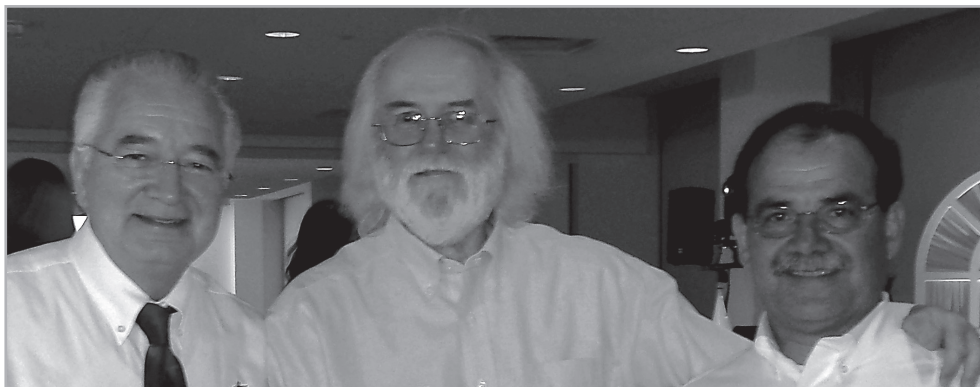
Can Make Organizations more Competitive." **Hayley Chouinard** was elected Director of the AAEA Executive Board.

Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA)

Tom Marsh completed his term as WAEA President by presiding over the Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco. **Randy Fortenberry** was elected president. **Karina Gallardo**

was elected director, and **Cory Walters** ('09 Ph.D.), currently a professor at the University of Nebraska, was also elected director.

University Leadership



Ron Mittelhammer ('78 Ph.D.), **Don Blayney** ('88 Ph.D.), and **Dan Bernardo** ('85 Ph.D.).

Ron Mittelhammer was named interim co-provost, and **Dan Bernardo** was named interim president. WSU lost a great leader with the passing of President **Elson S. Floyd**. We are

grateful that two of our SES faculty administrators have stepped up to lead the University during this crucial time. Even while serving as provost, Ron is still teaching EconS 510!

Faculty Highlights

Beeronomics

SES hosted the 4th international Beeronomics Conference in Seattle on September 8-9, the first time the event ventured outside Europe. Held every other year by the Beeronomics Society, the gathering focused on the economics of beer and brewing around the world. The SES proposal to host was based on Washington having one of the strongest microbrew cultures in the United States and the most hops grown of any state.

Tom Marsh and **Jill McCluskey** co-organized the event. They argue that the growth of craft beers has changed the economics of the industry. "There is much less consumer loyalty to specific brands," she said. "It's more about preferences for certain styles of beer, such as an IPA, that are differentiated by taste. And craft brewers in the Pacific Northwest are leading that

charge. There are so many interesting economic topics related to beer, from hop production to product differentiation to health impacts to craft beer tourism, let alone the impact of all the breweries now operating throughout this region," McCluskey said. Marsh organized a field tour of hop fields and production areas in and around Yakima, as well as a tour of Yakima Chief - Hopunion. Beeronomics 2015 also included a cider symposium organized by Peter Tozer, focusing on the economics of hard cider. Industry participants included both beer and cider enterprises, such as the Boston Beer Company, Skagit Valley Malting, Wandering Aengus Ciderworks, and Finn River Cider. Fremont Brewery provided several different beers for tasting breaks at the conference.



Joshua Berning ('08 Ph.D.), professor at the University of Georgia, presents his research on the craft beer industry.



Randy Fortenbery and **Jason Winfree** ('03 Ph.D.), now Professor at the University of Idaho, take a "beer break" at Beeronomics.



Bertha C. and Roy E. Leigh Distinguished Lecture

Michael Grossman gave the 2015 Leigh Lecture. Grossman is a Distinguished Professor of Economics at the City University of New York Graduate Center. He directs the NBER's Health Economics Program and is a coeditor of the *Review of Economics of the Household*, and a series coeditor of *Advances in Health Economics and Health Services Research*.

External Seminar Speakers

The 2015 seminar series featured outstanding speakers, such as Derek Kellenberg, University of Montana; Fabio Ghironi and Hendrik Wolff, University of Washington; Peter Berck, University of California, Berkeley; Dan Cao, Georgetown University; Steve Devadoss, University of Idaho; Marin Bozic, University of Minnesota; James Nolan, University of Saskatchewan; and Sandra Hoffmann, ERS-USDA, along with SES faculty and students.



SES Colloquium 2015

The second annual SES Colloquium was held on October 16 and featured prominent alumni currently working in the private industry. The colloquium included our own Ken Casavant and Ph.D. student Darlington Sabasi, and outstanding external speakers Thomas Roney from Thomas Roney, LLP; Mark Brandon, senior vice president at Banner Bank; and Chris Densmore, director of monetization & analytics, KingsIsle Entertainment.



Maasai herdsman treating a steer

Global Health and Economic Development

Tom Marsh and **Jon Yoder** are active in collaborations with the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health (SGAH) at WSU, and several other universities,

with several projects in East Africa. SES is also in the process of hiring for two new faculty positions in collaboration with the SGAH, focusing on health and economic development to support and expand these research efforts.

Jon Yoder and coauthors published a research paper in the journal *PLOS One* that estimates the economic impact of Malignant Catarrhal Fever (MCF) on Maasai livelihoods in Tanzania. MCF is a disease that is transmitted from wildebeest to cattle during wildebeest calving season. Because MCF kills livestock, Maasai move their cattle yearly from the forage-rich calving grounds to more marginal grazing areas to avoid the disease. Having to avoid the disease in this way reduces the health and economic value of the cattle, and the amount of milk available to households. Because much of a Maasai household's wealth is held in the form of livestock, and because

milk can represent up to half of a household's income in a year, these impacts are substantial. This economic research was performed in conjunction with field trials of an MCF vaccine that would allow the Maasai and their cattle to remain at home on productive grazing land.

Yoder and doctoral student Paul Ervin are also involved in research on canine rabies management in Tanzania, a disease whose primary human victims are children and rural poor. They are using data from ongoing rabies vaccination campaigns, along with rabies cases around Serengeti National Park, to assess the costs of rabies in avoidance, health, and death to the rural communities in this area. They are also examining the complex interaction between humans, dogs, and wildlife to better understand the likely dynamics of local rabies elimination as part of a larger global elimination strategy in which WSU is playing an important role.

Yoder is a member of a large research team led by the University of Glasgow that received a \$3 million grant last year for carrying out research on the socioeconomic and environmental drivers of Zoonoses (SEEDZ) in Tanzania. Their work is focusing on the importance of market networks and household/herd interaction on zoonotic disease transmission.

SES Faculty Take the Lead on Important Water Research

There is a long tradition of economics faculty at WSU carrying out important and impactful research on water resource management in Washington state. Norm Whittlesey and Walt Butcher's research in the 1970s and 1980s provided important economic assessments of the Columbia River Basin Project, a multibillion dollar water infrastructure project under which the Grand Coulee Dam had been built several decades earlier.

This year, **Jon Yoder** and **Mike Brady**, along with several SES graduate students and researchers from other departments and universities, carried out a legislatively mandated benefit-cost analysis of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP), a \$4 billion integrated water resource management

plan including multiple water storage projects, fish ladders, water conservation, water market development, and other investments. The study was performed through the State of Washington Water Research Center (WRC), where Jon Yoder is director. In contrast to a previous study commissioned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington State Department of Ecology, the WRC was charged with preparing separate analyses for each of the projects proposed in YBIP. Since the report was published, Yoder has testified to the state legislature twice and presented the results on several other occasions. The full report and related stories can be found at the State of Washington Water Research Center web page: swwrc.wsu.edu/2014ybip.

Transportation Economics Research Gets Used!



Jeremy Sage and Ken Casavant

Among the five transportation-based contracts completed by the Freight Policy Transportation Institute (FPTI) in 2015 was the legislatively mandated *Short Line Rail Inventory and Needs Assessment*. In cooperation with the Freight Services Division of WSDOT, **Jeremy Sage** and **Ken Casavant** generated estimates of the level of deferred maintenance experienced by short line railroads throughout the state, and the investment necessary to overcome it. Importantly, this deferred maintenance hinders the ability of many regional industries, particularly those based in natural resources or agriculture, to efficiently move their goods. Finding significant value in the documentation produced, several line owners utilized their report as further evidence of the need for the state to support short line railroads. Several private- and state-owned lines were able to secure funds in the state transportation package passed in 2015.

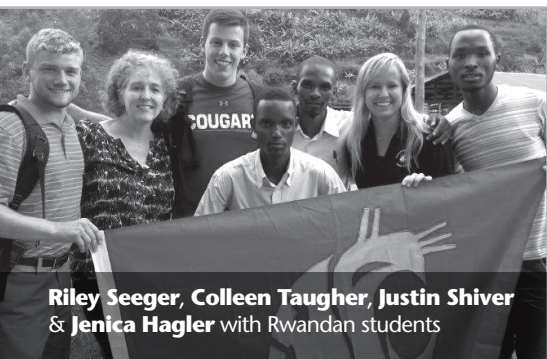


SES Alumni and Friends at the Annual Banquet and Auction on Homecoming Weekend.

Undergraduate Highlights

Max Baer, who had the honor of serving as Butch T. Cougar for the past three years, graduated in December 2015 with a bachelor of science in economic sciences. He had so many amazing experiences attending athletic events, weddings, and birthday parties, but his best memory was placing eighth at the UCA National Mascot Competition! After traveling to many other football stadiums and college towns, Baer says that Washington State University has the best fans in the country. Go Cougs!

Max Baer as Butch T. Cougar



Riley Seeger, Colleen Taugher, Justin Shiver & Jenica Hagler with Rwandan students

Student Research Experience in Rwanda

Economic sciences and agricultural and food business economics students **Jenica Hagler, Riley Seeger, and Justin Shiver** traveled to Rwanda with WSU staff member **Colleen Taugher** to work on research questions pertaining to the coffee industry. They were tasked with developing their own projects and collecting data about the growing coffee sector in Rwanda. The friends they made there and the overall experience will be a cherished memory.

Beau Bremer, SES Student Athlete—Soccer

When Beau joined WSU in 2011 as a recruit for the women's soccer team, she chose a major where many of today's most marketable skills are acquired, namely, good writing, quantitative analysis, and thinking: economics. She has come to realize that economics is just an elaboration of the obvious and is highly regarded by employers. In May 2015, she graduated with a bachelor of science in economic sciences. Her opportunities are endless and her journey continues. Bremer is currently pursuing a WSU master's in business administration and is astounded at how her economics background accelerates her understanding of other subjects and is the foundation of all business interactions. After graduation, Bremer hopes to work as a data scientist, working on analyzing databases and constructing informative dashboards that can solve world problems. Her dream is to one day own a sustainable farm and bakery. It will be called "Beaudacious Cakes" or "Beau Knows Cakes"!



Beau Bremer

Stephanie George Interns for Cathy McMorris Rodgers



Stephanie George interning for McMorris Rodgers

Stephanie George, senior, interned for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers in Washington, D.C. spring of 2015. She responded to constituent phone calls and mail, requiring her to become knowledgeable about current issues and initiatives being worked on and considered in Congress. George helped the Congresswoman's staff put on and facilitate events, meeting many influential people. She conducted tours of the U.S. Capitol which allowed her to form a new appreciation for our country and the freedoms we enjoy today. The most exciting part of her internship was working with the Congresswoman's agriculture policy advisor. George researched past agricultural legislation and learned about current legislation and how it affects farmers in Washington state and across the country.

Riley Seeger: SES Cougar Strong!

For the past seven summers, SES senior **Riley Seeger** spent time as a deckhand fishing on a commercial sockeye salmon boat in Bristol Bay, Alaska. As a deckhand, his main responsibility was to pick fish out of the gill-net quickly. The allure of fighting 60-knot winds, 10-foot seas, and picking thousands of sockeye salmon makes this job exciting. What brings Seeger back to the fishing boat every year is the satisfaction of knowing that every moment is a challenge, a situational puzzle to solve in which he has to exert every ounce of energy. Being a Bristol Bay fisherman is about taking the path most people would not have taken and coming out the other side a stronger person.



Riley Seeger in Bristol Bay, Alaska

Award-winning Undergraduates

SES Outstanding Senior Awards

Agricultural economics option: **Shane Reed**

Economic analysis and policy option: **Ben Wildt**

Financial markets option: **Troy Carpenter**

Graduate school prep option: **Wendiam Sawadgo**

Ag and food business economics: **Rodrigo Bonilla**

College-wide Awards

Aggie of the Year: **Brandon Nickels**

Family and Consumer Scientist of the Year: **Troy Carpenter**

Outstanding Junior—Human Sciences: **Hayley Hohman**

Outstanding Junior—Agricultural Sciences: **Jenica Hagler**

Emerging Undergraduate Leader in Agricultural Sciences:
Kyle Strachila

WAEA Awards

2015 Western Agricultural Economics Association—SES Outstanding Senior: **Cheyenne Pace**

BACHELOR'S GRADUATES

December 2014

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Erika Briscoe, Barbara "BJ" Carlson, Nicholas Colby (magna cum laude), Daniel Conner, Taylor DeRuwe, Andy Grinbergs, Michael Jackson, Miranda Jones (cum laude), Kone Katembo, Chin "Joey" Kim, Matthew Krochmalny, Jingwei Ma, Angad Mahal, Shea McKeon, Jacob Meachum, Cody Nelson, Luke Nelson, Ben Rathbone, Ryan Rea, Sam Russell, Jason Sullivan, Yaxin Wang

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May 2015

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEMS, MAJOR IN AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Rodrigo Bonilla, Kendahl Hintz, Brandon Nickels (cum laude), Sara Richardson

August 2015

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Michelle Aylard, Beau Bremer, Greg Elgin, Zachary Evans, Andre Huang Hsieh, Wai Yan "Aggie" Siu (cum laude), Tyler Stanton

Undergraduate Highlights *continued*



Madison Moore and **Riley Seeger**

SES Undergraduates are Publishing!

Both **Madison Moore** and **Riley Seeger** had their economics capstone papers published in the AAEA journal undergraduate section. They follow the outstanding tradition of recent graduates **Tristan Hanon** ('14 B.S.) and **Andrew Compton** ('13 B.S.).

Internships: Spring and Summer 2015

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Taiwan; Brokk, Inc.; Monsanto; Green Street LLC; Congressional internship for Congresswomen McMorris Rodgers; ASWSU representative to Washington State Legislature, Olympia; Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources; Pacific Capital Resource Group; Runway Passport; Washington Trust Bank; Northwestern Mutual Life; ConAgra; Fisher Investments

Study Abroad Experiences

SES Italy Abroad; University of Sterling, Scotland; Barcelona, Spain

Graduate Highlights

Incoming Graduate Classes

SES welcomed 15 new doctoral students and 9 new master of science students this past year. We recruit outstanding students both from our region and all over the world.

SES Graduate Student Association

This year's SES-GSA leadership is **Dustin White**—President; **Daegoon Lee**—Vice President; **Christopher Clarke**—Secretary; and **Xiangrui Wang**—Treasurer. This year, the SES-GSA raised funds through the SES auction, which we will use in the spring for the poster competition; sponsored a soccer team that made the semifinals of the WSU intramural tournament; and had a picnic for grad students.



Georgina Mitchell, Jill McCluskey, Tongzhe Li, and Zarrina Juraqulova after the May graduation ceremony.

SES Graduates: December 2014, May 2015, and August 2015

DOCTORAL GRADUATES

- Umesh Bastola**, *Essays on International Agricultural Development*; advisor: Thomas Marsh
- Wen Chen**, *Corporate Decision Making and Information*; advisor: Robert Rosenman
- Pavan Dhanireddy**, *Essays on Trade, Immigration and Microfinance*; advisor: Andrew Cassey
- Bing Han**, *Essays on Product Quality and Sequential Auctions*; advisor: Hayley Chouinard
- Zarrina Juraqulova**, *Essays on Academic Labor Market and Family Planning*; advisor: Jill McCluskey
- Dinkar Kuchibhotl**, *Essays on Health Economics, August 2015*; advisor: Robert Rosenman
- Tongzhe Li**, *Experimental Economics and Sustainable Energy*; advisor: Jill McCluskey
- Georgina Mitchell**, *Economics of Education: Analyzing Policies that Affect Success*; advisor: Jill McCluskey
- Pratikshya Sapkota Bastola**, *Essays on Development and Environmental Economics of Nepal*; advisor: Jill McCluskey
- Xichao Wang**, *Essays on International Trade and Development Economics Growth*; advisor: Philip Wandschneider
- Sansi Yang**, *Dynamics in U.S. Agriculture under Climate change, Production Uncertainty and Endogenous Growth*; advisor: Richard Shumway

MASTER OF SCIENCE GRADUATES

- Francis Gyasi Addai**; advisor: Jill McCluskey
- Ballav Aryal**; advisor: Vicki McCracken
- Di Wu**; advisor: Doug Young
- Haseeb Ahmed**; advisor: Phil Wandschneider
- Boris Houenou**; advisor: Doug Young

Alumni News



Honored Alumni and Friends Award: Milton Steinmueller

Milton Steinmueller was born in Vancouver in 1924. He grew up on a second-generation dairy farm about 10 miles northeast of Vancouver. He worked in the Vancouver and Portland shipyards as a crane operator during World War II. He married in 1945 and enrolled in the local community college before transferring to Washington State College as a junior in 1947. He graduated in 1949 and then completed a master of science degree in agricultural economics in 1953. In 1958, he earned a doctoral degree from Michigan State University (MSU). He worked for the USDA and then joined the faculty at MSU in the Department of Resource Development in 1960 where he taught courses and conducted research on resource policy and conservation for the next 30 years. This was an exciting time for those interested in natural resources and environmental economics, and enrollment in one of his courses swelled from 11 to 190. In 1977, he was selected as one of ten MSU Distinguished Faculty. In 2000, he and his wife (who passed away in 2002 after 57 years of

marriage) returned to Vancouver. His son is a professor of economics at the University of Sussex and his daughter teaches at Clark College in Vancouver. Milton is among the most loyal of Cougs and has been a consistent supporter of the School of Economic Sciences. We recognize and celebrate Milton's many contributions to the School of Economic Sciences.

SES Friends Development Committee

The SES Friends Development Committee supports the programs of the School of Economic Sciences by leading fund-raising efforts for privately-donated endowments and development funds. The goal for this year is to raise \$125,000 for the SES Excellence Fund and for scholarships and fellowships. Last year, the committee raised \$83,000 for these purposes, received \$43,000 in pledges for scholarships and fellowships, and invited contributions to create the following:

NEW CURRENT USE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Dorothy and Ken Casavant Undergraduate Scholarship
- Qinghua Liu Undergraduate Scholarship
- Amy and Tosmai Puenpatom Undergraduate Scholarship
- SES Class of '07-'09 Graduate Fellowship

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Agricultural Economics

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Congressional Budget Office, '14
B.S. Economic Sciences

Mark Brandon, Banner Bank,
'76 B.S. Agricultural Economics

Nick Campos, Viking Freight
Group, '03 B.S. Management

Hayley Hohman, WSU
Undergraduate, '16 (expected)
B.S. Economic Sciences

Paula Khosla, Khosla Trading,
'00 Ph.D. Agricultural Economics

Monte H. Marti, Snohomish
Conservation District, '80 B.S.,
'82 M.A. Agricultural Economics

Michael McCullough,
California Polytechnic State
University, '08 Ph.D. Economics

Toby Paterson, Washington
State Research and Forecasting,
'04 M.A. Agricultural Economics

Thomas Roney, Thomas Roney
LLC, '80 B.A. Economics

Rebekah R. Shrader,
California State University,
Stanislaus, '14 Ph.D. Economics

Kyle Strachila, WSU
Undergraduate, '17 (expected)
B.S. Economic Sciences

**Pitchayaporn (Peach)
Tantihkarnchana**, WSU Ph.D.
Student, '16 (expected) Ph.D.
Economics

Robert D. Thayer, '76 M.A.
Agricultural Economics

Cory Walters, University of
Nebraska, '04 M.A. AgEcon, '08
Ph.D. Economics

Jadrian Wooten, Pennsylvania
State University, '14 Ph.D.
Economics

How can you most help the
School of Economic Sciences
through your gift?

The SES Friends Development Committee has set scholarships
and fellowships as its highest fundraising priority.

Why? Tuition now costs \$11,996 and total student costs
approach \$23,000 per academic year.



2015-16 SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Anastasia Allen, Syed Badruddoza, Pratikshya Sapkota Bastola, Umesh Bastola, Erika Briscoe, Marisa Cargin, Morgan Conklin, Abigail Dovre, Kristin Droogh, Diedrich Dylan, Logan Eres, Stephanie George, Kara Grant, Devin Gray, Jenica Hagler, Tanner Heslop, Zed Higgs, Hayley Hohman, Nick Hosler, Sean Hulbert, Don Hume, Emily Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Julian Khalifa, Tyler Laferriere, Hyunjin Lim, Max Mielke, Megan Miller, Madison Moore, Maria Navarro, David Sansung Park, Darlington Sabasi, Riley Seegar, Tristan Skolrud, Jordan Sperl, Kyle Strachila, Karson Taylor, Ricky Hieu Thai, Jayson Tillman, Wylie Thulen, Preston Van Winkle, Robert Warren, Dustin White

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CREATE YOUR OWN SCHOLARSHIP—IT'S EASY!

- Pledge at least \$5,000 over five years—we invite all alumni and friends for whom this is feasible and consistent with gifting priorities to establish a scholarship.
 - o Name it and designate it for undergraduate students or graduate students.
 - o Come meet your scholarship recipient at the Alumni/Friends Banquet each year (typically Homecoming Weekend)
- Contributions made by December 31 are awarded to an excellent student the next year.

OR CONTRIBUTE TO:

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CONTINUING A HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

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The following listing of annual gifts includes contributions for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. If we missed your donation, please accept our apologies and let us know of our oversight.

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