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## **Lee awarded at OSU animal science banquet**

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**(April 30, 2009 Stillwater, Okla.)** – Aimee Lee, a student at Oklahoma State University and part-time employee of the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center, was awarded both the Senior Scholastic Achievement and Senior Leadership honors during the OSU animal science departmental banquet on April 4.

Lee received the awards based on academic achievement and leadership at the undergraduate level.

“Throughout my time at Oklahoma State University, I have been blessed with friendly, involved faculty and advisors who have created opportunities to help me be appreciated and recognized for my earned efforts, as well as providing activities and the chance to work collaboratively on academic and social projects with supportive students and staff,” Lee said.

A food science major at OSU, Lee will graduate in May 2009 with a cumulative GPA of 3.9. During her time at OSU, Lee has been active in several departmental clubs and activities, including the Animal Science Leadership Alliance, Animal Science Research Scholars program, Food Science Club, Block and Bridle and served as representative in the Agricultural Student Association.

Within the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Lee was active as a Student Academic Mentor to incoming freshmen and was a two-year officer of Alpha Zeta, an agricultural honor fraternity. Lee also took advantage of an opportunity to participate in a study abroad program to China and Tibet in May 2007.

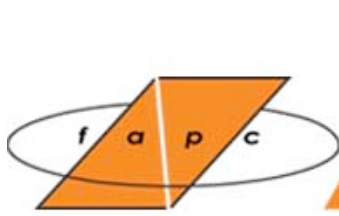
“The opportunities that OSU has provided are outstanding,” Lee said. “I am glad that I chose to take advantage of them.”

Also this year, Lee received a Wentz Undergraduate Research Award for her project that studied the effectiveness of commercial and household solutions as potential spinach sanitizers.

Stanley Gilliland, FAPC microbiologist, Regents Professor and Sitlington Endowed Chair, serves as Lee’s adviser, and is proud of Lee’s accomplishments.

“It has been my pleasure to serve as Aimee’s academic advisor as well as an employer,” Gilliland said. “She has been working part time in my food microbiology research laboratory for about two years; thus, I am well enough acquainted with her qualifications.”

Along with her other activities and endeavors, Lee has been a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, honor societies Mortar Board, Golden Key, Iota Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, the Cowboy Marching Band and Symphonic and Concert Bands, and was selected as a 2008-2009 OSU Senior of Significance.



“Aimee is a well-rounded individual and certainly is a deserving recipient of these awards,” Gilliland said. “She is the type of student, who will be a graduate of Oklahoma State University of which we are extremely proud.”

Lee is the daughter of Raymond and Kathy Lee of Pryor, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Martha Bell also of Pryor, Okla.

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