

THE ACHIEVER

Greetings from the National President,

It's your National President again. Please don't forget National Dues are due this month to Dr. Baier at Tennessee Tech University. Dues paid late will result in a small fine added to your chapters dues. The *Active Chapter Membership Application* can be found on the NACTA website. Once on the NACTA website homepage, select "DTA" from the main menu, scroll down so you can see the menu box, located on the left of your screen, and select the "Active Chapter/Current Members" link; the application is on this page. Login is required to complete the application process, so if you do not already have an account, just create one using the link provided in the login menu located on the top left side of the page. You will then be able to submit the application electronically. *All other documents* still need to be submitted by email until further notice and can be found by selecting "Forms" from the menu box. If you have difficulties finding what you need, you might check <http://nationaldta.weebly.com> for that website still has the correct documents and information. Also, please send in your Form 40's to danielle131@live.missouristate.edu.

Thank you to those who have sent in Form 40's for it is greatly appreciated. Do not forget, let us know if your advisor for your chapter has changed or is subject to change. We would appreciate a current email address, so we can provide you with updated information. We would also appreciate your chapter president's email as well. It is important that I stay in contact with them and send them updated information too. Details about the 2019 National Convention have been updated and can be found on page 5. As a small update from what the National Council is up to, Randa Morris, the National Secretary, has been emailing schools who qualify for DTA chapter membership across the states. She has been contacted by several schools with interest in membership for our wonderful organization. Good job, Randa! Also, good job to our active chapters for all the work they are doing! Hope the school year is treating you well.

Sincerely,

Dani Plank
National DTA President

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Eastern Regional Vice President, Rachel Ledbetter



Rachel Ledbetter, our Eastern Regional Vice President, is a senior at Tennessee Technological University majoring Animal Science with a minor in Biology.

A Little About Rachel

Achievements

National DTA Eastern Vice President

Interests and Activities

She enjoys horseback riding, kayaking, hiking, and basically anything outdoors.

3 Words Used to Describe Her

Positive, Attentive, Up-beat

Future Career Goals

Rachel plans to pursue a master's in animal breeding and genetics.

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. ‘til your good is better, and your better is best.”

NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 2018

The 59th National Convention was held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky on April 5th through 7th, 2018. The convention started with the first and second general sessions on Thursday in the ECU Center for the Arts, Black Box Theater. At the sessions delegates were charged and assigned to committees, committee reports were given, and nominations for National Council were opened and candidates were slated. After the sessions the Ag Quiz Bowl took place. Following the Ag Quiz Bowl, we all left and headed for the ECU Ropes Course. Later that evening, a social dinner was hosted by the ECU Ag Department and the members participated in a BBQ style dinner along with a dance and music.

Friday the members went on several tours in the area including Alltech Distillery, Bluegrass Stockyards, and Kentucky Horse Park. The awards banquet was held in the evening at

the Keene Johnson Ballroom on campus with keynote speaker Warren Beeler, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy.

Saturday was the third and final general session. Bids for the 2018-2019 National Convention were taken, committee reports were read and accepted, nominations were opened for National Council and candidates were slated and voted on. The 2018-2019 National Council was slated and voted on as follows President- Dani Plank. Eastern VP-Rachel Ledbetter. Midwestern VP-Danni Hammontree. Southern Region VP- Kaitlyn Saucedo. Secretary- Randa Morris. Parliamentarian- Andrew Bell.

The 2018 National Convention will be held at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX. Dates of the 2019 convention can be found on page 5.

Meet the 2018-2019 National Council

President- Dani Plank, Missouri State University
Eastern Region Vice President- Rachel Ledbetter, Tennessee Tech University
Midwest Region Vice President-Danni Hammontree, Missouri State University
Southern Region Vice President- Kaitlyn Saucedo, Abilene Christian University
Secretary- Randa Morris, Eastern Kentucky University
Parliamentarian- Andrew Bell, Southeast Missouri State University

DTA ACROSS THE NATION:

Abilene Christian University

- Still in the process of planning National Convention
- Initiation

Missouri State University

- Painting pumpkins for non-profit charity
- Co-sponsoring CoAg Days Quiz Bowl
- Adopt a Street Clean Up

NC State University

- Initiated 27 new members
- Discussed national convention

Wilmington College

- Co-hosting a dinner with a speaker talking about changes in agriculture
- Talking to high schools about their agricultural programs

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

General Announcements

Check out the national website, <http://nactateachers.org>

Click on DTA at top right-hand corner

Checkout our Facebook Page: National Delta Tau Alpha Agriculture
Honor Society

Be sure to send your Form 40's, on the national website, to our president
Dani Plank, danielle131@live.missouristate.edu

National Convention

National Convention will be April 11th – 13th 2019 at Abilene Christian
University in Abilene, TX. More information to come.

No updates on Convention for the month of October.