Dean Kate VandenBosch (far left) with (left to right): Roger Blobaum, Pam Jahnke, Henry Fribourg, Warren "Buck" Gabelman, John Ruedinger and Allan Schultz.

The college welcomed a record number of attendees as six individuals were honored at the annual Honorary Recognition Banquet and Ceremony on October 17. The honorees represent a diverse cross-section of CALS and they each have an impressive story of making a difference in their chosen field.

Henry A. Fribourg is an emeritus professor of Crop Ecology at the University of Tennessee where he worked since 1956. When he was 12 years old, Henry and his family escaped to Cuba from the Holocaust, reaching the US in 1945; a short while later, Henry received his bachelor of science degree in Agronomy and Soil Science from the UW-Madison in 1949. He went on to receive a master of science from Cornell University and a PhD from Iowa State University. Since then, he has traveled the world and mastered several languages while spreading his knowledge about forage management, crop ecology and agricultural climatology. He is an excellent writer and has been published countless times while remaining an excellent teacher, researcher and mentor. Henry is tenacious and hard-working and he approaches his work with a strong sense of ethics and professionalism. One nominator explained that Henry “has improved those who know him by his example of scientific honesty, respect for human dignity, and pursuit of excellence.”