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“Re-Framing the Farm: Student Interpretations of Classic Livestock Art” exhibit opens

COLLEGE STATION – Students in Animal Science 207: Art and Heritage of Livestock have the opportunity to display their artwork during the “Re-Framing the Farm: Student Interpretations of Classic Livestock Art” exhibition. This exhibition pairs students in the course with historical art featuring livestock. The students studied the art and artists, wrote the gallery text and created their own art as a modern interpretation of the classic work. Students will be present at the opening reception on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. to visit about their work. The exhibit is displayed in the Benz Gallery located in the Horticulture/Forest Science Building. The exhibit is open through November 24 from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. ANSC 207 is taught by Dr. Jodi Sterle, associate professor in the Department of Animal Science.

Publication accepted on collegiate judging teams

COLLEGE STATION – A publication about participating on collegiate judging teams has been accepted by the North American College and Teachers of Agriculture Journal. “Texas A&M University Student Life Skill Development and Professional Achievement from Participation on a Collegiate Judging Team” was written by Dr. Clay Cavinder, assistant professor and TAMU Horse Judging Team Coach; Brooke Byrd, graduate student; Jake Franke, lecturer and TAMU Livestock Judging Team coordinator; and Dr. Glenn Holub, instructional assistant professor. The publication is based on responses received from a recent survey distributed to former members of Texas A&M judging teams. The final publication will be available later this fall.

Caribbean Islanders visit A&M as part of beef industry tour

COLLEGE STATION – The Department of Animal Science hosted a mini-Beef 101 for a group of sales representatives from the Caribbean Islands on September 20, 2010. The day-long seminar was conducted by Drs. Jason Cleere, Dan Hale, Rhonda Miller and Davey Griffin. The group, which included sales representatives from Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica, St. Lucia and St. Marten, were in College Station as part of a week-long tour of the Texas beef industry hosted by Elizabeth Wunderlich with the U.S. Meat Export Federation and former student Jason Bagley with the Texas Beef



Council. In addition to their time at A&M, the group spent time with Chef Peter Rosenberg, A&M’s executive chef of dining services, and then visited the livestock and meat industry in the Texas Panhandle.



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Student employment opportunities available with Summer Horsemanship Program

COLLEGE STATION – Students who enjoy working with horses should plan to attend an informational meeting about the 39th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program scheduled for Nov. 4, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. at Freeman Arena. This is an excellent opportunity for those who love horses and youth. Training takes place in the spring and those hired will travel the state of Texas in teams of two teaching the clinics. Contact Teri Antilley <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-5264 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/summer-horsemanship/employment/index.htm>.

Department hosts group from New York

COLLEGE STATION – The Department of Animal Science assisted the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in hosting the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and 50 of their selling group members from New York. Farm Credit Bank arranged tours of some of the bank's customers to help the group gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the system's role in United States agriculture and rural America. Dr. Larry Boleman accompanied the group on the tour, which included an extended stop at the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center where Ray Riley and Davey Griffin conducted an abbreviated version of Beef 101. The tour concluded with a dinner at The Veranda that featured the famous Texas Aggie Smoked Prime Rib served by the TAMU Meat Judging Team.



Meat Science faculty conduct HACCP workshops

Meat Science faculty conducted two HACCP workshops in September. The first, held Sept. 14-16 on the Texas A&M University campus, was co-hosted by the Department of Animal Science and the Southwest Meat Association. Kerri Harris and Jeff Savell led this workshop. The next workshop was held Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Oakland, Calif. It was co-hosted by the Department of Animal Science and the National Meat Association and was led by Davey Griffin and Savell. Participants represented a wide range of businesses.

Upcoming events

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Meeting (Oct. 13, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 5:15 p.m.) - For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (Oct. 13, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - noon) - Dr. Travis Whitney, assistant professor located at the Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center at San Angelo, will present "The Use of Innovative Feeds to Enhance Small Ruminant Production Efficiency and Reduce Feed Costs." For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Coffee Break (Nov. 5, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.) - All Animal Science faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to attend. For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Meeting (Nov. 10, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 5:15 p.m.) - For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

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Horse Judging Team Coaches and Youth Clinic (Nov. 12, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion - 9:30 to 4 p.m.) - For more information contact Dr. Dennis Sigler or Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or visit http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/workshops/horse_judging_coaches_clinic.htm.

2010 Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest (Nov. 13, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information contact Jake Franke at <jfranke@tamu.edu> or go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/10_aggiefest_ad.pdf.

2010 Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop (Nov 13, 2010 - Freeman Arena) - For more information contact Teri Antilley at <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> or go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/workshops/aggiefest_horsejudging.htm.



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