Student & Career Activities

Kansas State Captures First Place in National Crops Contests

Kansas State University took first place in both the 79th annual Kansas City and 84th annual Chicago Collegiate Crops Contests on 13 and 17 Nov. 2012, respectively. The University of Minnesota–Crookston placed second in both contests, and Oklahoma State University placed third. Fourth place went to the University of Wisconsin–Platteville and fifth to South Dakota State University in Kansas City while Purdue University was fourth and Wisconsin–Platteville fifth in Chicago. Other participating schools were Fort Hays State University and Cloud County Community College. An Australian National Team, sponsored by the Grain Growers of Australia, also competed for the second consecutive year.

The top individuals were Andrew Scherrer, Kansas State, for the Kansas City contest and Neal Kaiser, Kansas State, for the Chicago contest. Scherrer placed third in Chicago and Kaiser second in Kansas City. At Kansas City, Travis Lund, Minnesota–Crookston, was third; Missy Geiszler, also from Minnesota–Crookston, was fourth; and Michael Welch, Kansas State, was fifth. At Chicago, Travis Lund took second, Hannah Christen from Kansas State was fourth, and Missy Geiszler came in fifth. First-place individuals in the three contest phases were Neal Kaiser (Kansas State) in both contests in Commercial Grain Grading, Andrew Scherrer (Kansas State) in both contests in Plant and Seed Identification, and Travis Lund (Minnesota–Crookston) in Kansas City and Hannah Christen (Kansas State) in Seed Analysis.


2013 Undergrad Executives

Congratulations to the newly elected undergraduate executives for the Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES) for 2013.

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The 2013 SASES undergraduate executives include (from l to r) Tawney Bleak, Bailey Morrell, Elizabeth Newell, Mark Sullivan, and Brandon Gerrish.