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Greetings Alumni and Friends!

We trust this e-newsletter finds you enjoying all the wonderful things about summer. With field season in full swing, we're busy as ever around Hodson Hall, but we wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the exciting events we have coming up, as well as some recent accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students.

2015 Hodson Alumni Award Event



Thank you to all who were able to attend the Hodson Alumni Award event in May. It was great to have 1992 alumnus **Frank Shotkoski** back to receive the award. His seminar focused on the biotech industry and its global application in agriculture. Frank also enjoyed with alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students.

At this event, we also recognized our graduate students for their excellent work and numerous awards achieved during the past year. Also, the recipients of the 2015 departmental fellowships were recognized, including:

- Marion Brooks-Wallace Fellowship: **Anthony Auletta**
- Lugger Radcliffe Graduate Fellowship: **Anthony Hanson**
- Allan Peterson Fellowship: **Marissa Streifel**
- Morris & Elaine Soffer Rockstein Fellowship: **Theresa Cira**
- Summer Research Fellowships: **Petra Kranzfelder** and **Amy Morey**

Congratulations to all!

Kathy Tauer was kind enough to share some of the photos she took at the event. Take a look! ([click here to view](#))

Entomology Faculty Featured in CFANS Solutions Magazine

Bark Beetle research by **Brian Aukema**, with graduate student **Derek Rosenberger**, is featured in the summer issue of CFANS Solutions magazine.

George Heimpel's recent award as a Distinguished McKnight Professor, and **Rob Venette's** new position as director of the legislatively funded "Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center" are also highlighted in the magazine's print version.

Highlighted articles from this and previous Solutions magazine is available on the [CFANS website](#). Check it out for more information!



Frenatae Update



Frenatae is an organization of our wonderful graduate students, and they're always up to something new. Between classwork and research, they plan events, expand their professional and social networks, and facilitate outreach programs that offer entomological experiences to students of all ages. Needless to say, they keep themselves busy.

Recently, a class of young students sent some very artistic thank you notes to Frenatae, who had recently brought creepy crawlies to their classroom. Hopefully, a few future entomologists were in the audience, as real-life experiences are what brings many to study in this field. Keep on inspiring the next generation, Frenatae!

Officers for 2015-2016 are:

- President: Erica Nystrom
- Vice President: Anh Tran
- Secretary: Edwin Benkert
- Treasurer: Morgan Carr-Markell
- Web: Grace Sward
- Outreach: Anthony Auletta
- Faculty Rep: Tavvs Alves
- Honey Sale Reps: Katie Lee & Ian Lane

[Visit the Frenatae Website](#)

Departmental Appreciation Awards

Drs. John Luhman and Roger Blahnik were presented with departmental appreciation awards for the hundreds of hours of volunteer taxonomic work they contribute each month. Their work greatly adds to the productivity of our Insect Collection. We couldn't do it without them, and wanted them to know how much we value their time and talents.

Thank you again, John and Roger, for all of your hard work.

Contributions to the collection began in 1879 with specimens of insects and spiders from the North Shore of Lake Superior. During the last 135 years, the collection's holdings have grown from a regional collection of 3,000 specimens to a major national and international resource of more than 3.8 million specimens. For more information, please visit the [Insect Collection Website](#).



Bee & Pollinator Research Lab Groundbreaking



Mark your calendars for August 2nd and 3rd for some exciting events surrounding the new Bee and Pollinator Research Lab. These events are sure to bring in large crowds, and we hope to see you there.

Sunday, August 2nd - Fundraising Dinner and Live Auction at the Town and Country Club, 300 N. Mississippi River Blvd.

6:00pm - Reception
7:00pm - Dinner and Live Auction

Monday, August 3rd - Groundbreaking ceremony and celebration events on the St. Paul campus

3:00pm - Groundbreaking Ceremony (Intersection of Gortner and Folwell)

4:00pm - Food Truck Post-Ceremony Celebration (Intersection of Cleveland and Larpenteur)
6:00pm - Bee Edutainment and Silent Auction (St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave)

Further details for all events are outlined on the [event website](#).

Minnesota Mixer at ESA

ESA will be held in Minneapolis this year, with a President's theme "Synergy in Science: Partnering for Solutions." This represents a collaborative effort with the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America.

We're hoping for a great turnout at our ESA Alumni and Friends Mixer, which will be a fun social hour as well as a great networking opportunity.

Date: Monday, November 16
Time: 8:00pm
Location: TBD: Look for the program

Hope to see you there! All alumni and friends are more than welcome.



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Thank you for your continued interest in our department. Best wishes for a safe and productive conclusion to your summer!

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We love hearing from alumni and friends, so if you have any updates you'd like shared in a future e-news or our annual print newsletter, please e-mail entodept@umn.edu.

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