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Nancy Boettcher (BS 1980) has been a leader in the area of agricultural finance. She was the first woman loan officer hired by the 12th Farm Credit District in 1976. Nancy became a vice president of U.S. Bank in 1985 returned to Farm Credit in 1988. She has served on numerous committees and boards in the agribusiness, higher education, government, and community fields. All aspects of her professional life--especially Nancy’s understanding of current issues and need related to agribusiness--like knowledge of issues and needs as well as future trends has allowed her to develop an impressive portfolio of agricultural loans. She is an active member of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Advisory Committee.

Nancy was a professor at Washington State University and currently a Visiting Professor in Armenia. Her career started in 1976, just after graduating from WSU with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

She has had an undergraduate faculty member at Wyoming so coming to graduate school led me out of committee work and club sponsorship so I could focus on RECA. Loan officers were certainly busy but not as busy as they are today. My Enron, she was trained in all the profession activities of a loan officer. Nancy served on numerous committees and boards in the agribusiness, higher education, government, and community fields. All aspects of her professional life--especially Nancy’s understanding of current issues and need related to agribusiness--like knowledge of issues and needs as well as future trends. Nancy has done a lot of work and has made a significant contribution over their careers to agricultural, resource, and/or environmental economics in the western states and provinces of the WAEA. Nancy Boettcher was one of the three inaugural Distinguished Scholars of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA). She was also promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

Nancy’s highest recognition for individuals making an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession is the Outstanding Professional Recognition Award in 1998 and delivered in U.S. Agricultural Cooperatives--Theory and Panel Data Analysis: The Study of Netchains was chosen as the best paper for 2001 in the international Econometric Evidence conference.

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Wally remains very active in the Episcopal Church when he served as deacon, and he and Margaret travel extensively to visit their children and grandchildren. Currently he is active in the evaluation of scholarship applications for a top college or university. After an arduous fellowship. Nancy Boettcher was named a Fellow for being such a dedicated and successful lending officer.

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Graduate Students
Hannah Crockett received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resources’ Outstanding Senior Award in Agriculture for 2003. She is a candidate for the Master of Science in Animal and Population Science. Her thesis was in Japanese Consumer Preferences. The research for the project was conducted while she was a Visiting Scholar at the Department of Economics at the University of Tokyo.

Kelli Myers Collins (BA, Agribusiness, 2002), a member of the department, is working toward her Master of Agribusiness Management degrees, Maria Rodriquez joined the department in the spring semester by setting a high standard for the rest of the department. Their student teaching evaluations were outstanding, and their teaching program. Their student teaching evaluations were outstanding, and their teaching program. Their student teaching evaluations were outstanding, and their teaching program.

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Research/Extension Bites
Jill McCluskey conducts research in agribusiness, policy, and trade. She is a member of the faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics. Her research focuses on the use of macroeconomic and regional models to study the economic effects of trade policies.

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The attached enclosure can be used to make your contribution or pledge this year. Alternatively, you can go to our web page at www.arec.wsu.edu and click on “I Want to Give.”

Distinguished Professor Endowment Approaches 20% of Goal

An additional $200,000 in donations is needed to endow the fund and qualify it for state matching. If you would like to contribute to this distinguished professorship or to continue undergraduate scholarships or graduate fellowship funds, you can click on “I Want to Give.”

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When we are in Montana, I garden, play in my shop, fish,
students who are trying to shape a transition economy.
for 30+ years educating people about public policy issues
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I had been a junior faculty member at Wyoming so coming
WSU Agricultural Economics the perfect growth experience.
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Hillary Abercrombie, Andrea, Outstanding Scholar Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association. Her thesis was “Japanese Consumer Preferences in the Equilibrium and Complementarity Model of A Fourth-Year Undergraduate Student Tradewatch,” a project undertaken for the Agricultural Trade Research and Education Program (TRADE) directed by Jim McGillicuddy. Abercrombie graduated in 2001; her thesis committee included: Cary Wathen, vice president; Tyrone Hollett, treasurer; and Quan 44 GPA Senator.

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The department’s strategic plan was set in place in 2001, and the process continues to be refined and updated. The plan outlines the following goals:

1. To increase the number of majors in the School of Economic Sciences.
2. To enhance student learning and satisfaction.
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We are currently working to achieve these goals within the next 5 years.

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New BS Degree Program and Undergraduate Recruiting Initiated

The department’s new strategic plan seeks to re-energize the quality of the undergraduate experience and to serve a diverse and dynamic student body. We aim at achieving those goals in multiple ways, one of which is a new BS degree in Environmental and Resource Economics. We plan to launch this degree in the fall of 2004. For additional information on the new degree, please visit the Department of Environmental and Resource Economics’ website (www.arec.wsu.edu) and click on your title or name on the menu. To contribute to the distinguished professor endowment or to critical undergraduate scholarship or graduate fellowship funds, please visit the website of your title or name on the menu or call us in your title or name to get to the Distinguished Professor Endowment Approaches 20% of Goal

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In May 2003, the faculties of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, the Department of Business and Economics, and the Department of Economics at WSU held an alumni conference. The meeting was well attended and the attendees were enthusiastic about the prospect of creating a new degree program in Environmental and Resource Economics. The faculty of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics overwhelmingly approved a proposal to merge the departments into a School of Economic Sciences. The proposal now goes to the WSU Faculty Senate, administration, and Regents for approval before the merger actually takes place.

The new school is poised to become a major player in the field of economics, with a focus on the intersection of economic, environmental, and social issues. The school will be committed to producing graduates who are capable of engaging in leadership roles in industry, government, and society, and who will be able to contribute to the advancement of economic and environmental research.

The faculty of the new school is committed to developing a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that prepares students for careers in a wide range of fields, including finance, economics, and environmental science. The school will also be committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community of students and faculty, and to providing opportunities for students to engage in research and service activities.

Conclusion

In summary, the new School of Economic Sciences will provide a unique opportunity for students to pursue a degree that will prepare them for success in a wide range of careers. We encourage you to learn more about the new school and to consider supporting its initiatives.

Gratitude

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the School of Economic Sciences and to the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Please note that the website address is www.uncw.econ.unc.edu and it is intended to be used as a reference or guide for prospective students.
Nancy Johnson is a pioneer in the field of agricultural economics. She has been a faculty member at Washington State University (WSU) for over 30 years and is currently the Secretary/Treasurer for the Washington Association of Crop and Disease Council and the WACD Plant Material Center. Besides coaching soccer, she also volunteers her time to the local community and her children's school. Nancy is active in the evaluation of scholarship applications for a scholarship named after her father, the late Dr. Harry Johnson.

Nancy is an active member of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Advisory Committee. She has been a champion for women in agriculture and has brought about significant changes in the field. Her dedication to education has been recognized with various awards, including the Hildreth Award, which she received this year.

Nancy's teaching and research focus on agricultural finance, particularly in the area of agricultural cooperatives. Her work has contributed to the development of the field and has influenced many students and professionals in the sector.

This year's Alumni Spotlight is dedicated to Nancy Johnson and her contributions to the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at WSU.