

# *The* **Bailey Dailey**

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**College is a journey  
Not a guided tour!**

## Bailey Graduate Heather VanDenBerg Speaks at CANR Commencement

Our esteemed congratulations go out to Heather VanDenBerg who spoke at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' commencement. Heather has been a great inspiration and leader within the Bailey community and will be greatly missed. So, as to honor her achievement, and for all who could not make it to commencement, her speech:

"Welcome administration, faculty, staff, family, and friends to the spring commencement services of Michigan State University. Most importantly I give huge welcome to the 2002 graduates of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I congratulate you all on a job well done.

There are many things that I could reminisce about our MSU experience. Of course we all remember our nationally recognized events like our men's basketball team winning the NCAA championship or welcoming President Bill Clinton to our university. Each of us has had our own unique experience here and since I can only speak for myself I'll share a little with you.

Like many of you, I experienced many of the same fears, frustrations, challenges, and dilemmas. I'm standing in front of all of you today, not because everything always came easy to me, but because of the many choices in life that I've made.

Incidentally, I came to MSU by default. Of course I grew up around MSU through the various 4-H events that I attended. It seemed only natural that I would go to university that I was introduced to at an early age, but my early experiences here wasn't the overwhelming force that attracted me here. And to this day, I'm not really sure what it was.

Once on campus for my freshman year, I moved into a dormitory complex that had more residents than my hometown. To put it mildly, I was terrified of what I had gotten myself into. Had I just stepped out onto a limb that was beginning to crack? I thought back to my high school guidance counselor who grimaced at my interest in studying natural resources management...he said he thought I had more potential than that. Before

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## Reaching & Teaching Others—We Have a Lot to Celebrate

By Diane Doberneck

Long ago...a group of scholars crafted a vision for a new kind of program. Something innovative, something "learning-full"...after many meetings of putting our heads together (sometimes knocking our heads into one another)...a vision emerged and the Bailey Scholars Program was born. Though the potential was great, no one was quite sure where it would go, or what would happen...but with such faith, hope, enthusiasm, and optimism something good was sure to come about.

Five years later, one of my personal dreams for Bailey has been realized. I hoped that Bailey would become a special place where we would all learn together. But more than that, I hoped that Bailey would become a place where we would share our learning with others, that we would find ways of inviting others to learn along with us. This semester has been like none other in Bailey's history--invitations to special learning events seemed to pop up every time I opened my email. Let me share some of this semester's highlights with you:

\* The Friday ANR 410, with Liz Conrad's leadership, organized and offered 3 evening workshops for CANR students. The "Post College Survival Skills" series brought in professionals from the real estate, human resources, investing fields to talk about negotiating key decisions graduating scholars will face in the near future.

\* Afternoon ANR 210, designed classroom sessions for Ms. Laura Stevens and Mrs. Castle's combined third and fourth grade classes at the Shaftsbury elementary school in April. The sessions focused on environmental sustainability & education and included dialogue about what the students already know about the environment, skits with the students starring as "energy heroes," imaginary public transportation, & outdoor activity about migrating birds and habitat destruction.

\* A team of Bailey Scholars--Carole Robinson, Marquita Chamblee, Brandon Lupp, Kelly Simmons, and Erin Clark--hosted a session at the American Association of Higher Education's annual meeting "Who Are Our Students? And, How Do They Learn?" in Chicago. Featuring a Bailey-style presentation, conference participants got a chance to experience small group conversations, active learning, and a role reversal that put them in the sleepy seats of being "lectured at." It was a great success.

\* ANR 310 invited the community to a diversity dinner, where each person prepared a special dish and explained the history behind it. Bringing the "through food" portion of the Declaration of Bailey to life, these scholars hosted an evening conversation about cultural differences and our diverse heritage in the Bailey common.

\* The morning ANR 210 class

organized and hosted an Earth Day Extravaganza on April 22nd in the Natural Resources Building. Student teams researched and prepared displays and materials about vermicomposting, green cleaning products, and family farms (to name a few). Local school students were invited to attend and to "celebrate the earth."

\* The Friday ANR 410 class presented their learning journeys before the community on the last Friday morning of the semester. These heartfelt reflections shed light on where people were when they joined Bailey and on how much they'd grown over the years. We had a chance to remember where we have come from, what was important, and what will always be cherished.

\* A team of Bailey Scholars--Geoff Habron, Carole Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Shawn Mullaly, and Rebecca Bernard--hosted a session at the 4th Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their sessions focused on "recapturing the wonder of natural resources" and featured dialogues about how & why participants became involved in natural resources fields.

\* The afternoon ANR 210 class hosted a tour of family farms this semester. The day-long tour (continued on page 4) included visits to the Ben Chaffin's cash crop farm in Ithaca, Jamie

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classes even started, I remember sitting in my dorm room with my roommate, of whom I had just met, crying my eyes out, uncertain of what this university experience had in store for me.

At the semester break, I remember talking with my Dad about possibly transferring to a community college near home while "I figured out what I wanted to do." All of these fears didn't come to a boil until right before my sophomore year was supposed to start. With classes starting on a Monday morning, it was Friday afternoon that I had my student withdrawal notification in the fax machine that was dialled to the Registrar's Office. And, for some reason, I just couldn't let it go through...I found myself ripping it out of the fax machine. It wasn't an academic advisor or a university administrator that convinced me to stay; it was my close friend and roommate that new I had the potential. She said I was defeating myself too early. She pulled me through...and that was just the beginning of what I would continue to experience. I moved back to East Lansing on Sunday, began classes on Monday, and decided I wasn't going to look back and teeter with the alternative. It wasn't fair to spend my entire undergraduate experience wondering if I really was doing the right thing.

And from that day, I haven't cross-checked any of my choices. I decided that I wanted to shape my life so that it reflected my values and ethos on life. I wasn't going to sit

on the middle of the fence looking at both sides to find where the grass is greener. It was then that I decided that only I could make the choices that would make my life worth living.

As I stand here today amongst everyone, I wonder where I would be if I had chosen different paths along the way. When I was young, I always loved the pick-a-path books because I could read both options and then decide which one I liked better. You see, that's what is unforgiving about life, you can't be all-knowing about every possible alternative and then chose the one that is most comfortable. Although I don't know what the exact alternative to my current path, I am certainly content with the path I chose.

I wasn't chosen to speak at graduation because of my inherent role in leadership, but rather because of the choices that I've made which reflect my intuition, my values, and my definition of life. I could speak today about all of the highlights of our years here, but I would be foolish not to recognise many of our uncertainties...some of which still exist today, even though we officially become college graduates.

It is all right to have those uncertainties though. If we always stayed confined to what was comfortable to us, then when would we learn? My guess is that many of you were also terrified at the

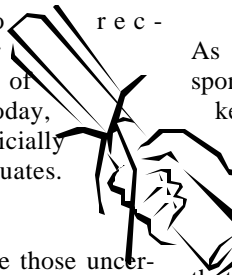
though of moving away from home, starting university, and of the expectations that people would now assume of us. We all learned from these past years—both academically and personally. We've continued to cultivate our values and uncover our passions.

I'm going to share a quote that I found influential to my life and I think that you too may find it captivating. In the book, *Whistle While You Work: Heeding Your Life's Calling*, I found this quote very captivating and I think you will too. "Think about light for a moment and how it is generated. Any time there is illumination, something somewhere—must burn. Whether it's sunlight, candlelight, even electric light, the source is the same: excited electrons, radiation, and heat. So, in order for any of us to generate our own light source, we too must burn—metaphorically that is. We must feel a passion for something burning within us. We create light in our own lives—light that illuminates the way for others—by feeding this passion so that it burn every more brightly."

As college graduates it is our responsibility to find that light and keep generating it. Most people head off to university with the

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intention of earning a degree that will place them in a higher income bracket so they can enjoy the finer things in life. However that's not always the case. Our responsibility is to live a life that's worth living.



## Reaching & Teaching Others—We Have a Lot to Celebrate

By Diane Doberneck

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Daniels' dairy farm in Sterling, and Jennifer Schmidt's cash crop farm in Standish. All members of the Bailey community were invited to go along on this exciting field trip.

\* The afternoon ANR 210 class hosted a PROJECT LEOPOLD workshop. Bailey scholars and others from the university attended this workshop and learned about one of the fathers of the conservation movement--Aldo Leopold, author of *A Sand County Almanac*. Workshop participants received certificates at the end of this environmental education workshop.

\* A Moving Experience, the morning ANR 210 class again challenged us to consider our space by collecting ideas about a new way to

re-arrange our room. Their enthusiasm for trying something new reminded us that every new cohort of Bailey scholars will (re)shape and change who we are as a community. As one person noted on the "white sheets" used to collect feedback "change is fun."

\* Early in the semester, new scholars, Erin Tripp and Michael Rodriguez, convened a reading circle around Derrick Jensen's *A Language Older Than Words* on Thursdays at the Union. The book challenges us to begin to change our way of living, on both personal and cultural levels. It promises that when we do, we will find a whole world of connection waiting for us. It is a world of joy and pain and love and sorrow, but most deeply of all, connection.

I'm positive that I've inadvertently left some important events off of this list. It is almost impossible to keep track of everything that is going on. And, that makes me proud. It makes me want to celebrate. We have found a way to create a connected learning environment, and then, we have taken our efforts one step further by inviting others to learn along with us in the Bailey-way. We are reaching and teaching others. We have a lot to celebrate this Spring.

## Experience TE 301 With Me

By Brad Lubbers (Agriscience)

As I entered my first class of TE 301 (TE 301 Learners and Learning in Context) I did not know what to expect. The room was full of familiar people and non-familiar people. The instructor was Randy Lloyd. He was a high school English teacher from Holt. The most valuable experience I had was the practical experience Mr. Lloyd shared with us concerning every topic that was discussed.

We were mesmerized by the interesting stories concerning his classes and rituals. He taught us a lot of

classroom management principles and techniques.

Mr. Lloyd taught me a lot of practical knowledge about being a teacher; such as, the importance of daily rituals in order to maintain discipline, rubrics and little tips to maintain discipline. The classroom management principles I learned in this class have given me some background to draw from while I am student teaching next fall. I always enjoyed attending this class even though it lasted three hours. Mr. Lloyd was always able to keep

us busy; henceforth the time flew by like the wind.

I am now attending TE 402. I have Mr. Lloyd to thank for preparing me well for this experience. As I learn more practical knowledge in TE 402, I am able to reflect upon what I have learned in TE 301. I am always amazed when I have the realization that I know something. I am privileged to have my TE 301 experience to fall back on.

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Sure modern societies require income generation, but that shouldn't be our sole motivation. Live your life in service and you will be far more fulfilled than any balance in your bank account..

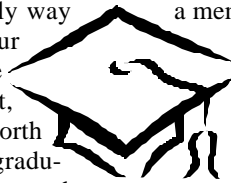
Living a life in service doesn't mean living a basic or simple life, it means giving back to others, enabling others to succeed in a way in which others have helped each of us succeed. Investing in people, because they have always been the commodities of the future. I have personally experienced the investment of others in me, and I know where it can take you, but I also know where my responsibility now lies.

And that's where my calling to speak at this service comes into play. It's all of our responsibilities to invest in others to enable them. No matter where we work, what the job, the role in the organisation... our role always should be to about serving others. In this world of uncertainties, it's the only way we can ensure that our world will continue to be a good place. Simply put, it's about living a life worth living. And, as college graduates...products of higher education...we must heed this, otherwise we are failing society..

I have no doubt that all of us will go on and do great things throughout our lifetime. I wish everyone

the best of success, but remember, at the end of the day, to think about what this life is about.

Thank you for this opportunity--my mentors, family, and friends. But most of all, I thank God for all of these blessings. Graduates, have a memorable evening!"



## The Sheep Whisperer

By Salimah Turner (Packaging)

On Friday, April 19, the Friday morning ANR 410 class met at the MSU sheep barn for class rather than our regular location at the Plant and Soil Science Building. The sheep barn is a regular hangout for our classmate, Liz Conrad. We decided to journey there to see how Liz spends her time at work. Additionally, it is lambing season and we were hoping to witness the birth of a lamb.

We began the morning with a tour of the barn, and we were able to meet and greet the sheep. We also spent quality time with Larry, one of the guard donkeys, and the pea-

cock (who shall remain nameless). Overall, the barn animals received us really well. George, the farm manager, was excited to have our class at the barn. He demonstrated herding techniques with Nell, his border collie.

We spent the last half of the class in the barn's classroom. About midway through class, Liz ran into the barn. Keep in mind no one knew what she was doing. She returned seconds later with word that a sheep was in labor. She apparently heard the sheep's bleat and knew exactly

what was going to happen. We were all intrigued that she could recognize such a sound. We gathered around quietly and witnessed the miracle of life. Surprisingly, the ewe did not mind our presence during her intimate moment. We were there through it all, and we coined Liz as our "sheep whisperer". In all we were amazed to witness the miracle of life. It was a beautiful sight!



## 2002 Colloquy: "What in the World is Going On: And What are We, the University Community, Doing About It?"

It might seem trite to suggest that much has changed in our world since last summer's colloquy. September 11, ENRON, Middle East, recession, not to mention the ongoing concerns with global climate change, AIDS, growing disparity between the haves and have-nots. We think summer is a good time to step away from our generally more narrow disciplinary pursuits and think about the world we are part of. Later in August the world comes together in Johannesburg for the World Summit on Sustainable Development to check the progress since the earth Summit in Rio a decade ago.

We are pleased to announce the 5th annual Colloquy "What in the World is Going On: And What are We, the University Community, Doing About It?" Conversations with, and inspired by Dr. Ervin Laszlo. Dr. Ervin Laszlo, 70, has been active on

the world stage for half a century. A child prodigy pianist, recipient of the highest degree in philosophy and human sciences of the Sorbonne, University of Paris, and author or editor of nearly 70 books on a myriad of topics from evolution to systems to consciousness and most recently, *Macroshift: Navigating the Transformation to a Sustainable World*, will help us cross the disciplinary divides and see our relevance to the changing world.

You are invited to participate. There is no registration fee. The Colloquy will be held on Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday, August 7 from 9 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. at the Brookshire Golf and County Club, in Williamston, MI. To register, please contact Ms. Cathy Larson at [larsonc9@msu.edu](mailto:larsonc9@msu.edu) by JUNE 29. Provide Cathy with your e-mail address, mailing address, and tele-

phone number. Let Cathy know if you need transportation to or from Williamston on Thursday and/or Friday.

The Colloquy would not be possible without the financial support of these executive offices, units, programs, and initiatives: Liberty Hyde Bailey Scholars Program, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lou Anna Simon University Committee for a Sustainable Campus, Land Use Research Enterprise College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Office of Academic and Student Affairs Department of Resource Development.



## Horticulture Club's Annual Spring Show

By: Johanna Nugent (Resource Development)

On April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> the Horticulture Club put on its annual Spring Show fundraiser in the Plant and Soil Science Building. The club designs and puts together display gardens, holds a plant sale, and invites guest lecturers for the weekend event. This requires a huge amount of work, from getting plant material donated and picked up to managing the greenhouses to designing, imple-

menting, and setting up the gardens. Club members give many hours of their time to see this project actually happen.

As a first time member, it was especially exciting to be involved in the show. This year's theme was *Garden Tales: Bringing Stories To Life*. The display included gardens from *The Hobbit*, *The Secret Gar-*

*den*, *Peter Rabbit*, and *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream*. The transformation that occurred in the conservatory was undoubtedly one of the neatest, and hardest, things that the club did. The construction, and then deconstruction, turned the place from a concrete room into a large, colorful space and back again. The displays were fabulous, *(continued on page 8)*

## Cows, Sows & Plows

By: Jamie Daniels (Agriscience)

Cows, plows, and sows – these three things are just a very small portion of what the students in the afternoon ANR 210 class learned about on their arranged farm tour. On April 20, 2002, seven Bailey members traveled to Sterling, Standish, and Ithaca, Michigan to learn about farm life and all that it entails.

The first stop was Jamie Daniels' dairy farm on Knight Road in Sterling, MI. Once there, Jamie took the Bailey students on a tour of the double nine, pit style milking parlor. She explained the milking process, and showed the class how the milk traveled through the pipes during the cooling process. The Bailey students then headed out to the barns where they met up with Jamie's parents, Victor and Sharon Daniels, and her uncle, Carl Daniels. Vic and Carl proceeded to take the class to the feed room, where they discussed the feed rations that are used with the different groups of cows on their farm. From there the class visited Jamie's steer that she is raising for her county fair. They also stopped to play with the calves at the transition barn. Freshman Bailey Scholar, Jaimelyn Kost led the group back to the milking parlor for a special visit. It was a long, hard struggle, and it took everything that they had, but somehow, the six remaining Bailey students were able to pry

Jaimelyn away from a two-week-old kitten that was discovered during the tour. After a pain staking, heart breaking, and tear jerking goodbye, Jaimelyn, and her fellow Bailey Scholars, were able to continue on their journey.



The next visit took place at Jennifer Schmidt's cash crop farm in Standish, Michigan. Her dad farms 900 acres, growing a variety of different crops, such as corn, soybeans, dry beans, sugar beets, and wheat. Jennifer's father, Lynn Schmidt, conducted the tour. He briefly showed the class the buildings and equipment (John Deere, of course) and the land that is currently being farmed. Crop rotation was briefly discussed and then Lynn went on to discuss pesticide, herbicide, and fungicide application processes. There is a creek that runs by almost all of the fields that are being worked in the area, so he stressed the importance of applying chemicals correctly, so they do not end up in the river or our ground water.

After visiting Jennifer's farm, the class continued on to Ben Chaffin's family farm in Ithaca, Michigan. The 4,000-acre farm is

owned and operated by his dad and uncle. Chaffin Farms raise many different crops, such as sugar beets, corn, soybeans, wheat, cucumbers, and four different types of dry beans. There the class met Ben's dad, Mark, and talked with him for a minute about how he runs the farming operation. After this Ben showed us all the different equipment that is used on their farm, ranging from sugar beet harvesters to planters to tractors and combines. As everyone climbed into the 13 foot tall, 18 foot wide, and 30 foot long combine, they began to realize just how important farm safety is.

Ben also showed us Sparks Pickling Company where they deliver their cucumbers to be processed. The facility was rather large. It has the capacity to store 400,000 bushels of cucumbers at one time. Sparks ships over half of Chaffins cucumbers directly to Vlassic to be canned.



The day ended up being a full one packed with tons of information. As the students learned, farming is more than just cows, plows, and sows!

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# Bailey Students Participate in the National Agri-Marketing Association Conference/Competition

By: Stephanie Lelo (Agribusiness Management)

During the week of April 15-19 three Bailey Scholars participated in the annual NAMA Competition, which was held in Nashville, TN. Brandon Lupp and I (Stephanie Lelo) were members of the presentation team representing MSU in the competition. Besides the five-member presentation team, fourteen other students (including Crystal Smalley) and four advisors traveled to the event. We did well in the competition, making it to the semi-finals, however, not making it to the final four round. A total of thirty-five schools were competing

for top honors. First place went to Cal Poly SLO followed by University of Tennessee, University of Florida and The Ohio State University respectively.

Although we didn't bring home a plaque in the top four for the marketing competition we did bring home a few other honors. For the first time in MSU's participation in NAMA (18 years) we placed in the top three for Outstanding Chapter. We also received an innovative idea award for Career Development. This is also an honor we had

not previously received.

We were very proud to bring home these honors and had a great time celebrating a years worth of hard work while we were still in Nashville. I'm hanging up my NAMA shoes this year because I'm graduating but I would encourage any Bailey students that are interested in marketing in any aspect to check NAMA out. Both Brandon and Crystal will be returning NAMA members next year holding officer positions.

# Horticulture Club's Annual Spring Show

By: Johanna Nugent (Resource Development)

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and I think it is pretty safe to say that most people's favorite was the Hobbit garden with little waterfalls and a sod and flower covered hobbit hole. The plant sale, which took place in the head house and in the display gardens, consisted of a wide variety of perennials, annuals, shrubs, herbs, houseplants, and hanging baskets.

It was wonderful that community and university members came out

in such numbers to support the club. There was quite a turn out, and though I heard from other members that numbers were down a little this year, I was still impressed. It was good way to reach the larger public and let them know about the Horticulture Club—what we do and why we're here. Next year, you'll have to come and check it out!

## Bailey Congratulations!

Crystal Smalley's Journalism Project displayed as part of Best of Show in Communication Arts Building, Thursday, May 2nd.

Dru Bernthal was listed as one of the top 46 Horticulture Students in the US.

Heather DeRuiter is being honored by Phi Kapp Phi.

Dru Bernthal was elected President & Suzie Raker was elected Vice President of the Horticulture club.

Chris Reisinger & Heather DeRuiter were elected HOGS representatives, liaising with the graduate students in horticulture.

A huge congratulations to LeRoy Harvey who received his Masters Degree in Resource Development.

Congratulations to Lori Thorpe on her new position as R.I.S.E. director!



## Help Make Decisions in our College!

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is in the process of interviews persons for the position of Associate Dean/Director of Academic and Student Affairs. The following is the interview schedule. Come and make a difference!

### ASSOCIATE DEAN/DIRECTOR, ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS Candidates and Interview Schedules

#### **Tue, May 21 Dr. Eddie Moore, ANR Education & Comm. Systems**

Public Seminar 10:30 a.m. til 12 noon

Student Luncheon 12:00 til 1:30 p.m.

#### **Tue, May 28 Dr. Eunice Foster, Crop & Soil Sciences**

Public Seminar 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Student Reception 4:30-6:00 p.m.

#### **Tue, June 4 Dr. Thomas Coon, Fisheries & Wildlife**

Public Seminar 10:30 a.m. til 12 noon

Student Luncheon 12:00 til 1:30 p.m.

