

Animal Science Weekly

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New Aggie REPS selected

Eleven freshman and sophomore animal science students have been chosen to represent the Department of Animal Science as Aggie REPS. The objective of the Aggie REPS organization is to facilitate the Department of Animal Science recruitment and public relations efforts, and to communicate the scope of all academic majors and disciplines with the department to prospective students and their parents, teachers and leaders. The newly selected REPS are:

- Kirbie Day, Waxahachie
- Alyzabeth Looney, Denton
- Matthew Reinhart, Elroy
- Crysta Stallwitz, Dumas
- Katie Muehlstein, Kerrville
- Rachel Brooks, Oakford, Ill.
- Grady Douglass, Kerrville
- Callie McCullough, Ridge
- Kelsey Willberg, Paint Rock
- Jonathan Chachere, Dayton
- Marshall Guillory, Clifton

Students attend beef cattle networking program

COLLEGE STATION – More than 250 students from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine attended an educational program called “The Connection,” Interacting with Cattle and Industry Leaders on April 15, 2010. The event was coordinated by Dr. Jason Cleere, associate professor and Extension beef cattle specialist, and Dr. Tom Hairgrove, program coordinator, and hosted by Texas AgriLife Extension, the Department of Animal Science and the College of Veterinary Medicine. A prime rib dinner was prepared by Dr. Davey Griffin and the Meats Judging Team and sponsored by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Beef Council.

Dr. Dustin Dean with Sexing Technologies spoke about becoming involved in the beef industry and the impor-

tance of internships. Jason Bagley with the Texas Beef Council discussed the history of the Beef Checkoff Program

and how students can get involved. Dr. Cleere talked about Beef Quality Assurance and how future leaders can make an impact on the safety and quality of beef produced in the United States. Dr. Ron Gill, professor and Extension livestock specialist, closed the evening with a cattle handling demonstration and talked about the importance of how to properly handle cattle.



Hulsman earns second place at Student Research Week

Lauren Hulsman, animal breeding master's degree student, presented her research at the Texas A&M University 2010 Student Research Week and at the Texas Genetics Society Meeting in Houston both held in March. Hulsman was awarded second place for the genetics taxonomy at Student Research Week. She will graduate in May and her thesis is titled "Identification of loci interacting with Melanocortin-1 to modify black coat color in an F2 Nellore-Angus population." Hulsman is working under the direction of Dr. Clare Gill, associate professor of animal breeding and genetics.

Past judging team members needed to answer survey

Former Texas A&M judging team members who participated on the horse, livestock, meat, wool, dairy or meat animal evaluation judging teams between the years of 1970 to 2004 are needed to answer a quick survey. This survey is being conducted to explore the potential impact that prior participation on a collegiate judging team may or may not have had on the team members' career, life skills and professional abilities. The survey is straightforward, simple and quick. If you qualify and are interested, please take a few minutes to answer the survey found at the following link at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/judgingteams>. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at <cac@tamu.edu> or (979) 845-7731.

Upcoming events

Prepare for a career in agriculture sponsored by the S&S Club and Ag Workers Insurance (April 22, 2010 - Beef Center - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) - Enjoy a hamburger dinner and seminar designed to help students prepare for a career in agriculture. For more information, please contact Amanda Smith at <amandasmith10@gmail.com> or Jennifer Ann Smith at <jenniferann.smith@yahoo.com>.

Children's Barnyard hosted by the Saddle & Sirloin Club (April 27-29, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information, contact Kaleigh Burnett <krburnett2007@neo.tamu.edu> or call (512) 750-2530 or visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/students/clubs/s&s/announcements/index.htm>.

Bounce Back in 2010 by Alltech (April 29, 2010 - Hilton College Station - 5:30 p.m.) - Join an interactive discussion on getting the industry back to profitability and strength. Please RSVP to April Lankford at <alankford@alltech.com>.

"Man of Trail" Clinic (May 1, 2010 - Freeman Arena) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at 979-845-7731 or at <cac@tamu.edu>.

ASGSA Crawfish Boil (May 1, 2010 - Lake Bryan Pavilion) - For more information, please contact Lauren Hulsman at 936-870-6102 or email <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Texas A&M University Show Cattle Camp (May 28-30, 2010 & June 4-6, 2010) - For more information, please visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm> or contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or by email at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

Horse Judging Camp (June 2-4, 2010 & June 16-18, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm> or contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at 979-845-7731 or by email at <cac@tamu.edu>.

Livestock Judging Camp (June 13-15, June 20-22 & June 23-25, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm or contact Jake Franke at 979-845-7616 or by email at <jfranke@tamu.edu>.

Aggieland™ Lamb & Goat Camps (July 16-18, 2010 & July 23-25, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm> or contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey at 979-845-7616 or by email at <sramsey@tamu.edu>.



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