

***Department of Agricultural Economics
Undergraduate Spring
Recognition Reception***

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Texas A&M University**



**Annenberg Presidential Conference Center
Parents' Weekend
Saturday, April 18, 2009
3:00 p.m.**

Department of Agricultural Economics

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Welcome	Kelly Pritchett '10
Invocation	Kacey VanDeaver '09
Introduction of Special Guests.....	Shauna Yow '09
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Chad McGee '09
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Excellence in Academic	Mr. Dusty Menzies '97 and Leadership Awards
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Scholarships.....	Calvin Greer '10
Closing Remarks	Dr. John P. Nichols

***Reception and social in the lobby immediately following the program.
Thank you for celebrating with us today!***

Keynote Speaker

Thomas W. Paterson '80



The Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University is excited to welcome back Thomas W. Paterson, a former student of the Department as the 2009 Undergraduate Spring Recognition Reception keynote speaker.

Tom Paterson left his home in Silver City, New Mexico to come to Texas A&M on the recommendation of a member of the Class of 1941. Tom's first trip to A&M was a week before classes started for the fall of 1976. He moved fast while he was here, taking 20+ hours a semester so he could graduate in six semesters. Along the way, he was involved in department, college and university level activities. He was president of the Freshman Ag Society, Sophomore Class Senator, Chancellor for Alpha Zeta and the first Executive Vice-President for Student Government. When he graduated in May 1979, he had a 4.00 GPA, was the Gathright Award recipient, and received the Rudder Award.

After Texas A&M, Tom continued his education. He went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a MA and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics and a law degree. He graduated with honors from law school. As part of his doctoral dissertation, he co-authored *The Sunkist Case*, which received the Quality of Research Discovery Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association.

When he finished graduate school and law school in 1984, Tom returned to Texas. He went to work as a trial lawyer for Susman Godfrey, a Houston-based law firm. After six months, he took a year off to clerk for Judge Tom Gee on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. When his clerkship was over, he returned to Susman Godfrey, where he has practiced ever since. For approximately 25 years, Tom has used his background and training in agricultural and natural resource economics for his clients, many of whom have been royalty owners or independent oil and gas producers. Tom is licensed to practice law in Texas and in New Mexico. He has repeatedly been named a Texas Super Lawyer and a Houston Super Lawyer. He serves on the Board of the Natural Resource, Energy and Environmental Law Section of the New Mexico State Bar.

Tom and his wife, Callie, have two daughters, Lindsay and Caroline. Together, they own the Spur Ranch near Luna, in western New Mexico. His passion on the ranch is conservation. With his daughters, he owns the Spur Ranch Cattle Company LLC, a commercial stocker operation. For almost 20 years, Tom has been a member of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture Development Council. For the past 12 years, Tom has been the vice-chairman of the board of Ministry to Muslims and is actively involved in Christian mission organizations.

We are proud to welcome Thomas W. Paterson as this afternoon's keynote speaker.

Department of Agricultural Economics 2008-2009 Recognitions and Acknowledgements

Carl E. and Peggy Keas Shafer Endowed Scholarship

The Texas A&M Foundation and the Department of Agricultural Economics is proud to celebrate the Carl E. and Peggy Keas Shafer Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will provide one or more opportunities for fulltime students in good standing to pursue a degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics or in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences. Carl is a retiree from our Department and Peggy is retired from the College Station Independent School District.

Chad Hunter Johnson '86 Opportunity Scholarship

Chad Hunter Johnson '86 has established the Chad Hunter Johnson Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas A&M Foundation. This gift will provide one or more scholarships to students in good standing pursuing a degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics, with particular focus on the option of finance, insurance and real estate. The student must have graduated high school from a rural community in Texas and must demonstrate financial need. Mr. Johnson graduated with a degree in political science from Texas A&M University and is currently employed at Johnson Development Corporation, a Houston based residential and commercial land development company that his father founded in 1975. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the Greater Houston Builders Association, the Houston Development Council and is a Texas real estate broker.

Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry

The Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry of Former Students in Agricultural Economics was established in 1997 to recognize and honor those graduates who have distinguished themselves in meritorious way by reaching a significant level of accomplishment in their chosen field.

The inductees into the Honor Registry represent the highest standards of integrity and character as recognized by their peers and will reflect positively on the Department of Agricultural Economics and Texas A&M University.

Members of the Tyrus R. Timm Registry

Carl G. Anderson '58	Jarvis Miller '50
Jorge Bermudez '73	Benjamin R. Novosad '75
Bill E. Carter '69	Darren G. Owens '73
Glenn Collins '80	Fernando Quiñónez-Meza '63
Del Deterling '59	Walt Curtis Richburg '65
Jimmy Dodson '74	Jimmy N. Roppolo '69
Murray H. Edwards '73	James D. Sartwelle, Jr. '63
Creed Ford '75	Ivan W. Schemedemann '66
Kathleen Gibson '81	Charlie Scruggs '45
Zay Gilbreath '62	Robert Smith, III '61
Jesse C. Grady '49	Todd Staples '84
Gary Gunter '81	Joseph B. Swinbank '74
Jon Hagler '58	Graham Weston '86
Stan Johnson '66	John E. Windwehen '76
Fred McClure '76	Jimmy Wright '72

Award Recipients and Other Recognitions

Agricultural Economics Society (AES)

Outstanding Members
Outstanding Faculty
Outstanding Staff

Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate (F.I.R.E)

Outstanding New Member
Outstanding Member Award

National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA)

Awards for Exceptional Service
Special Recognitions

Excellence in Academic and Leadership Awards

Laura Bankhead '10 Michelle Popek '09
Chad McGee '09 Shauna Yow '09

J. Wheeler Barger Outstanding Senior Award

To be announced

Tyrus R. Timm Graduating Senior Award

To be announced

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Senior Merit Awards

Laura Bankhead '10
Michelle Popek '09
*Shauna Yow '09

Alpha Zeta Outstanding Junior Award

Sarah Novak '11
Matthew Okeson '11

Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Junior Award for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Laura Bankhead '10

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior Award

Shauna Yow '09--Agricultural Economics

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Junior Award

Matthew Okeson '11--Agribusiness

WAEA Senior Award

Shauna Yow '09

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards

Pollard Coates '09
Xiaojing Niu, M.A.B.
Julie Adams, M.S.
Cody Eatherton, M.S.
Lauren McKinley, M.S.

2008 AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Teams

James Boer '08	Kelly Pritchett '10
Matthew Colvin '08	John Winkelmann '08
Casey Munn '08	Robert Withers '08
Matthew Okeson '11	Shauna Yow '09
Eric Manthei '07, Student Coach	
Dr. James Mjelde, Coach	
Dr. Fred Boadu, Coach	

2009 SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Participants

Laura Bankhead '10	Kelly Pritchett '10
Matthew Okeson '11	J. Reed Vestal '09
Dipali Patel '09	
Eric Manthei '07, Student Coach	

2008-2009 AAEA Student Section National Officers

President	Kelly Pritchett '10
Southern Region VP	Matthew Okeson '11

NAMA Marketing Team

Brett Bamert '10	Mandy Klein '09
Angel Canizales '09	Kala Krumnow '10
Kristina Collins '09	Ryan Kultgen '09
Amber Cummings '09	Austin Miller '09
Kelly Deiasi '09	Robert Meinke '09
Kathleen Eaton '10	Michelle Popek '09
Ashley Hebler '10	Reed Vestal '09
Dr. Kerry Litzenberg, Advisor	
Dr. Marco Palma, Advisor	

Awards of Meritorious Service to Aggie REPS

Laura Bankhead '10	Chad McGee '09
Melissa Bollinger '09	Michelle Popek '09
Lissa Buffaloe '09	Kelly Pritchett '10
Kala Krumnow '10	Shauna Yow '09

AGBU and AGECE members of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Council

Stephanie Grafe '10	Kelly Pritchett '10
Logan Nichols '10	Gabriela Santistevan '09
Sarah Novak '11	

Producers Marketing Association

George Finch '09	Chad McGee '09
Austin Miller '09	Morgan Mink '09
Mr. Joe Pena, Advisor	

Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy "Congressional" Interns

Kate Anderson '08	Jerry Salinas '09
Laura Bankhead '10	Mark Smith '09
William Hall '10	Benjamin Thamer '11
Matthew Murch '10	Austin Thigpen '09
Sarah Novak '11	Shauna Yow '09
Mary Nowak '09	

* Nominated for the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award

Department of Agricultural Economics Student Organizations

Aggie REPS

2008-2009

Laura Bankhead '10	Sarah Novak '11
Melissa Bollinger '09	Ben Paschal '10
Lissa Buffaloe '09	Michelle Popek '09
Lauren Greaves '11	Kelly Pritchett '10
Kala Krumnow '10	Christy Wick '10
Chad McGee '09	Shauna Yow '09
Morgan Mink '09	
Dr. Fred Boadu, Advisor	
Mr. Dusty Menzies '97, Advisor	
Ms. Donna Adcock '87, Advisor	
Ms. Rose Springfield '84, Advisor	
Ms. Pam Vernon, Advisor	

Aggie REPS

2009-2010

Anna Allcorn '12	Sarah Novak '11
Laura Bankhead '10	Lauren Payne '12
Jennifer Bremer '12	Melissa Pittman '10
Stephanie Grafe '10	Kelly Pritchett '10
Heather Hirsch '12	Chelsea Simank '12
Courtney Hodges '12	Jennifer Smith '11
Kala Krumnow '10	Heath Vesely '10
Kassidy Martin '12	Haley Wendler '11
Morgan Mink '09	Christy Wick '10
Dr. Fred Boadu, Advisor	
Mr. Dusty Menzies '97, Advisor	
Ms. Donna Adcock '87, Advisor	
Ms. Pam Vernon, Advisor	

AES Officers

2008-2009

President	Matthew Okeson '11
Vice-President	Matthew Colvin '08
Vice-President	Katie Woods '10
Treasurer	Ryan Tart '10
Secretary	Blake Willenborg '09
Social Chair	Jeremy Barnard '09
Parliamentarian	Stephanie Grote '09
Advisor	Dr. John Siebert
Advisor	Dr. Fred Boadu

AES Officers

2009-2010

President	Matthew Okeson '11
Vice-President	Andrea Shaul '11
Treasurer	Samantha Shaul '11
Secretary	Jessica Martini '12
Public Relations	Katie Woods '11
Parliamentarian	Matt Murch '10
Advisor	Dr. John Siebert
Advisor	Dr. Fred Boadu

F.I.R.E. Officers

2008-2009

President	Angela Montemayor '10
Vice-President	Edgar Alarcon '09
Secretary	Thomas Becker '09
Treasurer	Allison DeLaRosa '09
Social Chair	Cameron Caguioa '09
Finance Co-Chair	Calvin Greer '10
Finance Co-Chair	Jay Richmond '11
Advisor	Dr. Vicky Salin
Advisor	Dr. Curtis Lard

F.I.R.E. Officers

2009-2010

President	Angela Montemayor '10
Vice-President	Calvin Greer '10
Secretary	Jay Richmond '11
Treasurer	Adam Schulze '11
Historian	J.D. Hunter '09
Advisor	Dr. Vicky Salin
Advisor	Dr. Curtis Lard

NAMA Officers

2008-2009

President	Michelle Popek '09
VP Business Relations	Reed Vestal '09
VP Publicity	Ashley Hebler '10
VP Public Relations	Morgan Mink '10
VP Finance	Chad McGee '09
Advisor	Dr. Kerry Litzenberg
Advisor	Dr. Marco Palma

NAMA Officers

2009-2010

President	Ashley Hebler '10
VP Business Relations	Brett Bamert '10
VP Public Relations	Dusty Oney '09
VP Finance	Edgar Alarcon '09
Advisor	Dr. Kerry Litzenberg
Advisor	Dr. Marco Palma

AGGIE ACES

Wilson Alarcon '11	Matthew Okeson '11
Anna Allcorn '12	Benjamin Paschal '10
Kenneth Barton '12	Kayla Peters '12
Jennifer Bremer '12	Kelly Pritchett '10
James Cravens '11	Kevin Stolarski '10
Jamie Freeman '12	Daniel Thompson '10
John Hoelscher '11	Reagan Thompson '10
Alyssa Looney '12	Wesley Tobola '11
Joel Lutz '10	Trevor Warren '11
Jorge Molina '10	Haley Wendler '11
Angela Montemayor '10	Callie Whitworth '12
Sarah Novak '11	Dr. Fred Boadu, Advisor

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Agricultural Economics Former Faculty Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship fund was created in 1999 upon Dr. Dick Edwards' retirement from the Department of Agricultural Economics. He was a professor and extension economist who served Texas A&M University with distinction for 22 years. This scholarship was established for deserving students in the Department of Agricultural Economics who have a cumulative GPR of 2.75 or above, among other criteria. Applicants are evaluated based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Heath T. Vesely
Megan B. Woytek*

Agricultural Economics Reunion Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1999 to recognize undergraduate students in the Department of Agricultural Economics who are full-time students, with a minimum GPR of 2.50. Recipients should excel in leadership and extracurricular involvement, and demonstrate financial need. Further consideration is given to students having participated in Departmental reunion activities in the past. The funds for this award were raised through the annual Agricultural Economics Golf Tournament.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Haley B. Wendler
Christy R. Wick*

Berry '89 and Jennifer '92 Summerour Endowed Scholarship in Agribusiness Entrepreneurship

This scholarship, created in 2002, was established by a former student of our Department, Berry Summerour, and his wife, Jennifer. Berry was an Agricultural Economics major who graduated in 1989. His wife, Jennifer, graduated from Texas A&M University in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. This scholarship was created to recognize students in the Department of Agricultural Economics with an interest in entrepreneurship. Applicants must be enrolled full-time, and must maintain a 2.75 GPR or greater, among other criteria.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Alyssa R. Looney
Lauren A. Payne*

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

C. E. Bowles Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed in 1967 by the Texas Federation of Cooperatives (now the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council) in memory of Mr. C. E. Bowles, who was widely known in agricultural circles throughout the Southwest. The scholarship is awarded to Agricultural Economics students at Texas A&M University based on academic merit and demonstrated financial need. Mr. Bowles left his mark on Texas agricultural and farm cooperatives as a farmer, county extension agricultural agent, district agent, and extension specialist. He also served as Vice President of the Houston Bank for Cooperatives and Secretary of the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association. Mr. Bowles passed away February 8, 1967. Applicants must demonstrate leadership potential and financial need, and must have a minimum GPR of 2.75. Preference is given to applicants with a demonstrated interest in cooperatives.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Laura M. Bankhead
Jessica D. Martini
Matthew P. Murch
Kelly M. Pritchett
Kayla J. Quinn*

Capital Farm Credit Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2000 by Ben Novosad '75 of Capital Farm Credit. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.50 and demonstrate leadership abilities, among other criteria. Preference is given to Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness students from Capital Farm Credit service areas.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Ashley R. Hebler
Angela M. Montemayor
Matthew D. Okeson*

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Chad Hunter Johnson '86 Opportunity Scholarship

Chad Hunter Johnson '86 has established the Chad Hunter Johnson Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas A&M Foundation. This scholarship is provided to students in good standing pursuing a degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics, with particular focus on the option of finance, insurance and real estate. The student must have graduated high school from a rural community in Texas and must demonstrate financial need. Mr. Johnson graduated with a degree in political science from Texas A&M University and is currently employed at Johnson Development Corporation, a Houston based residential and commercial land development company that his father founded in 1975. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the Greater Houston Builders Association, the Houston Development Council and is a Texas real estate broker.

2009-2010 Recipient

John W. Hoelscher

COADC Betty S. Raun Endowed Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

Mrs. Betty Raun, a long time supporter of the Department, and mother of Texas A&M former students Lowell G. "LG" Raun, Jr. '76 and Tim Raun '84, and Laura Raun Carroll and Mary Raun Johnson, established the Betty Raun Endowed Scholarship. The endowment rewards students from Wharton County (or counties in that vicinity) for exemplary performance in the Department.

2009-2010 Recipient

Wesley A. Tobola

COADC Texas Extension Education Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 1999 by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Council, matching the Former Agricultural Economics Faculty Endowed Scholarship contributions. The distributions from this endowment are used to provide one or more scholarships to students in good academic standing, pursuing a degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and majoring in Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics. Applicants are evaluated based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Daniel J. Thompson
Reagan B. Thompson
Heath T. Vesely*

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

CoBank Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1994 by CoBank - National Bank for Cooperatives. Texas A&M University was one of five universities selected to be a part of CoBank's formal college relations program. The scholarship is annually funded by CoBank under the leadership of Doug Wilhelm '71. The scholarship is awarded to a recipient who demonstrates an interest and aptitude in cooperatives or finance. Applicants must have a minimum overall GPR of 3.00.

2009-2010 Recipient

Kelly M. Pritchett

Dr. Ernest E. "Ernie" Davis '71 Endowed Opportunity Award Scholarship

This scholarship was established October 2007 and was created by Dr. Ernest E. Davis '71 and his wife Marilyn on the occasion of Dr. Davis' retirement from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Distributions from this endowment will be used to provide one or more scholarships to full-time undergraduate students in good standing pursuing a degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and an interest in the cattle industry.

2009-2010 Recipient

John A. Avellar

Dr. William E. Black Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

This scholarship was created in 2001 by a former faculty member, Dr. William Black, and his wife, Olive. Dr. Black worked as a professor and extension economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics for 18 years. He retired in 1985 and passed away in 2001. Prior to his contributions at Texas A&M University, he served his country in the Army during both World War II and the Vietnam Conflict. This scholarship was created to recognize students with outstanding leadership potential. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.50, and must demonstrate leadership potential and financial need.

2009-2010 Recipient

Sarah E. Horton

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Friends of Tommie Stuart Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1978 as a memorial scholarship in memory of Tommie Stuart, a former student of the Department of Agricultural Economics. He received bachelor's degrees in both Agricultural Economics and Animal Husbandry from Texas A&M University in 1965. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.75, and must demonstrate financial need.

2009-2010 Recipient

Calvin L. Greer, Jr.

J.C. Grady Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1988 to acknowledge students with academic excellence, leadership, participation in student activities and organizations, and strong traits of moral character. The scholarship was also created upon Dr. Grady's retirement in appreciation for his years of experience, expertise, and service in the Department of Agricultural Economics from 1967 to 1987. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.75, and must complete all college work at Texas A&M University.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Robyn H. Combs
Bay L. Dickey*

Jeld-Wen Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2000 under the leadership of Jerry Pettibone. The purpose of the Jeld-Wen Foundation Scholarship is to provide assistance to academically-qualified students who are from Texas communities (or within a 60-mile radius of a community) in which a Jeld-Wen facility exists. Currently, these communities are Sulphur Springs, Corsicana, Temple, and Grand Prairie. Applicants must be full-time students within the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University.

2009-2010 Recipient

Stephanie A. Kelly

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Jimmie M. '61 and Katherine P. Hoyt Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 2001 by a former student's wife, Katherine P. Hoyt, after his death in 1999. Jimmie was an Agricultural Economics major who graduated from Texas A&M University in 1961. Applicants must have a cumulative GPR of 2.75 or above. Academic performance, leadership, and extracurricular activities are considered.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Heather L. Hayden
John D. Hunter
Karalynn K. Westby*

John W. Siebert COALS Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2002. It was created by Howard '52 and Verlin Kruse in appreciation of the outstanding classroom performance of Dr. John W. Siebert in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Howard Kruse was a Dairy Science major who graduated from Texas A&M University in 1952. Applicants must have a minimum overall GPR of 3.00 and demonstrate outstanding potential for leadership in academics and other areas, among other criteria. Preference is given to students who are majoring in Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Daniel R. Canizales
Lauren A. Payne
Daniel J. Thompson*

Joshua F. Grahmann Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2000 by a former student of the Department, Joshua F. Grahmann, in appreciation of the education he received. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPR of 2.75 and are considered on the basis of academic ability, leadership, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Daniel R. Canizales
Jessica D. Martini*

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Lowell Raun Memorial Book Scholarship

The Lowell Raun family of El Campo provides this scholarship in honor of "Big Lowell" who passed away in 2001. Mr. Raun was a class of 1950 graduate in Business Administration, a big Aggie fan, and a rice farmer in the El Campo area. Mrs. Betty Raun and her children Lowell Jr. '76, Tim '84, Laura, Mary and their families are long-time supporters of Texas A&M University and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This scholarship is awarded at the annual Fall Kickoff in September.

2008-2009 Recipients

Reagan Freudenberg

Nathan Midkiff

Christopher Fuller

Andrew Page

William Hall

Casey Rosier

Marsha Pyle Martin '70 Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This endowment was created in 2001 as a memorial to Marsha Pyle Martin by her husband and children. Marsha was a Sociology major who graduated in 1970. Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 GPR, must be a Senior majoring in Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness, and must demonstrate financial need, among other criteria. Preference is given to those students planning to pursue a graduate degree.

2009-2010 Recipients

Laura M. Bankhead

Morgan K. Mink

Plum Agribusiness Scholarship

This scholarship, created in 1993, was designed to recognize outstanding undergraduate students in the Department of Agricultural Economics' Agribusiness program at Texas A&M University. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.75, and must also demonstrate leadership potential.

2009-2010 Recipients

Jesse L. Beckett

Sarah E. Horton

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Producers Grain Corporation Educational Trust Fund/Zerle Carpenter Cooperative Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1998 by the Producers Grain Corporation. Tommy Engelke, Executive Vice President of the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, and Ed Smith, Chair of Cooperatives in the Department of Agricultural Economics, used the funds to establish this scholarship in honor of Zerle Carpenter's many years of leadership with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (now the Texas AgriLife Extension Service). Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.75 and must be majoring in Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural Economics. They must also have completed AGEC 413 (Agricultural Cooperatives) or the class may be taken during the year the scholarship is awarded.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Karina Calderon
Robyn H. Combs
Katelyn R. Farris
Christopher M. Fuller
Heather B. Hirsch
Clay J. Jones
Brooke T. Mason
Matthew D. Okeson
Kelly M. Pritchett
Trevor W. Warren*

Stephen C. Helbing, Sr. '48 Endowed Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

This scholarship was established in December 2006 and was created by Stephen C. Helbing, Jr., Scott C. Helbing, Ross C. Helbing, and Robert L. Helbing as a tribute to their father, Stephen C. Helbing, Sr. '48, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Distributions from this endowment will be used to provide one or more scholarships to full-time students in good standing pursuing a degree from the Department of Agricultural Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and financial need. Additional selection preferences are: resident of West Texas, and/or member of the Corps of Cadets.

2009-2010 Recipient

Logan T. Nichols

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2009-2010

Texas Bankers Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 1969. It was established by the Texas Bankers Association to reward an excellent student interested in banking as a career. Applicants must have a minimum overall GPR of 3.00. In addition, they must be an Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness major in the Department of Agricultural Economics, among other criteria.

2009-2010 Recipient

Sarah B. Novak

Triangle Companies Scholarship

This scholarship was established in the Department of Agricultural Economics in 2005. Prior to that time, it was historically administered by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This scholarship is primarily the result of the relationship between Triangle Companies and Dr. John Park, with the intentions of not only helping with the development of the Department of Agricultural Economics and its students, but also to improve the relationship of Triangle Companies with its customer base. Applicants must have a cumulative GPR of 3.0 or higher, and must be an Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness major. They must have completed AGE 413 or the class may be taken during the year the scholarship is awarded. Evaluation is based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, and demonstrated contribution to the cooperative industry, among other criteria.

2009-2010 Recipient

Anna L. Allcorn

Verlin and Howard Kruse Class of '52 Endowed Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

This scholarship, established by the generous donations of Verlin and Howard Kruse '52, was created in 2002 to recognize students with an outstanding record in extracurricular activities and proven academic excellence. Howard Kruse '52 was a Dairy Science major who graduated from Texas A&M University in 1952. Applicants must have and maintain a 3.0 GPR, and must be majoring in Agricultural Economics, among other criteria.

2009-2010 Recipient

Sarah B. Novak

Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Scholarships 2008-2009

Vernon Schneider Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 1999. It was established by family, friends, and former students of Vernon Schneider to honor his memory and years of service to the Department of Agricultural Economics. Dr. Schneider was an agribusiness professor as well as the founding president of the International Agribusiness Management Association at Texas A&M University. His primary focus as a professor was finding ways to link his students to agribusiness industries. He is remembered as an outstanding teacher, an innovator in agribusiness curriculum development, and a visionary leader in international agribusiness relations.

2009-2010 Recipient

Reagan B. Thompson

William M. Lehrer Agribusiness Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1981 by American Rice, Inc. to honor William M. Lehrer for his contributions to the rice industry. The intent of American Rice, Inc. was to establish a scholarship fund for worthy and deserving students enrolled at Texas A&M University. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 2.75, and must have graduated from a Texas or Louisiana high school. They must also be a Junior or a Senior majoring in Agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

2009-2010 Recipients

*Lindsy R. Dutton
Joanna M. Wilde*



Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Awards 2009-2010

J. Wheeler Barger Memorial Award Outstanding Senior

This fund was established as a tribute to the fine character and many accomplishments of Mr. J. Wheeler Barger and is evidence of the respect and affection in which his memory is held by all who knew him. It is also an expression of appreciation for his leadership in the field of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, and for the inspiration, counsel, and assistance he so freely gave to so many of his students and co-workers during his lifetime. J. Wheeler Barger began his career at Texas A&M University in 1935. This award is a small measure of the love held for him by the thousands of men privileged to attend his classes or to be associated with him during his career at Texas A&M University.

The purpose of this trust is to recognize, reward, and encourage students studying in the fields of Agricultural Economics and Sociology. Recipients must demonstrate superior academic performance, leadership, character, personality, and participation in activities and organizations, in addition to demonstrated ability to speak before an audience or to write for publication. These funds are used each year to provide a small monetary award to recipient(s) of the Department's Outstanding Senior Award.

Tyrus R. Timm Graduating Senior Award

This award was established in 1976. The purpose of this award is to perpetuate the name and high ideals of Dr. Tyrus R. Timm within the profession and to honor a graduating senior each year who has exhibited determination to excel in the field of agricultural economics. Academic performance, while important, is not necessarily the most important factor in the selection process. Eligibility and qualifications include: must be a graduating senior in agricultural economics; must have completed at least four semesters in residence at Texas A&M University; must be of high moral character; must have participated in a visible way in the activities of departmental clubs, as well as the affairs of the College of Agriculture and in the University community.

Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions



Anna Lee Allcorn is the daughter of Kyle and Martha Allcorn of Olton, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is involved in COALS Freshman Leadership Experience, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Aggie Baptist Student Ministries, Aggie REPS, and AGGIE ACES. She wants to continue her education in law school and represent the Ag Industry politically, continue her cattle operation, and broker commodities.



John Avellar is the son of Tom and Lori Avellar of Winters, California. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He is involved in Saddle and Sirloin and is a member of the livestock judging team. He wants to pursue an MBA at Texas A&M and hopes to one day own his own business.



Laura Bankhead is the daughter of Randall and Mary Bankhead of Roscoe, Texas. She is a senior Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and is an Aggie REP for the Department. She is also involved in the ANRP internship program and in Aggies Selflessly Serving in Shaping tomorrow. She wants to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in Agricultural Economics.



Jesse Beckett is the son of John and Karla Beckett of Winters, California. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Texas A&M livestock judging team and is an active member of the Saddle and Sirloin club. Upon graduation, he wants to pursue a Master's in Business Administration from Mays Business School and pursue a career in business management.



Karina Calderon is the daughter of Margarita and Martin Calderon of Comanche, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and FIRE, and she works at the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M. She wants to receive her master's degree in accounting and pursue a career in investments.



Daniel Canizales is the son of Pamela Whited and Raul Canizales of Austin, Texas. He is a senior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. He is a member of the Corps of Cadets Company C-2, Texas A&M SEAL Platoon, and holds top leadership billets within. He has a contract with the U.S. Navy and upon graduation will be commissioned as an officer and wants to become a Navy SEAL. He also has aspirations to apply to the CIA, FBI, or Secret Service to serve on the security detachment for the President or return to Texas A&M, complete the LERE program, and become involved in commercial or residential real estate.

Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions



Robyn Combs is the daughter of Marshall and Roxann Combs of Cypress, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and is a Teaching Assistant in the Department. She is also involved in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She plans to receive a master's degree in accounting from Texas A&M and work in the oil and gas industry.



Bay Dickey is the daughter of Grant and Barbara Dickey of Huntsville, Texas. She is a freshman Agribusiness major. She is involved in COALS Council and Freshman Leadership Experience. She received Distinguished Student honors for the Fall 2008 semester, is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and plans to attend law school after graduation.



Lindsy Dutton is the daughter of Tori Dutton and Jeff Dutton of Mason, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. She is a member of Alpha Zeta Honors Fraternity. She is also involved in co-ed intramural basketball and works for Texas A&M University Small Animal Clinical Sciences. She wants to pursue a master's degree and enter the finance or real estate business.



Katelyn Farris is the daughter of Mary Beth and Danny Farris of Tuscola, Texas. She is a senior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option with a minor in Agricultural Communications and Journalism. She is a member of NAMA and participated on the 2008 NAMA Marketing Team. She is also involved in Aggie Sisters for Christ and the Saddle and Sirloin Club. She spent this semester in Austin interning in the Marketing Department at the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo. Kate loves showing cattle and the agriculture industry. Upon graduation in May 2010, she hopes to begin a career in which she can combine her passions for agriculture and youth and use her skills in marketing.



Christopher Fuller is the proud son of Shelley Fuller of Houston, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. He is also involved in Howdy Ags, Pre-Law Society, and is a counselor for Fish Camp 2009. He is taking the LSAT over the summer and plans to attend law school beginning fall 2010 at either the University of Houston, Texas Tech University, or the University of Texas.



Calvin Greer, Jr. is the son of Calvin and Lethia Greer of Cypress, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He is a member of the FIRE club and Gamma Phi Delta Christian Fraternity. He works at the Library Annex and wants to receive his master's degree in business administration or through the LERE program.

Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions



Heather Hayden is the daughter of Quinton and April Hayden of Combine, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Sigma Alpha Lambda. She is also involved in Aggies for Christ. She wants to receive her bachelor's degree in agribusiness and pursue a successful career in business.



Ashley Hebler is the daughter of Mark and Maureen Hebler of Galveston, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. She is the 2009-2010 President for NAMA and a member of the NAMA marketing team. Ashley is interested in graphic communication and multimedia services and would like to pursue a career in advertising or brand development. Eventually, she plans to attend graduate school to study marketing or a related field.



Heather Hirsch is the daughter of Rick and Bronte Hirsch of Athens, Texas. She is a freshman Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is an Aggie REP and is a member of the Ag Econ Society. She is also involved in Saddle and Sirloin, Freshman Leadership, and Beef Cattle Association. She wants to attend law school after graduation and plans to represent the beef industry in Austin.



John Wesley Hoelscher is the son of John and Debbie Hoelscher of Floresville, Texas. He is a sophomore Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real estate option. He is a member of AGGIE ACES and is also involved in the Leadership Living Learning Community or (L3C). After graduation, he plans to go into the family business, Hoelscher's Fine Furniture and Appliances.



Sarah Horton is the daughter of David and JoAnne Horton, Sr. of Chappell Hill, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major with a minor in economics. She is a member of the FIRE club in the Agricultural Economics Department. She is also involved in the National Agricultural Honor Society, Alpha Zeta, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Relay for Life, HOSTS, and works as a part-time receptionist at Farmers Insurance. Upon receiving her bachelor's degree, Sarah plans on earning a master's degree in agribusiness.



John D. Hunter is the son of Lynn Lewis of Warren, Texas and David Hunter of Crystal Beach, Texas. He is a senior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. He is a member of the FIRE club. He is also involved in the San Antonio Rodeo's Barbecue and Junior Livestock Auction Committees. He wants to finish his bachelor's degree and pursue a career with an established company in the management field.

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Clay Jones is the son of Thomas and Maggie Jones of San Antonio, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club and volunteers as a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. After graduating from Texas A&M he hopes to work for the USDA ensuring quality food standards, particularly in school lunch programs.



Stephanie Kelly is the daughter of Mike and Dee Dee Kelly of Waco, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. She is also involved in the Softball Official Association, Aggie Sister's for Christ, Intramurals, and was the Director of Development for the Texas A&M Women's Leadership Conference this past fall. She also is currently employed as a supervisor by the Texas A&M Recreation Center. She hopes to receive the Agricultural and Natural Resources Program (ANRP) Congressional Internship in Washington, D.C. upon graduation, where she wants to further her career by working with the United States Department of Agriculture.



Alyssa Looney is the daughter of Floyd and Robin Looney of Denton, Texas. She is a freshman Agribusiness major with minors in Animal Science and German. She is involved in A&M's Texas Ag Elite Competition Cheerleading Squad, Saddle and Sirloin, and the Beef Cattle Association. She wants to receive her master's degree after she finishes her undergraduate program and pursue a career in international business.



Jessica Martini is the daughter of Beverly James Holman and Roy Martini of Corpus Christi, Texas. She is a freshman Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. She is also involved in the Honors Program and the COALS Living Community for Regent Scholars. She wants to receive her Master's in Policy Administration and pursue a career within the government concerning economic analysis and international trade agreements for agriculture.



Brooke Mason is the daughter of Tanise and Jerry Hunt of Fairfield, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the FIRE club and is also involved in MADD and Innovative Fitness boot camps. She works at First Convenience Bank and wants to continue in the banking industry as a branch manager or auditor after receiving her Bachelor of Science degree.



Chad McGee is the son of Scott and Jean McGee of Magnolia, Texas. He is a senior Agribusiness major. He is an Aggie REP and a member of NAMA. He is also involved in the Big Event, HOSTS, ACT (Aggie Career Team), and he works at the Texas A&M Career Center. He wants to graduate and acquire a position within the produce industry.

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Morgan Mink is the daughter of Brian and Ramona Mink of Scurry, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness and Animal Science double major. She is an AGGIE ACE, has served as an Aggie REP for two years, and is currently a NAMA officer. She is also the President of the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Association and has been an intern for the San Antonio Livestock Show and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Morgan is a member of Living Hope Baptist Church in College Station. She plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Agricultural Communications. In her spare time, Morgan enjoys helping with her family's cattle and sheep operation, making jewelry, listening to music, and hanging out with family and friends. She plans to intern with DMA Solutions this summer.



Angela Montemayor is the daughter of Gilbert and Blanca Montemayor of San Benito, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. During her time at Texas A&M University, Angela has been active in on-campus organizations such as AGGIE ACES, AgForLife, and is currently the President of the Society of Agricultural Finance Insurance and Real Estate. She is also active off-campus, and during spring break, Angela participated in the 2009 Corpus Christi Multiple Sclerosis Walk with the AT&T Pioneers. She also tutors members of the Corps of Cadets. She is a member of the Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, Golden Key International Honor Society, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars-Magna Cum Laude. While at Texas A&M, Angela has aspirations of interning with Northwestern Mutual for Financial Advising. Upon graduation, Angela plans to pursue her master's degree and start a career specializing in lending and capital markets.



Matthew Murch is the son of Mike and Frances Murch of Mesquite, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. He is a member of the the Ag Econ Society. He is also involved in Ag's of OAK (Open Acts of Kindness) and the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program. He wants to receive his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and work for an animal health firm.



Logan Nichols is the son of Jay and Debbie Nichols of Troup, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option. He is a member of Traditions Council, College of Ag and Life Sciences Student Council, and Fish Camp. He is a Student Senate Chair and works for the Texas A&M Career Center. He wants to go to law school or stay at Texas A&M and pursue a career in student development and affairs.

Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions



Sarah Novak is the daughter of Charles and Julie Novak of Pleasanton, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. She is a member of Aggie ACES, the Ag Econ Society, and is an Aggie REP for the department. She is also involved in COALS Student Council where she serves as Chair for the Liaison to the Dean Committee, and has been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key Honor Societies. Since the legislative session began in January, she has been interning in Austin through A&M's Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Program. Serving as the Government Affairs and Public Relations Intern for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, she plans to apply the many things she is learning to her future career. Sarah is also looking into receiving her master's degree upon graduation.



Matthew Okeson is the son of David and Kathy Okeson of Kingwood, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major with a minor in Spanish and plans to graduate with Certificates in International Trade – Agriculture and International Business. Matt was recently named the Alpha Zeta Outstanding Junior for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and received the Texas A&M University Academic Excellence Award. His involvement in the department includes serving as President of the Agricultural Economics Society, grading papers for the AGECE 105 courses, assisting with the AGECE 217 labs, and serving as Southern Region Vice President for the Student Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). In addition, Matt was one of the students who competed in the Southern Agricultural Economics Association's Quiz Bowl Competition and was a member of the undefeated championship team. He hopes to represent Texas A&M University this July in Milwaukee as a member of the Quiz Bowl Team. Last October, Matt received his American FFA Degree and was the only undergraduate student selected to present a paper at the "Generations on the Land: Working for Land Stewardship" symposium hosted by the Sand County Foundation. His paper titled "Economic Analysis of Climate Change, Inter-basin Water Transfers, Species Protection and Aquatic Life in Texas" was selected as the Economics dimension winner. Matt also currently serves as President of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Director of Community Relations for the Interfraternity Council, and hopes to represent the students of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences next year in the Student Senate. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Alpha Zeta, Golden Key, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies as well. Upon graduation in May 2011, Matt plans to attend law school focusing on international trade policy and hopes to go to work for our nation's government.



Lauren Payne is the daughter of Jeff Payne of Glen Rose, Texas. She is a freshman Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and serves as an Aggie REP for the Department. She is also involved in The Beef Cattle Association, the Saddle and Sirloin club, and works for Richard Dunn and Wade Griffin as an office assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics. She wants to pursue a career that involves financial risk management or livestock marketing in the beef cattle industry.

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Michelle Popek is the daughter of Susan and David Popek of Bay City, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness major. She is the President of NAMA, on the NAMA Marketing Team, a member of AGGIE ACES, and an Aggie REP for the Department. She also participated in the National Collegiate Sales Competition this year. Last summer, Michelle worked for Purina Mills as a feed sales intern traveling to 10 states and evaluated over 400 feed dealers on core business criteria. Her passion for the animal and feed industry has led her to choose a career with Land O'Lakes Purina Mills as a feed sales representative in the Arizona/New Mexico Area.



Kelly Pritchett is the daughter of Cheryl Pritchett and Tom and Kellee Pritchett of Joshua, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and is an Aggie REP. She is also the Agriculture and Applied Economics Association National Student President and a member of the Academic Quiz Bowl Team. She is on the Big Event Committee, Student Service Fee Advisory Board, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Council. She has interned in Washington, D.C. for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and will pursue a master's degree in Marketing from Mays Business School after graduating in December 2009.



Kayla Quinn is the daughter of Darrel and Joy Quinn of Tomball, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness major. She is a fast-pitch softball umpire and umpires for local softball leagues, tournaments, and high schools. Kayla also enjoys taking Aggie Wrangler lessons. She wants to receive her master's degree in health care administration.



Daniel Thompson is the son of Tab and Debbie Thompson of Stephenville, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. He is a member of the Ag Econ Society and NAMA. He is also involved in the MSCC Wiley Lecture Series and leads worship at First Baptist Church in Bryan. He wants to intern with CoBank for the summer of 2009.



Reagan Thompson is the son of Tab and Debbie Thompson of Stephenville, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. He is a member of the Ag Econ Society, NAMA, and FIRE club. He is also involved in the 12th Man Foundation, Hall Council, and the MSC Wiley Lecture Series. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing sports and aspires to become a business owner after graduation.

Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions



Wesley Tobola is the son of Robert and Marie Tobola of Hallettsville, Texas. He is a sophomore Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society and AGGIE ACES. He is also involved in the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity serving as the Chief Recruitment Officer, Fish Camp serving as a Crew Counselor, Phi Eta Sigma Honors Fraternity, and works for the 12th Man Foundation: Athletic Ticket Office. He will be studying abroad this summer with the France FESIA program. He plans to receive his degree as well as earn a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture and a Certificate in International Business. With his degree and certificates, he plans to work with an agribusiness firm locally or internationally.



Heath Vesely is the son of Larry and Sheila Vesely of Victoria, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major with a Horticulture minor. He is an Aggie REP for the Department. He is also involved in CARPOOL, Aggieland Lions Club, and works in the TAMU Horticulture Department. He wants to intern this summer in sales or management with an agricultural based company. After graduation, Heath plans to earn his master's degree in either agribusiness or agricultural economics.



Trevor Warren is the son of Larry and Margie Warren of San Antonio, Texas. He is a sophomore Agribusiness major. He is a member of Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives (CARPOOL) organization. He wants to own and manage multiple businesses, practice law, and raise a family.



Haley Wendler is the daughter of Jason and Sandy Wendler of College Station, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major and Agricultural Economics minor. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and is an Aggie REP for the Department. She is also involved in No Freshman Left Out, HOSTS, and works in the Meat Science Department. She wants to pursue a master's degree in agricultural economics.



Karalynn Westby is the daughter of Jim and Krista Westby of San Antonio, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is involved in The Big Event and works at a restaurant. She wants to earn her degree and work in the environmental field of business.

Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions



Christy Wick is the daughter of Terry and Sarah Wick of Hallettsville, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness and Poultry Science double major. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and is an Aggie REP for the Department. She is also involved in the Poultry Science Club, the Aggie Leadership Council, Alpha Zeta, and works for Grazingland Management Systems, Inc. She wants to one day work for an Agribusiness company in management or public relations. Christy also plans to travel to France this summer to study abroad in the France FESIA Program which is offered by the department.



Joanna Wilde is the daughter of Betty Jo and John Wilde of Wall, Texas. She is a freshman Agribusiness major. She is involved in Kappa Theta Beta and St. Mary's Church. She wants to complete an internship through the Farm Bureau and to have a career in business and politics.



Megan Woytek is the daughter of Harvey and Betty Woytek of Hallettsville, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the FIRE club and the Agricultural Economics Society, and she works at Online Real Estate. She wants to receive her bachelor's degree and pursue a career in commercial and residential real estate.



Shauna Yow is the daughter of Sherry and Jess Jenkins of Geronimo, Texas and Clynt and Janie Yow of Poteet, Texas. She is a senior Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and FIRE and is an Aggie REP for the Department. She was a member of the 2007 and 2008 AAEA National Championship Academic Bowl Teams. Shauna was an Undergraduate Research Scholar and completed a thesis entitled "Unintended Consequences of Legislation" in May 2008. She has worked as a student researcher with Drs. Rister and Lacewell during her junior and senior years. With this research, she has competed in numerous paper and poster competitions throughout the country. Shauna is also a member of the Pre-Law Society and Alpha Zeta Honor Fraternity. She is currently working as a legislative intern for the Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Texas A&M. Shauna will be attending law school in the fall and plans on specializing in water law.

Our thanks to the students for providing their biographical information.

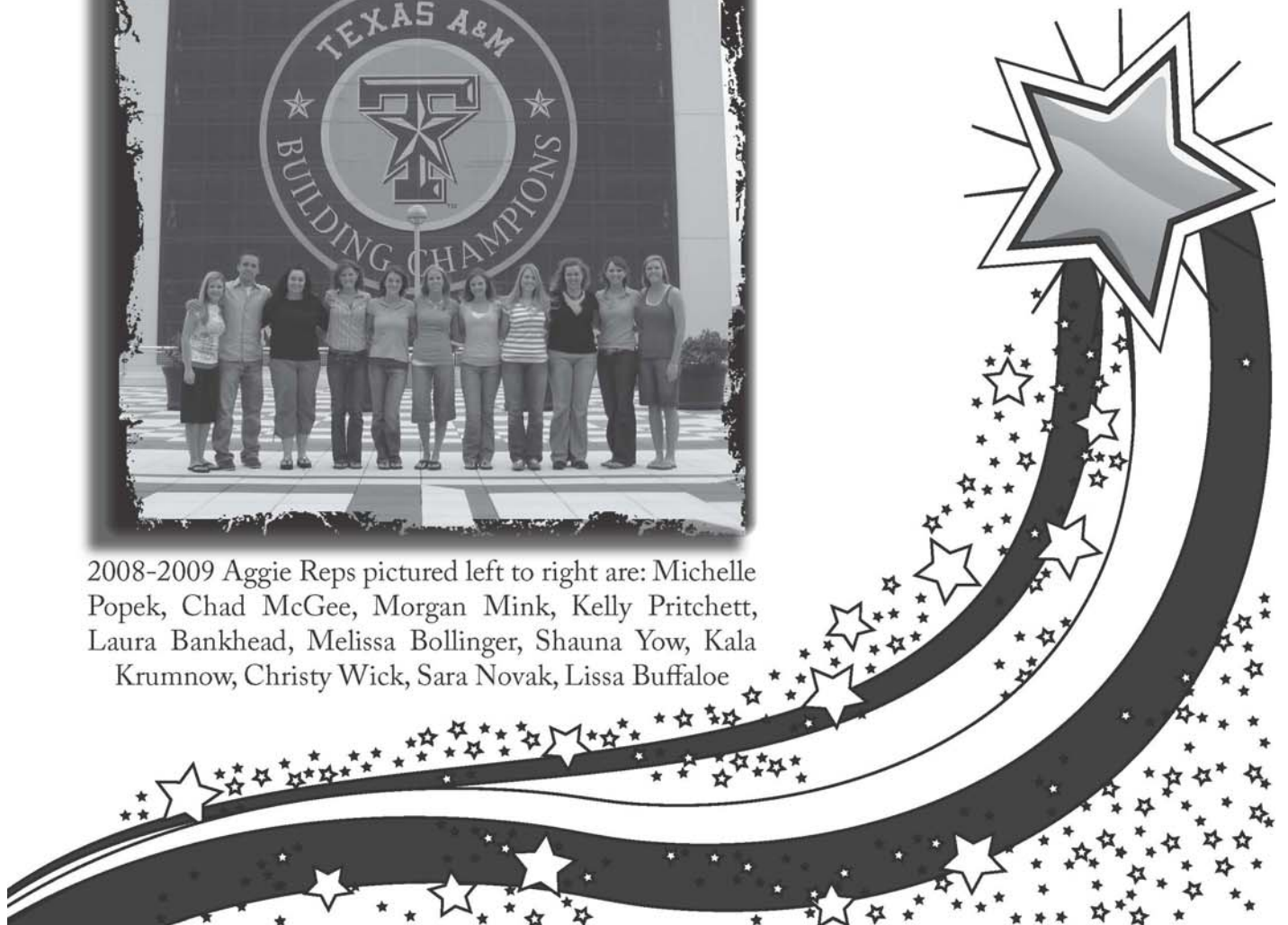
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Aggie REPS

The basic concept of the Aggie REPS is to identify and train a group of top quality students to represent the Department of Agricultural Economics. These student representatives will be trained on the correct procedure to represent the University and proper protocol for approaching high school students, counselors, and administrators. They are trained to make presentations about Departmental activities to the University and local community. Students are selected as members of this elite group because of their leadership skills, presentation capabilities, commitment to the Aggie way of life in addition to high academic success. Students enrolled in the Department of Agricultural Economics will have an opportunity to apply each Spring to serve a one year term as an Aggie REP.



2008-2009 Aggie Reps pictured left to right are: Michelle Popek, Chad McGee, Morgan Mink, Kelly Pritchett, Laura Bankhead, Melissa Bollinger, Shauna Yow, Kala Krumnow, Christy Wick, Sara Novak, Lissa Buffaloe



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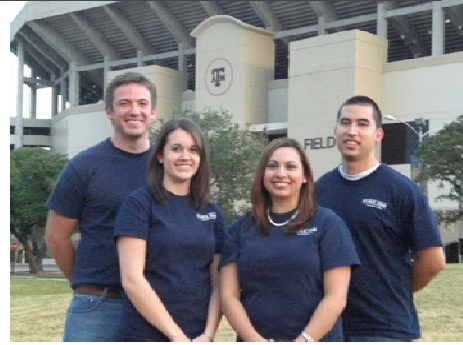
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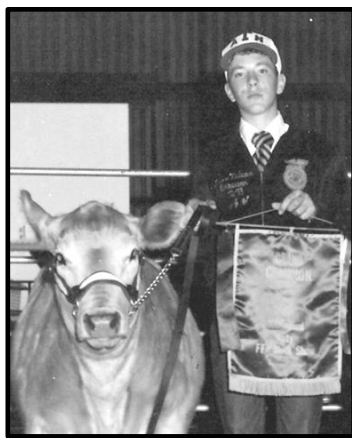
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