



Donor Spotlight

“You can’t dream big enough”
Orion Samuelson, iconic talk show host from
The U.S. Farm Report.

This Issue John Bonner Brother “885”

John Bonner “885” pledged Alpha Gamma Rho in 1964. John moved from Northern Illinois to study Dairy Science and became an AGR member. While financially carrying himself through school John worked 30-40 hours per week. He claims that without the support of his brothers it would have been hard to stay in school. During his first year John lived with brother Jack Rife in the “Bull Pen.” Jack went on to become the Senate Minority Leader in Des Moines. Jack encouraged “more” study habits from John which caused such success that he lengthened his college career to a 10-year experience in which he earned a bachelor’s degree in Dairy Science, a masters in Animal production, and a Ph. D. in Nutritional Physiology. John’s wife Sandra earned her masters degree in education and graduated with John in 1974.

The duo moved to the workforce where Sandee taught and John joined International Minerals and Chemicals Co. With International Minerals Bonner had opportunities to travel to places such as Moscow, Russia and Beijing, China. He moved into a role with Land O’Lakes where he worked for 15 years in the beef feed industry. John then moved into work with CAST, the Council for Agriculture Science and Technology. John retired from his position as CEO two years ago and lives in Vincent, Iowa.

The Bonner family has been great supporters of the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center as well as Eta chapter. Recently John and Sandee made a substantial gift to the AGR Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund is a new program to reward undergraduate members of Eta chapter who are going above and beyond in academics and campus involvement. “Iowa State has a lot of good fraternities on campus but this one (AGR) produces leaders in agriculture in a phenomem that is unparalleled,” says John on his decision to support the men of Eta chapter. John’s vision is that the best agriculturalists may be drawn to brotherhood at 201 Gray. John wishes to support undergraduate leadership opportunities rather than the need for long work weeks, which was his case. ISU offers many opportunities to be involved on campus and with the Legacy Fund brothers have monetary incentive to take on roles to promote leadership and agriculture.



John and Sandee have received many awards incouding those from Iowa 4-H and ISU

Mr. Bonner shared that he wishes to encourage other alumni to support the men of Eta chapter. He wishes that brothers will “give with a warm hand” and take interest in the work of the undergraduate members.

The first awards from the Legacy Fund will be awarded at the Homecoming festivities after the game. If you wish to support the Legacy Fund contact me at the contacts below and I will give you the contact information needed.

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The staging area at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center



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