Mission Statement

The Grazing Livestock Systems (GLS) Club shall provide the framework for the academic, professional and social development of students in the Grazing Livestock Systems program and the development of external and internal professional networks. The GLS Club will also provide a forum for interaction and engagement among undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, faculty and external professionals. Through its activities, the GLS Club will increase the presence and visibility of the Grazing Livestock Systems program on campus.
GLS History

The GLS Club became a Recognized Student Organization at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in October 2017.
Haley Zabel, Agricultural Education (Firth, NE), Senior Co-Chair of Event Planning & Recruitment;

Colten Bergt, Grazing Livestock Systems (Amherst, NE), Treasurer;

Alexa Johnson, Grazing Livestock Systems / Animal Science (Edgar, NE), President;

Katelin Oborny, Animal Science (Seward, NE), Vice President / Secretary; and

Emily Gill, Animal Science / Grazing Livestock Systems (Gurley, NE), Junior Co-Chair of Event Planning and Recruitment.
Alexa Johnson, Grazing and Livestock Systems/Animal Science (Edgar, NE), President;
Emily Gill, Grazing and Livestock Systems/Animal Science (Gurley, NE), Vice-President/Secretary;
Jessilyn Sayers, Animal Science (Clarkson, NE), Senior Chair, Event Planning & Recruitment
Colten Bergt, Grazing Livestock Systems (Amherst, NE), Treasurer;
Charter Members

2017
Nicole Finkner
Matthew Grimes
Alexa Johnson
Taylor Lindeman
Chelsea Nollette

Current Members

2018
Alexa Johnson
Katelin Oborny
Colten Bergt
Haley Zabel
Emily Gill
Jessilyn Sayers

GLS Ambassador: Alexa Johnson

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Club Advisors

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Dr. Dennis Brink
Grazing Livestock Systems Internship Co-Coordinator
Coordinator of Undergraduate Teaching & Advisement, and Professor

Dr. John Guretzky
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Dr. Jay Parsons
Grazing Livestock Systems Activities and Club Advisor Associate Professor

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Dr. Bryan Reiling
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Recent Events

October 23, 2017

Annual Forages Versus Row Crops under Irrigation with
John Maddux

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About The Speaker: John Maddux

John Maddux is the fourth generation manager of the family ranch operations, which includes 45,000 deeded and leased acres, 2,500 mother cows, and 6,000 yearlings. In addition to his daily ranch duties, he is a past member of the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition; the Nebraska Investment Council, which is responsible for managing the state’s 9 Billion in pension assets; and State Bank Board of Directors.

Prior to returning to the ranch, John was employed by Goldman Sachs of New York in Fixed Income Sales and Trading, and prior to that worked for Elanco selling herbicides.
Recent Events

January 17, 2018  GLS Club Meeting

November 15, 2017  GLS Club Meeting

October 12, 2017  Economics of Grazing Strategies Producer Seminar with Jim Jenkins
Jim Jenkins has over 35 years of experience in agriculture and food related industries. He is the operating partner for his family's diversified farming and ranching operation near Callaway, Nebraska. In addition to livestock, the Jenkins family operation includes crop production of corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay. Since returning to the ranch in 1996, Jim has implemented advanced grazing practices leading to 20% to 40% increase in stocking rates, depending on the year.
The Jenkins ranch has been featured in Nebraska Farmer Magazine, the Omaha World Herald, and the Kearney Hub for its innovative farming and ranching practices. Jim received a bachelor's degree from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois and did graduate work at Northwestern Kellogg School of Business in Chicago, Illinois.
Recent Events

**April 18, 2018**
GLS Club and Range Management Club Joint Spring Award Banquet.

**March 7, 2018**
GLS Club Meeting. Officers selected for the FY 2018-2019 academic term.

**February 21, 2018**
Presentation of The Rich History of Grassland Studies at Nebraska by Cheryl Dunn.
Research Manager Herbarium Curator, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture at University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Prior to coming to Nebraska, she worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation as the statewide roadside vegetation coordinator. Her research interests include endangered plant species, invasive plant species, plant competition and succession. She has also co-authored several plant identification guides with the most recent being the Grasses of the Great Plains.

About The Speaker: Cheryl Dunn

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Grazing Livestock Systems Club and Range Management Club

First Joint Recognition Banquet
April 18th, 2018

Welcome
Alexa Johnson

Invocation
Ethan Freese

Dinner Served

Grazing Livestock Systems Club
Established on October 24, 2017

Charter Members
Dr. Jay Parsons
- Nicole Finken, Waverly, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems)
- Matthew Grimes, Minden, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems)
- Alexa Johnson, Edgar, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems / Animal Sciences)
- Taylor Linderman, Kearney, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems)
- Chelsea Noll, Whitman, NE (Animal Science / Grazing Livestock Systems)

Year in Review
Alexa Johnson

2017/2018 Club Officers:
- Alexa Johnson, Edgar, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems / Animal Sciences) - President
- Kantil Oborny, Seward, NE (Animal Sciences) - Vice-President / Secretary
- Colten Berg, Alliance, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems) - Treasurer
- Haley Zabel, Firth, NE (Agricultural Education) - Co-Chair, Event Planning & Recruitment
- Emily Gill, Garfield, NE (Animal Science / Grazing Livestock Systems) - Junior Co-Chair, Event Planning & Recruitment

2018/2019 Club Officers:
- Alexa Johnson, Edgar, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems / Animal Sciences) - President
- Emily Gill, Garfield, NE (Animal Science / Grazing Livestock Systems) - Vice-President / Secretary
- Colten Berg, Alliance, NE (Grazing Livestock Systems) - Treasurer
- Joselyn Sayers, Clarkson, NE (Animal Sciences) - Senior Chair, Event Planning & Recruitment

Grazing Livestock Systems Alumni Recognition

Grazing Livestock Systems Club Advisor Recognition
Alexa Johnson
- Kari Cerring, Graduate Assistant, Center for Grassland Studies - Co-Advisor
- Dr. Jay Parsons, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics - Co-Advisor

Range Management Club

Year in Review
Ethan Freese

2017/2018 Club Officers
- Ethan Freese, Lincoln, NE (Fisheries & Wildlife) - President
- Cecile Rombot, Lincoln, NE (Plant Biology) - Vice President / Treasurer
- Nick Celley, Lincoln, NE (Fisheries & Wildlife) - Primary Programmer

2018/2019 Club Officers
- Evan Labke, Stuart, NE (Grassland Ecology & Management) - President
- Asha Schedler, Scotts, NE (Animal Science) - Vice President / Treasurer
- Michelle Cunningham, Fullerton, NE (Agronomy) and Nick Sanders, Dwight, NE (Environmental Restoration Science) - Primary Programmers

Range Management Alumni Recognition

Trail Boss Award
Cecile Rombot, Lincoln, NE (Plant Biology)

Range Management Club Advisor Recognition
Ethan Freese
- Dr. Walt Schade - Professor, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, Advisor and Undergraduate Range Management Exam Team Coach
- Cheryl Dam - Range Plant Identification Team Coach
THANK YOU!