

# The Syllabus

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## Alumni establish scholarship

Kurt David and Steve Brody, MAB alumni, have made founding contributions to begin a new scholarship for students entering the MAB program. The "MAB Alumni Scholarship" will be awarded yearly to students in production agriculture with the first award slated for January 2003.

Their hope is to help those involved in production agriculture experience the benefits of the program, while also allowing other students the benefits of having producers in the classroom.

Alumni of the program will receive a letter from Kurt and Steve that will detail plans for the scholarship. For more information on contributing to the scholarship, please email [mab@agecon.ksu.edu](mailto:mab@agecon.ksu.edu), call us at 785.532.4495 or contact Kim Menard at the KSU Foundation. Kim's phone number is 785.532.7517, and her email is [KIMM@found.ksu.edu](mailto:KIMM@found.ksu.edu).

## Update on international alumni trip

Those of you interested in the alumni trip, still have time to register. The event is scheduled for February 21 through March 5, and includes travel to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. The trip includes visits to various farms and agribusinesses as well as tourist stops. For a detailed itinerary and price breakdown, see our web page, [www.mab.ksu.edu](http://www.mab.ksu.edu), and go to the Alumni page.

Those interested in the trip should register by December 15 by placing a \$500 deposit. *For more information, contact Meagan Cramer at [mrcramer@agecon.ksu.edu](mailto:mrcramer@agecon.ksu.edu) or 785-532-4495*

## Students complete thesis projects

*Congratulations to the following MAB students who have completed their thesis work for the program. The complete theses can be found in the "Theses" section on the MAB page.*

### **William Arce, class of 2002**

Who is More Likely to Receive Welfare Assistance: Iowa Natives, Newcomers, or Immigrants?

### **Doug Claussen, class of 2002**

Value Creation in Local Farm Supply and Grain Marketing Cooperatives

### **Max Irsik, class of 2002**

Estimating the Effects of Animal Health on the Performance of Feedlot Cattle

### **Mike Retallick, class of 2002**

The Determinants of Supervised Agricultural Experience Program Enrollment Trends in Iowa, 1991-2001

### **Brian Tison, class of 2001**

The Analysis Of Fund Position Data As A Tool In Commodity Price Prediction

# In the news

**Josh Wolters**, class of 2002, and his wife Lisa, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, on April 12. Kaitlyn has an older brother Ryan who is three.

**Michael Miller**, alumnus, and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son Benjamin Michael on Sept. 23. Benjamin weighed 6 lbs, 7 oz., and was 20 inches long. Ben has an older brother, Sam, who is two. Mike remains with Safeway Corporate Meat group, and has made a lateral position change to work with beef and pork markets.

**Travis Taylor**, class of 2002, and his wife Laura, announce the birth of their daughter, Claudia Grace, on Oct. 2. Claudia weighed 8 lbs, 7 oz. and was 21 inches long.

**John Larkin**, alumnus, and his wife, Denise, will be traveling to Colombia to adopt their first child in November.

**Leslie Olson**, class of 2004, has accepted a position with Common Wealth Credit Union Ltd. in Athabasca, Canada. Leslie will start her new position Dec. 2.

**Randy Dalinghaus**, class of 2003, was promoted to plant manager for Farmland Foods in Wichita.

**Ryan Reiff**, class of 2003, is a farm manager for Farmers National Company in Sedgwick, Kansas. Ryan will also marry Jennifer Engelland on Dec. 14 in Nickerson, Kansas.

**Laura Roessler**, class of 2003, has been promoted to Capital Markets Lending Officer for GreenStone Farm Credit in East Lansing, Michigan. She began her new duties Oct. 15.

**Allen Featherstone**, MAB Director, was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award by the American Agricultural Economics Assoc.

**Mike Boland**, MAB Professor, and **David Barton**, Agricultural Economics Professor, have been awarded an Extension Program Award by the Western Agricultural Economics Association. Boland and **Kevin Dhuyvetter**, Agricultural Economics Professors, were awarded a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Secretary's Award by the Hard White Wheat Commercialization Team. Mike Boland was also awarded a College of Agriculture Faculty of the Semester Award.

# Upcoming Events

## November 1

*Capper & Departmental Scholarship deadline*

## November 13

*Deadline to order cap and gown from K-State Student Union Bookstore*

## December 2

*Deadline to attend fall commencement - Approval to schedule final examination and diploma information forms due*

## December 13

*K-State Fall commencement*

## December 20

*Final copy of thesis due to grad school*

## January 5-10

*On-campus session*

## January 8-10

*Optional on-campus session for third year students*

## March 16-21

*On-campus session*

## New website up

The MAB's redesigned website was launched Oct. 7. The new site, [www.mab.ksu.edu](http://www.mab.ksu.edu), makes information easier to access, and gives a fresh new look to the program.

The class pages of the program will integrate the new theme once classes resume in January.



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