2009 National Alpha Zeta Scholars

Burkett-Cunningham-Dennis Scholarship — Jared Alvord (Green Mountain, '08)

Jared is an exceptional student-athlete at the University of Vermont who dedicates his time inside and out of the classroom. As co-captain for the men's track and field team, "Jared's leadership is not limited to his track and field peers, but also extends to the entire UVM student-athlete population," said Lisa Champagne, Director of Athletic Communications.

At the 2008 Athlete Rally Awards ceremony, he received the Jeff Stone memorial award for community service and leadership on and off campus.

Jared was recently named Treasurer of the Green Mountain Chapter and has been involved with Relay for Life and has volunteered at various chapter activities.

As a teaching assistant for multiple classes in 2007 and 2008, "Jared was one of the strongest members of our team, always reliable and very responsible in taking up his TA duties," said Professor Stephanie Kaza.

Jared has been very involved with energy issues at UVM and holds the position of president of the Vermont Campus Energy Group, which advocates and educates around the areas of renewable energy and sustainability on campus and in the community. "I believe that renewable energy technology is the savior of the very near future," he said.

G.W. Roach Scholarship — Kristina Wolf (California Delta, '08)

"Kristina consistently gives of her time and energy to a number of campus and community organizations entailing environmental, human health and animal welfare interests," said Bradley W. Kyker, Advising Resource Specialist and Director of MAP Student Center at Cal Poly.

Kristina is currently pursuing a master's degree and a Ph.D. at UC-Davies focusing on agriculture and rangeland management but started her long list of recognitions with the Most Active Fledge Award for the California Delta Chapter. She has taken a special interest in research and grants and has held roles as both Grant Research Project Manager for the Animal Science Department and Research Assistant in the Animal Science and Soil Science Departments. Kristina also wrote a $2.3 million grant proposal for a Range Faculty position in the Animal Science department.

She is very involved with the California Delta Chapter. "Ms. Wolf has been very active in Alpha Zeta, serving as Chronicler and as a resource person for getting things done," said Dr. Bill Plummer, Alpha Zeta advisor. "She will be a strong and robust example of what AZ stands for plus leadership in the agricultural community."

Always looking forward, Kristina has many plans for her future involvement in AZ. "I plan on proposing multiple community service projects involving agriculturally-related activities and public education," she said. She has also participated in multiple marathons and fundraisers including the AZ Relay for Life walk where she raised $375, and the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer where she raised $3,770. As a member of Mortar Board Honor Society and the recipient of multiple scholarships, Kristina can do anything she puts her mind to.

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