



# SASES *Newsletter*



STUDENTS OF AGRONOMY, SOILS, &  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

## Message from the President

Hello all,

On behalf of the 2005-06 National SASES Officer team I would like to say that we are excited about our responsibilities and look forward to meeting members from across this nation. We as a team are located mostly in the central states stretching from Texas to Nebraska including Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado, but we are ready to travel. We are planning to attend the Northern Regional Meeting on the campus of the University of Minnesota, March 24-26, so hopefully we can meet up with you there and if we miss you there I am sure there will be a couple of us at the Southern Regional, April 7-9, hosted by Virginia Tech. I look forward to meeting you this spring and again next fall at our National Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. We have already been planning and organizing the events and hope each of you will take some time, November 11-13, to travel to Indianapolis to partake in a fun and educational conference packed with contests, tours, and numerous other activities. Mark your calendars because we are excited to see you there.

Until next time,

Jake Michal  
National SASES President

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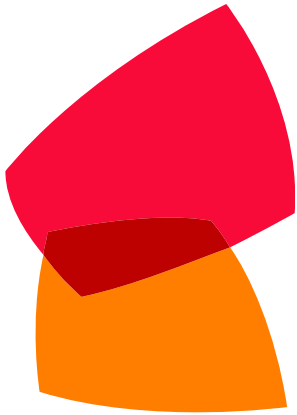
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## Get Your Club Featured!

Get your club featured in the next newsletter! Simply e-mail Natalie Sukup at [emerald8631@hotmail.com](mailto:emerald8631@hotmail.com) by April 10<sup>th</sup> and she will include your club news, fundraisers, or upcoming events in the April issue of the SASES Newsletter. This is an excellent way to promote your club and is great help for fundraisers!





# Get to Know You're 2006 SASES Officers

*I am a strong believer in luck and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.*  
~Benjamin Franklin

During the Salt Lake City annual meetings, the 2006 National SASES officers were elected. They are currently busy planning and coordinating the SASES program for the Indianapolis convention in November. The officers and national advisor conduct their business through teleconferences and will meet as well at the Northern regional meeting in Minnesota.

**President Jake Michal** is a junior at Colorado State University with a double major in Soil and Crop Science and Agricultural Business. Jake's responsibilities as President include presiding at the Indianapolis annual meeting and overseeing the duties of the student officers. Jake has held many leadership positions including serving as the Colorado FFA President in the 2002-2003 school year.  
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**Vice President Shane Melcher** is a senior at Texas A&M University and has served as the 2004 SASES Quiz Bowl Chair and 2005 Student Activities Chair. Shane's responsibilities are to oversee 12 student committee chairs that work with contests and annual

meeting program activities, and serves as program chair in Indianapolis. Shane is also helping plan the 2006 Texas Chapter of the ASA meeting in College Station.  
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**Corresponding Secretary Natalie Sukup** is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with a major in Landscape Design Horticulture. Natalie will be responsible for creating four SASES Newsletters during 2006 and working with headquarters office to help communicate SASES activities. Natalie is very active in Agronomy, Horticulture, and Rodeo Clubs, and also had the honor of receiving her American FFA Degree this year.  
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**Treasurer Billie McKean** is junior at Oklahoma State University with a major in Plant and Soil Science with an emphasis in Agronomy. Billie's responsibilities include keeping and accurate record of SASES finances and helping plan the budget for the Indianapolis meetings. He a member of the OSU Agronomy Club and has served as treasurer for the last two years.  
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## 2005-2006 SASES OFFICER TEAM



Pictured from left to right:

Shane Melcher

Natalie Sukup

Jake Michal

Cammie Feldt

Billie McKean

teleconference meetings and the national convention, and will obtain an accurate listing of convention delegates in Indianapolis. She is the Treasurer for the Wheat State Agronomy Club and is involved with fund raising activities such as football parking and Fundraising Chair for Alpha Zeta. She also work in the Agronomy Teaching office as a student assistant.  
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# 2006 Faculty & Committee Chairs

## 2006 Faculty Chairs

### National Student Faculty Advisor

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## 2006 Committee Chairs

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*To acquire knowledge, one  
must study; but to acquire  
wisdom, one must observe.  
~Marilyn Vos Savant*



# 2005 SAS-ASA Award Winners

## Student Speech Contest

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dustin Johnson	Purdue Univ.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Sexton	Kansas State Univ.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Bowman	Univ. of Illinois
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jenna Maubach	Iowa State Univ.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Behrens	Univ. of Florida
6 <sup>th</sup>	Travis Janak	Texas A&M Univ.

## Student Manuscript Contest

1 <sup>st</sup>	Amy Troy	Univ. of Illinois
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daina Kilmanis	Univ. of Maryland.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Julie Hill	Univ. of Maryland
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Wilkinson	Texas A&M Univ.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Schnettgoecke	Univ. of Illinois

**National Soils Judging Contest** - hosted by the Auburn Univ.,  
April 2005. 22 Universities competed at the 45th national contest

### Top three schools

1 <sup>st</sup>	Virginia Tech
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Univ. of Arizona
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Univ. of Rhode Island

### Top individual winner

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Frisco, Virginia Tech.
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## National Collegiate Crops Judging Contest, Nov. 2004

Kansas City Contest - 1<sup>st</sup> Place School - Kansas State Univ.  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place School - Univ. of Wisconsin, Platteville  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place School - University of Minnesota, Crookston

Chicago Contest - 1<sup>st</sup> Place School - Kansas State Univ.  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place School - Univ. of Wisconsin, Platteville  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place School - Univ. of Minnesota, Crookston

### Top individuals

At the Kansas City Contest - 1<sup>st</sup> place individual, Michael Lanter, Kansas State Univ.  
At the Chicago Contest - 1<sup>st</sup> place individual, Michael Lanter, Kansas State Univ.

## Visual Presentation Contest

1 <sup>st</sup>	Leah Vieselmann	Univ. of Wisconsin, River Falls
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brianne Schobert	Univ. of Florida
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Courtney Thomas	Colorado State Univ.

## Student Research Symposium Contest

### Oral Papers (session 1)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rebecca Corn	Kansas State Univ.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lindsey Copenhauer	Univ. of Arkansas
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Yarber	Virginia Techy

### Oral Papers (session 2)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Leah Viesselman	Univ. of Wisconsin, River Falls
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kate Norvell	Colorado State Univ.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Krohn	Univ. of Nebraska

### Poster Papers

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Wilkinson	Texas A&M Univ.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicholas Baldwin	Oklahoma State Univ.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah Hash	Virginia Tech

## Club Poster Presentation Contest

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Univ. of Arkansas
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kansas State Univ.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Univ. of Florida



**congratulations**  
**to all the**  
**Winners!!**



# 2005 National Collegiate Crops Contests

Schools participating in the 2005 National Collegiate crops contest included: university of Wisconsin-Platteville, Kansas State University, Virginia Tech University, the University of Minnesota-Crookston, Murray State University, Oklahoma State University, Purdue University, South Dakota State University, University of Tennessee-Martin, and Southeast Community College (NE). The Collegiate Crops contests consist of three parts, plant and seed identification, grain grading, and seed analysis. Results from the two contests produced some very impressive scores. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville won the Chicago Collegiate Crops Contest and placed second in Kansas City. Kansas State University won the Kansas City Board of Trade Collegiate Crops Contest in Kansas City and placed second at Chicago. Virginia Tech University placed third in both contests. Joe Osenga (University of Wisconsin-Platteville) ranked high individually at both Kansas City and Chicago and his score of 1779/1800 at Chicago was the highest achieved since 1980. Rob Proulx (University of Minnesota-Crookston) placed second at both Kansas City and Chicago. Shawn Peterson (Kansas State University) placed third at Kansas City. Steven Kuhlmann (Kansas State University) placed third at Chicago and fourth at Kansas City. Andrew Mitchell (Kansas State University) placed fourth at Chicago. Steve Wilkens (University of Wisconsin-Platteville) placed fifth at Chicago and Rawly Kaufman (Kansas State University) placed fifth in Kansas City. In the team competition at Kansas City, the University of Wisconsin –Platteville placed first in identification and seed analysis and second in grain grading and Kansas State University placed first in grain grading and second in the other two phases. At Chicago, UW-P placed first in seed analysis and grain grading and second in identification. KSU placed first in identification and second in the other two phases. Purdue University placed third in grain grading at Chicago. Virginia

Tech University placed third in identification and seed analysis at Chicago and third in all three phases in Kansas City. At Chicago, Joe Osenga (University of Wisconsin-Platteville) placed first in all three phases of the contest. Individual first place winners at Kansas City were Joe Osenga (University of Wisconsin-Platteville) in identification and seed analysis and Shawn Peterson (Kansas State University) in grain grading. The Kansas City Board of Trade was the primary sponsor of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Kansas City Collegiate Crops Contest. ASA, CSSA, and the American Royal also provided significant financial support. Scholarship donations were provided by ADM Grain and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Vernon Shaffer of Kansas State University served as contest superintendent and Mel Theno was assistant superintendent. At Chicago, the Chicago Board of Trade was the primary sponsor of the 77<sup>th</sup> Chicago Collegiate Crops Contest, along with ASA, CSSA, the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists, and GROWMARK. Scholarships to the top three individuals, Joe Osenga (UW-P), Rob Proulx (Univ of MN-Crookston), and Steven Kuhlmann (KSU) were provided by the CBOT. DaNell Jamison served as contest superintendent and Judy Sunvold served as assistant superintendent. The grain grading and seed analysis samples for the two contests were prepared by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Technical Service Division in Kansas City, the FGIS Field Office in Kansas City, and the South Dakota State Seed Laboratory.



# MARK *You're Calendar!*



## ***IMPORTANT DATES:***

- **March 19-24**, National Collegiate Soil Judging Contest, California Polytechnic State University; [lmody@calpoly.edu](mailto:lmody@calpoly.edu)
- **March 24-26**, SASES Northern Regional Meeting, University of Minnesota; [cardw001@tc.umn.edu](mailto:cardw001@tc.umn.edu)
- **April 7-9**, SASES Southern Regional Meeting, Virginia Tech; [jamckenn@vt.edu](mailto:jamckenn@vt.edu)
- **April 10**, Article deadline for SASES Newsletter; [emerald8631@hotmail.com](mailto:emerald8631@hotmail.com)
- **May 1**, Deadline to submit entries for Club Poster Presentation Contest
- **May 9**, Deadline to submit abstracts and certification sheets for Student Research Symposium Contest
- **June 15**, Deadline to submit entries for the Student Manuscript Contest

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