



Dr. Temple Grandin shares about Animal Welfare

Animal Scientist & Autism Self-Advocate

April 26th, 2018 6:00 PM

Stock Pavilion - 1675 Linden Drive Madison, WI 53706

MADISON, WIS. – The Saddle and Sirloin club invites all to join to hear from one of the greatest minds in the agriculture industry, Temple Grandin, Ph.D. Dr. Grandin is currently an Animal Sciences professor at Colorado State University and also travels across the world to share about cattle handling and autism.

This event is being held in the Stock Pavilion, a historical building that serves as a rich learning environment. Animal Science and Dairy Science majors today still make many frequent stops at the “Stock P” for classes, labs, and activities. This building also serves as a venue for a multitude of 4-H and FFA events. There will be limited chair seating on the ground level. Therefore, the Saddle and Sirloin club encourages individuals to bring seat cushions/blankets to provide additional comfort on bleacher style seating. Please note that all food and drink is prohibited inside the Stock Pavilion. All will need to be disposed of prior to entering the building.

The Saddle and Sirloin club is an animal science oriented club for students interested in beef, sheep, pigs, and horses. The student organization is responsible for planning and operating livestock shows including; Badger Kickoff Classic, Badger Bonanza, Bucky’s Spectacular, and Little International. Saddle and Sirloin also focuses on educational outreach and service activities.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Temple Grandin. The presentation focused on animal welfare will begin at 6 pm with a question and answer session and book signing period to follow. Doors will open 45 minutes prior to the start of the event and will follow a first come first serve policy. Once the Stock Pavilion reaches capacity doors will close. The Saddle and Sirloin club encourages all to attend with a passion or interest in the agriculture field. Dr. Grandin’s message will surely serve as an excellent learning opportunity for individuals of both agricultural and non-agricultural backgrounds.

Biography

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. Now her fascinating life, with all its challenges and successes, has been brought to the screen with the HBO full-length film *Temple Grandin*, starring Claire Danes.

Dr. Grandin is a speaker who inspires and motivates others through her story. She didn’t talk until she was three-and-a-half years old, communicating her frustration instead by screaming, peeping, and humming. In 1950, she was diagnosed with autism and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. She recounts “groping her way from the far side of darkness” in her book *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, a book that stunned the world because until its publication, most professionals and parents assumed that an autism diagnosis was virtually a death sentence to achievement or productivity in life.

Even though she was considered “weird” in her young school years, she eventually found a mentor who recognized her interests and abilities. Dr. Grandin later developed her talents into a successful career as a livestock-handling equipment designer, one of very few in the world. She has now designed the facilities in which half the cattle are handled in the United States, consulting for films such as Burger King, McDonald’s, Swift, and others.

Dr. Temple Grandin currently works as a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and speaks around the world on both autism and cattle handling.

Dr. Grandin has been featured on NPR and major television programs, including the BBC special *The Women Who Think Like a Cow*, ABC's *Primetime Live*, *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours*, and *20/20* and has been written about in many national publications, including *Time* (she was included in the magazine's annual "2010 *Time* 100" List of the world's most influential people), *People*, *Forbes*, *US News and World Report*, and *The New York Times*. Among numerous other recognitions by the media, Bravo did a half-hour show on her life and she was featured in the best-selling book *Anthropologist from Mars*.

Dr. Grandin's current best-selling book on autism is *The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's*. She also authored *Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships*; *Animals Make Us Human*; *Animals in Translation*; *Thinking in Pictures*; and *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*. She has also produced several DVDs.

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