



Fall 2019

College of Agriculture

NEWS UPDATE

SIGMA ALPHA GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER ACTIVATES ALPHA CLASS!



Congratulations to all the new members of Sigma Alpha, Sisters in Agriculture! *Pictured from left to right: Shianne Rients, Emily Rowe, Caitlin Watts, Ricki Gilbert, Destany Lovell, Taylor Richards, Courtney Smith, Marilee Elliott, and Amelia Counts.*

STUDENTS MEET CONGRESSMAN CRAWFORD AT AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING

Professor Bert Greenwalt and three CoA agribusiness students attended the Agricultural Council of Arkansas board meeting in Jonesboro on August 19, 2019.



Arkansas First District Congressman Rick Crawford made a presentation and visited afterward with the students. Congressman Crawford and his agricultural liaison Mitchell Nail are both CoA alumni and were students of Dr. Greenwalt. *Pictured above from left to right: Kimberly Oliver, Congressman Crawford, Kylie Meredith, Jenna Martin (alum), Mr. Mitchell Nail, and Dr. Bert Greenwalt.*

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE CLASSES PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMIC EXPO



The CoA's two first year experience classes *(pictured to the left and below)*

participated in the academic expo by collecting over 500lbs



of non-perishable food for the NEA Food Bank. Three First Year Experience students *(pictured below)* presented posters at the expo; from left to right, Ms. Sarahjane Beauchamp, Nick Richmond, Shianne Rients, Madeline Kaup, and Ms. Cassie Burdett.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2020 CONFERENCES

- January 29 – Arkansas Soil & Water Education Conference & Expo
Contact: Spring Speed jsneed@astate.edu
- February 12 – Agribusiness Conference
Register at: www.astate.edu/Marketplace
Contact: Abigail Jorgenson Coleman for questions and help registering:
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EQUINE CLUB HOLDS INFO DAY

On November 9, the Equine Club welcomed our community members to the A-State Equine Center and Garry Meadows Arena for a day all about horses!



The club held a bake sale, provided tours of our facilities and information about our breeding program.

Pictured from left to right:

Chancellor Dampousse on a horse, Equine Club President Ciera Kingan, Instructor Cassie Burdett, student Kristen Dixon, Instructor Malissa Meyer and student Faith Conley.

FFA AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENT: BROOKE REED

October 30-November 2 more than 67,000 FFA members assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 92nd National FFA Convention and Expo. Each year members gather to wrap up a hard year of work. Some students in college return to convention to receive the highest honor FFA members can receive, the American FFA Degree. Madison Brooke Reed (*pictured to the right*) from the Mountain Grove, Missouri FFA chapter, was one of the 4,353 members to receive their American Degree this year! This degree is awarded to **less than one percent** of FFA members, making it one of the organization's highest honors. Congrats, Brooke!

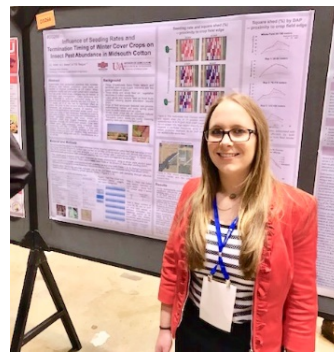


ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



November 17-20, the Entomological Society of America held their annual four-day event in St. Louis, MO filled

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Tanja McKay, Senior Jessica Krob, A-State alum Haylee Campbell, Dr. Tina Gray Teague.



with 236 scientific sessions featuring 2,205 oral and 680 poster presentations with 3,653 attendees from 61 different countries. This year was a record setting event with 1,150 students attending! Senior Plant & Soil Science major, Jessica Krob, is pictured here with her poster she presented at the conference titled, "Influence of Seeding Rates and Termination Timing of Winter Cover Crops on Insect Pest Abundance in Midsouth Cotton."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: LANESE MAHAN

Adjunct professor of agriculture at ASU-Mountain Home, LaNese Mahan, is helping the college expand their agriculture program by recruiting students to their college and to careers in agriculture. LaNese connects with students by sharing her knowledge and experiences growing up on a small hobby farm in Central Arkansas as well as her recent work in Uganda. LaNese believes it is important to "continue to learn because agriculture is always changing."



AG POLICY CLASS VISITS SOUTHERN TENANT FARMERS MUSEUM



Professors GwanSeon Kim, Bert Greenwalt, and Tina Gray Teague led 28 students from the A-State Agricultural Policy class on a tour of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union (STF) Museum in Tyronza, AR on September 24. The STF Union was organized in Tyronza in 1934 in response to the economic hardships of the Great Depression. The Dyess Colony, which was established in Mississippi County by the Federal Government to help dispossessed farmers during the Great Depression, was the boyhood home of Johnny Cash and is part of the ASU Heritage Sites program.

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