

## Alumni News 'n Notes

### December 2012

This fall, **Floyd Doering 1948**, former FFA State Advisor and World War II veteran participated in a Never Forgotten Honor Flight to tour the national war monuments in Washington DC. A highlight was the hero's welcome he and the other veterans received when they arrived back at the airport in Wausau.

Danzinger Vineyards' Mississippi Mist won Best of Show, Best of Class and a Gold Medal at the Wisconsin State Fair Professional Wine Competition this year. In addition, their Midnight Voyage Fortified Dessert Wine won Best of Show, Dessert/Fortified Wine Class and a Double Gold Medal at the International Cold Climate Wine Competition in Minnesota. Danzinger Vineyards, Alma WI, is owned and operated by **Melvin** and **David Danzinger** both **1970** graduates.

**Jim Holte 1975** was elected president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Jim lives near Elk Mound and raises cash grain crops and has a feeder-to-finish operation for young stock. He credits the year-long Leadership Wisconsin program with providing him a broader world view and for his leadership training.

**Clara Hedrich 1976** was Wisconsin's third licensed female agriculture teacher, and she has now become the longest tenured one, having been in the classroom continuously for 37 years. She currently teaches at West DePere High School and serves as the FFA advisor. She and her husband and their five children operate Laclare Farm, a commercial goat dairy in Chilton.

**Carter Turner 1981** the Spring Valley/Elmwood, WI head wrestling coach was named Division 3 Coach of the Year for 2012 by the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association. He led the Redbird program to its first ever WIAA state tournament last year where they finished as runner-up to the state champion.

**Jim Hebbe 1983** and his wife Val received the Leopold Conservation Award from the Sand County Foundation and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. The Hebbe family, from Princeton, WI raise 1100 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa using no-till planting and have developed numerous conservation systems that complement each other leading to less erosion and more residue cover on the land. The award is presented annually in eight state to private landowners who voluntarily practice responsible land stewardship and management.

**Andrea Nthole 1986**, an outreach specialist with the Center for Dairy Farm Safety (CDFS) at UWRF received an OSHA grant through the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. This is the second award for the CDFS, and will be used to develop training materials for producers to use with their employees.

**Kevin Sloane 1986** is a regional corn and soybean product manager for Winfield Solutions. He is headquartered in Viroqua and covers the state of Wisconsin. Kevin spoke on seed supply issues at a session sponsored by Landmark Services Co-op in Poynette last week.

In November, **Mark Clarke 1990** was named the Executive Director for the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) in Dane County, WI. Mark was the general manager for the World Dairy Expo for the past five years and had extensive experience with the AEC grounds and facilities. He brought the event from the 47<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> largest trade show in North America.

**Mike Mulder 1998** of LG Seeds was one of several area producers and agriculture professionals that aided the Plymouth High School FFA chapter in conducting crop plot projects.

**Michele Curran 2003** has joined Midwestern BioAg as a customer service representative.

**Jake and Tolea (Kamm) Peissig** both **2003** graduates farm with his parents in Dorchester. They own the cows but lease the facilities and buy the feed from his parents. This past year they built a new freestall facility and installed robotic milkers. Tolea also works as a guidance counselor in Athens.

**Josh Jens 2004** has joined ABS Global, Inc. as a district sales manager for southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois and Iowa. He will be based out of his home in the Madison area.

**Jeff McNeely 2007** received the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Agriculturalist Achievement Award at their annual meeting earlier this month. Jeff farms in Green County with his father and brother, where his primary responsibility is the dairy herd.

**Lindsey Drought 2008** is an agronomist with Landmark Services Cooperative. With the focus on the drought this year, she used fluorescent paint to highlight the root system of the corn plant at their Answer Farm plots near Stoughton.

**Kyle Slick 2011** is the agriculture education teacher at Milwaukee Vincent High School in Milwaukee and is building the program from the ground up. After an absence of 30 years

Vincent reinstated an agriculture program, and is the only high school in Milwaukee with an agriculture program.

**Danielle Hammer 2012** is one of 15 members of the 2013 Farm Bureau Institute class, a year-long leadership training program to help develop effective county Farm Bureau leaders.