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HUMBOLDT STATE FORESTRY ALUMNI



Successful Scholarship Drive

The Forestry Alumni Association was one of only two alumni chapters on campus to be awarded the maximum matching scholarship contribution of \$1,000 from the HSU Alumni Association for both 2009 and 2010. We did this with a campaign by our steering committee which raised, excluding the matching funds, about \$1,500 each year towards the “Forestry Alumni Scholarship Fund”. Jim Brown, who presented the 2009 award, said “It is very rewarding to attend the annual scholarship banquet sponsored by the Department and meet the students who have earned these awards. Given the budget restrictions and rising tuition costs, it is truly a time of need for these deserving forestry students.” Past scholarship winners: Carrie Capra ‘08-’09, Casara Adkins ‘09-’10, Whitney Simke ‘10-’11. The matching funds from the Alumni Association are available each year we raise a minimum of \$1000 by June 1st for this scholarship fund. If you would like to contribute, send a check payable to the HSU Alumni Association with “Forestry Alumni Scholarship Fund” on the memo line to:

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Please let Ken Fulgham, Chair, Forestry & Wildland Resources Department, know of your contribution at (707) 826-4127 or fulghamk@humboldt.edu

Thank You Letter From the 2009 HSUFEEA Scholarship Recipient

Thank you so much for choosing me as a scholarship recipient on behalf of the HSU Forestry Alumni Association. I appreciate your professional consideration and I am very grateful for such a generous gift. Rest assured that you made the right decision and that your donation will be used efficiently and respectfully. Once again, thank you for the scholarship. It is deeply needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,
Casara Adkins

Letter from the Secretary,

It’s been a hard couple of years for everyone including the Forestry Alumni officers and Steering Committee members. Most of us are working harder to make up for the economic downturn and as a result have less time to invest in alumni activities. That is why this issue of the Alumni Newsletter is a recap of the last two years events. I hope that getting this newsletter out after a year and a half delay is a sign that things are turning around. I also hope that this year all of the alumni will show their support in any way they can, whether it be talking with your local high school students about Humboldt State as a fantastic educational choice, donating to the scholarship fund, or just attending the alumni banquet this April. Everything we do to promote Humboldt State University, and our chosen field of Forestry is worth the effort!

Megan Parker
HSU Alumni Association, Forestry Chapter
Secretary

Included below is a letter from one of the Departments 1st graduates, Dave Flohr. Dave and some of his fellow classmates were honored at the 2009 Spring Banquet. Below, Dave provides his reflections of the event.

First Golden Grads Gather

The Forestry Class of 1959 was a unique group. I started at Humboldt State in the fall of 1954 in the Forestry Lumbering Program. That program was quite condensed and gave us most of our needs to become a Forester in those days. When the four year program was in sight Ed Pierson said I should stay on, finish up my undergraduate needs and then complete the four year program. The problem was Ed and Jerry Partain had not worked up the class schedules for the upper class four year program. He had four students who had completed some of the subjects already, such as Forest Engineering, so we ended up taking the first and second semester classes all in the same semester. We had a good time and were able to finish by January 1959. The rest finished in June 1959.

We were fortunate to have several of the Korean War Vets attending which gave the students a little more mature look. In fact some were close to the ages of the professors. We were able to start several programs such as Christmas Tree Sales, Tree Planting, the Annual Ring and the Humboldt Hot Shots because of the experienced students. We were able to quickly give Conservation Unlimited a run for their money on campus.

I want to thank the Alumni Association for the dinner and presentation given to us on April 18, 2009 in Arcata. The Award was spectacular and the statement from the Arcata City Council was above and beyond. Seeing

most of my old graduates friends (Bob Archibald, Ray Flynn, Walt Saunders) and Jerry Partain again was great. He joined in with old tales, just like always. I have to thank Jerry again for his book which captured our class quite well. He took good notes while we were in school. Those little details had to be saved. I had to tell a story about the evening we walked into Hut 5 for our Forestry Club meeting and there was a fire burning in the rear wall. We all took our hard hats, formed a water brigade and put out the fire before it got involved. This effort saved our classroom.

It was nice to renew old friendships.

Thank you all,

Dave Flohr
Forestry Club President 1957



Golden Grads, pictured from left to right: Bob Archibald, Dave Flohr, Walt Saunders and Ray Flynn.

In addition to Christmas Tree sales and the Annual Ring, another important tradition was started by this first graduating class: The HSU Forestry logo with the large H, redwood tree and cross-cut saw was created by Bob Archibald and is still in use today.

Points of Interest in 2009 and 2010

2009 HSU Quiz Bowl Team Makes Final Four

Humboldt sent a team of five students to Orlando to compete in the 2009 Quiz Bowl. The team included Casara Adkins, Erin Banwell, Mark Isaak, Mike Scott, and Alex Stone. Humboldt did well, making it to the final four before losing in the semifinals to Paul Smith's College.

Humboldt State University Lumberjacks on National TV-

The 2009 Association of Western Forestry Clubs (AWFC) Conclave was hosted by the Humboldt State Logging Sports team March 16-20th, in conjunction with the Redwood Region Logging Conference. ESPN was on hand to tape the Stihl Timbersports Challenge™. This was then televised on July 10, 2009 along with a promotional piece on HSU. Approximately 20 alumni, professors, and friends gathered at HumBrews in Arcata to cheer on HSU. Unfortunately, even on the instant replay Alex Stone, the HSU competitor, came up short. We were proud of the great effort of all the HSU competitors. Great job Lumberjacks! To see photos of the 2009 Stihl Challenge go to: <http://sports.espn.go.com/outdoors/timbersports/photogallery?id=4002371>

Alumni Honored at the 2010 SAF Convention

At the 2010 SAF National Convention, HSU Forestry Alumni John Heissenbittel was honored with the prestigious Sir William Schlich Medal in recognition of his leadership in establishing the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, as well as a career filled with noteworthy accomplishments. Heissenbittel stays involved with the Forestry Alumni by serving on the steering committee. On behalf of the Forestry Alumni I would like to say congratulations John on your award, and thank you for your continued dedication to Forestry.

2010 Quiz bowl results-

Whitney Butler, Whitney Schimke, Alexander Taylor, Ryan Camera, and Tyler Hullquist made up the 2010 HSU Quiz Bowl Team at the SAF Convention last year in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There were a total of 32 teams competing with five schools from California. Humboldt's team moved on to the second round where they were eliminated by State University New York (SUNY). The winning team this year was Green River Community College of Auburn, WA who beat out Penn State University in the final round. The 2011 SAF Quiz Bowl will be held in Honolulu, HI and fundraising is currently underway for this year's quiz bowl team. You can support the team by attending the Alumni Golf Tournament at Beau Pre Golf Course in McKinleyville, CA on March 9th at 7:00am. See www.humboldt.edu/fwr/alumni.html for more information on the golf tournament and other 2011 Alumni Weekend events.

A few words from the Recruiter...

The response from teachers from our recruiting efforts has been phenomenal. The requests for classroom presentations, college fairs and career events continue to increase. I will be making a sustained effort to revive the alumni presentation program that was established prior to my arrival. I know several of you have noted that you would be willing to help out and I've been negligent in following up...expect to hear from me.

Recruiting is a very collaborative process. Besides the direct presentations noted above, the HSU Admissions team has really embraced this position and done excellent work in helping me promote the Natural Resource programs. For those of you that haven't heard, Dr. Susan Ediger Marshall was also successful in being awarded a \$145,000 USDA Multicultural Scholars grant, which provided \$4500 in scholarships a year to incoming Forestry and Range students starting in 2009. The Forestry alumni's work with the administration, in getting the word out about our programs and expanding scholarship opportunities for existing students is incredibly important also. Let's keep it rolling!

Lisa Perry

Forestry Alumni Inducted into the HSU Athletics Hall of Fame

In 1999, Kameron Crocker became a dominating force on the Jacks' front line. He was twice a unanimous all-GNAC first team selection and totaled 127 tackles and 16 quarterback sacks in 1999 and 2000. On October 15th, 2010 Kameron was inducted into the Humboldt State Athletics' Hall of Fame along with men's basketball head coach Tom Woods, who retired in 2009 following 29 years of coaching, track and field runner Jim Olson, women's softball player April Tursky Steele, the 1995 women's track and field team, and women's track and field athlete Barbara Weaver Wade. A banquet was held and the inductees were also honored at halftime of HSU's 2010 homecoming game against Dixie State. When asked about the induction Crocker said, "It is such an honor to be included with these great athletes." Crocker's parents, his wife Allison, and 2 ½ year old son Bear were there to cheer him on. The Forestry Alumni and many of his co-workers also put together a pre-game tailgate prior to the homecoming game to celebrate their colleague and raise a cold one to his honor. Crocker is a Registered Professional Forester and works for Green Diamond Resource Company in Korbel, CA. Besides using his athletic abilities to keep up with his son, and occasionally revealing a lovely signing voice, Crocker spends his time roaming the redwoods and tackling Timber Harvest Plans.



Kameron Crocker, Defensive Linebacker, HSU Football 1997-2000

Congratulations Kameron!

One Alumni Replaces Another as the CAL FIRE Director



CAL FIRE Acting Director Ken Pimlott

Ken Pimlott, California's State Forester, was appointed as the Acting Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection on November 2, 2010. Chief Pimlott has over 26 years of fire service experience. Pimlott was responsible for CAL FIRE's statewide fire protection programs, including Command and Control Operations, Conservation Camps, Fleet and Aviation Management, Training and Safety prior to being appointed Acting Director. Chief Pimlott is also a Registered Professional Forester and holds a Bachelor's In Forest Resource Management from Humboldt State University.

Pimlott replaces past Director Del Walters, another HSU Forestry Alumnus, who announced in October that he would retire at the end of 2010, stating that the care of his ailing wife took priority over his continued service. Del was the keynote speaker at the 2010 HSU Forestry Alumni Spring Banquet. Please join the Forestry Alumni in thanking Del for his many years of dedicated service, and wishing Ken the best of luck as he assumes his new role at CAL FIRE.

Upcoming Alumni Events

March 17-19, 2011: Redwood Region Logging Conference.

More information on the RRLC visit <http://www.rrlc.net>

April 8-10, 2011: HSU Forestry Alumni Weekend and Golf Tournament.

Check the website, www.humboldt.edu/fwr/alumni in March for registration forms and a calendar of events.

2010 Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Robert Powers, HSU Forestry Class of 1966, was recently honored as a 2010 HSU Distinguished Alumni. This award is given annually by the University to recognize alumni that have made significant accomplishments in business or professional life, or for distinguished human service to their community, state, or nation; and/or for specific and meritorious service to the University, and/or the Alumni Association.

Dr. Powers graduated HSU in 1966 with a B.S. in Forest Management and then went on to obtain his Ph.D. in Physical Forest Ecology from UC Berkeley in 1981. He spent his career working as a Research Scientist at the Pacific Southwest Research Station (USFS) in Redding, CA, eventually being recognized with the title of “Senior Scientist,” the highest level of research independence afforded in the federal research system. He “retired” in January, 2008, which is not to say he has finished working as he still remains active as an Emeritus Scientist, only that he now takes a little more time off for trout fishing.

Dr. Powers devoted his career to understand how the fundamental factors of soil and site, particularly nutrient availability, influence forest growth. Any search of the scientific literature on this subject is sure to yield dozens of articles authored, co-authored, or reviewed by Dr. Powers. A lasting legacy of Dr. Powers’ research is the Long Term Soil Productivity (LTSP) Experiment which has grown to the world’s largest network of studies aimed at understanding how forest management impacts a site’s capacity to acquire carbon and sustain productivity.

Dr. Powers credits Harry V. Wiant, Jr., a Silvics and Silviculture professor at HSU at the time, as being instrumental in launching his career as a research scientist. Harry even recommended Dr. Powers for a summer job with the research arm of the US Forest Service, where he ultimately spent his very long, productive and successful career.

A few other awards and recognition that Dr. Powers has received are: Erskine Fellowship, Dept. Mathematics and Statistics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2001; Extra Effort Award, PSW Res. Sta., 2001, for exemplary national and international leadership in research; National Silvicultural Award, USDA Forest Service, 1997, for outstanding national research in silviculture; Fellow, Soil Science Society of America, 1994, the first USFS employee to achieve this honor; National Land Stewardship Award, USDA Forest Service, 1990, for outstanding achievement in initiating a national cooperative research program, the LTSP Experiment.

When not working on his research or presenting his work at professional conferences, Dr. Powers can be found pursuing his other life-long passion of “teasing trout on a barbless fly.”

Please join the Forestry Alumni officers and Steering Committee members in congratulating Dr. Powers on his long, distinguished career, and thanking him for his substantial contributions to the field of forestry. You can link to Dr. Powers’ acceptance speech and find out more about this prestigious award from the HSU Alumni website, <http://alumni.humboldt.edu>.

If you know of a deserving HSU Forestry grad that you would like to have the HSU Forestry Alumni nominate for this award, please send a brief biography as well as contact information to us. Our contact information is located on the back of this newsletter.



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Did you know the Alumni had a group on Facebook? We do, see what our members have been saying, and add to the Discussion Topic “Where Life Has Taken Us...”



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The Humboldt State University Forestry Alumni Chapter was established to support the Department of Forestry and Watershed Management. The Chapter aims to provide a source of expertise to the students and faculty, and to provide for the fellowship of the alumni, students and faculty of the department.

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