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 17, 2010
3:00 p.m.
Reception Committee Members

Donna Adcock
Michael Baca ’12
Fred Boadu
Angela Catlin
Brian Gilchrist ’11
Ashley Hebler ’10
Dr. Lindsey Higgins
Dr. Curtis F. Lard
Jessica Martini ’12
Dusty Menzies
Matt Murch ’10
Matt Okeson ’11
Norma Pantoja
Jay Richmond ’11
Jose Segovia ’11
Dr. John W. Siebert
Pam Vernon

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Welcome ......................................................... Jena Rhodes ’12
Invocation ................................................................ Jose Segovia ’11
Introduction of Special Guests .............................. Michael Baca ’12
Introduction of Keynote Speaker .......................... Blake Stone ’11
Keynote Speaker ............................................. Mrs. Marla Thompson Poirot ’92

Annual Recognitions & Awards

2009-2010 Recognitions and Acknowledgements ..Dr. John P. Nichols

Education-Leadership Development Activities.........Sarah Novak ’11

AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl ................................. Matthew Okeson ’11
NAMA Marketing Team ...................................... Jay Richmond ’11
Aggie REPS .................................................... Angela Montemayor ’10
AGGIE ACES .................................................... Ashley Hebler ‘10

Ag Econ Society ................................................. Jessica Martini ’12

F.I.R.E .............................................................. Jay Richmond ’11

NAMA ............................................................... Ashley Hebler ‘10

Excellence in Academic ...................................... Dr. Dmitry Vedenov
and Leadership Awards

J. Wheeler Barger Outstanding Senior .............. Dr. Gabriel Power
Tyrus R. Timm Graduating Senior Award ............ Dr. Ariun Ishdorj

Scholarships ..................................................... Matt Murch ’10

Closing Remarks ............................................. Dr. John P. Nichols

Thank you for celebrating with us today!

*Glossary of terms in back
The Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University is pleased to welcome back Marla Thompson Poirot, a former Agricultural Economics student of the Department, as the 2010 Undergraduate Spring Recognition Reception keynote speaker.

Marla Thompson Poirot grew up in Houston, Texas and was an active athlete, scholar and FFA member before coming to Texas A&M in 1988. She played varsity volleyball, basketball and tennis; raised competition chickens; and competed at state-level FFA competitions in the public speaking and parliamentary procedure fields. Marla attended Texas A&M with the benefit of scholarship funds from both the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. She majored in Agricultural Economics and received the equivalent of a minor in Accounting. Marla was one of the original Aggie R.E.P.S. and was extremely active in many other student organizations within the College of Agriculture. She graduated summa cum laude in 1992.

Marla was set on law school from an early stage, and she intended to use her agricultural background and education to ultimately develop a practice in environmental law. During her senior year at A&M, Marla worked as a Research and Writing Assistant to Dr. Fred Boadu. Looking toward law school, she had every intention of staying in Texas to eventually practice law. Thus, she was thrilled when she was accepted into law school at the University of Texas. Her mentor, Dr. Boadu, however, had other ideas. Knowing full well about all the rich experiences and opportunities to be enjoyed outside the great state of Texas as well as within it, Dr. Boadu was ecstatic when Marla was accepted into law school at Columbia University. As both a lawyer and an academic scholar, Dr. Boadu’s persuasive skills are well-honed and superb – Marla attended Columbia Law School in New York upon graduation from A&M.

After law school, Marla returned to Texas and began practicing law at a Houston-based law firm, Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton. At Mayor, Day, Marla practiced environmental law; however, after a few years, her practice migrated toward criminal law, an interest that she had first developed at Columbia and that later dovetailed with her environmental practice when a major client was the subject of an environmental criminal investigation. For the last 12+ years, she has continued to practice in the world of “white collar criminal defense,” now as a partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell. Her practice primarily consists of representing companies and their individual officers, board members and/or employees in all aspects of criminal investigations by federal, state and/or local agencies and prosecutors. She has been involved in investigations dealing with environmental situations; customs and import/export regulations; immigration and related employment issues; securities investigations; and a range of issues (and trials) stemming from the Enron investigations in Houston and other oil and gas/energy investigations over the last several years. She goes to trial on cases when necessary, but her primary focus is trying to resolve criminal investigations short of an indictment, if possible.

Marla and her husband, Karl (A&M, ’88), have a seven-year old son, Luke, and a five-year old daughter, Emma. Outside of her law practice, Marla stays active with her family; she teaches CCE at their church in Houston; and Marla and Karl both volunteer on committees with the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

We are proud to welcome Marla Thompson Poirot as this afternoon’s keynote speaker.
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Cathy and Ralph Ward, Jr. '73 Endowed Scholarship

The Cathy and Ralph Ward, Jr. '73 scholarship in International Agribusiness was established through the Texas A&M Foundation. This gift will provide one or more scholarships to students in good standing pursuing an undergraduate degree in Agribusiness and enrolled in the Certificate of International Trade in Agriculture or Certificate in International Business programs. Recipient shall maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, successfully completing a minimum of 12 semester hours each long-term semester among other criteria. Ralph is the President of the Bruce McMillian, Jr., Foundation, Inc. in Overton, TX. He and Cathy are longtime supporters of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Ralph earned his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Journalism and a Masters in Agricultural Development. Cathy was an honor student at SFA and has a great appreciation for the importance of higher education. During one of their recent trips abroad, the Wards saw a great opportunity for Aggies to enhance their international agriculture business experience through certification program participation offered by the Department of Agricultural Economics. Cathy and Ralph have been longtime members of the College of Agriculture Development Council and are very active in their community.

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 Jimmy Nail ’54
Jorge Bermudez ’73 Benjamin R. Novosad ’75
Bill E. Carter ’69 Darren G. Owens ’73
Glenn Collins ’80 Thomas Paterson ’80
Del Deterling ’59 Fernando Quiñónez-Meza ’63
Jimmy Dodson ’74 Walt Curtis Richburg ’65
Murray H. Edwards ’73 Jimmy N. Roppolo ’69
Jack Finney ‘38 James D. Sartwelle, Jr. ’63
Creed Ford ’75 Ivan W. Schmedemann ’66
Kathleen Gibson ’81 Charlie Scruggs ’45
Zay Gilbreath ’62 Tom W. Smith ’57
Jesse C. Grady ’49 Robert Smith, III ’61
Gary Gunter ’81 Todd Staples ’84
Jon Hagler ’58 Stoney Stubbs ’58
Stan Johnson ’66 Joseph B. Swinbank ’74
Robert Kensing ’46 Graham Weston ’86
Fred McClure ’76 John E. Windwehen ’76
Jarvis Miller ’50 Jimmy Wright ’72
### Award Recipients and Other Recognitions

#### Agricultural Economics Society
- **Outstanding Member**—Wilson Alarcon ‘11
- **Outstanding Faculty**—John Siebert
- **Outstanding Staff**—Dusty Menzies

#### Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate (F.I.R.E)
- **Outstanding Member Award**—
- **Outstanding New Member Award**—

#### National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA)
- **Outstanding Chapter Member Award**
- **Outstanding Commitment Award**

#### Excellence in Academic and Leadership Awards
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**
- **Dusty Oney ’09**
- **Robyn Combs ’11**
- **Gabriela Santistevan ’10**
- **Kerri Kirkpatrick ’10**
- **Heath Vesely ’10**
- **Morgan Mink ’10**
- **Christy Wick ’10**
- **Logan Nichols ’10**

#### J. Wheeler Barger Outstanding Senior Award
To be announced—Anna Lee Allcorn

#### Tyrus R. Timm Graduating Senior Award
To be announced

#### College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

##### Senior Merit Awards
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**
- **Logan Nichols ’10**
- **Gabriella Santistevan ’10**

##### Alpha Zeta Outstanding Student Nominees
- **Brent Gold ’11** - Junior Agribusiness
- **Jessica Martini ’12** - Junior Agricultural Economics
- **Jake Riley ’13** - Sophomore Agribusiness
- **Deanna Bosse ’13** - Freshman Agribusiness
- **Emily Lord ’13** - Freshman Agricultural Economics

#### Gamma Sigma Delta

##### Departmental Outstanding Senior Nominees
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12** - Agribusiness
- **Sarah Novak ’11** - Agricultural Economics

##### Departmental Outstanding Junior Nominees
- **Brent Gold ’11** - Agribusiness
- **Jessica Martini ’12** - Agricultural Economics

#### Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Junior Award for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- **Sarah Novak ’11**

#### WAEA Senior Award
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**

#### Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards
- **Adam Buttenbach**, Ph.D
- **Alex Griffin**, M.S.
- **Cody Eatherton**, M.S.
- **Derek Kothmann**, M.S.

#### 2009 AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Teams
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**
- **Matthew Okeson ’11**
- **Lissa Buffaloe ’09**
- **Kelly Pritchett ’10**
- **Austin Miller ’09**
- **Kacey VanDeaver ’09**
- **Eric Manthei ’07**, Student Coach
- **Dr. James Mjelde**, Coach
- **Dr. Fred Boadu**, Coach

#### 2010 SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Participants
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**
- **Jessica Martini ’12**
- **Eric Manthei ’07**, Student Coach

#### 2009-2010 AAEA Student Section National Officers
- **President** — Matthew Okeson ’11

##### NAMA Marketing Team
- **Preston Asay ’11**
- **Zachary Morgan ’09**
- **Ben Edwards ’10**
- **Dusty Oney ’09**
- **Stephanie Grafe ’10**
- **Jose Segovia ’11**
- **Matthew Guzman ’09**
- **John Stevenson ’13**
- **James Herblin ’10**
- **Heather Stokes ’11**
- **Matthew Johnson ’09**
- **Blake Stone ’11**
- **Kerri Kirkpatrick ’10**
- **Steven Walters ’10**
- **Katlyn Klabunde ’10**
- **Tiffany Whitehair ’10**
- **Angela Montemayor ’08**
- **Katherine Woods ’11**
- **Dr. Kerry Litzenberg**, Advisor
- **Dr. Lindsey Higgins**, Advisor

##### Awards of Meritorious Service to Aggie REPS
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**
- **Heath Vesely ’10**
- **Morgan Mink ’10**
- **Christy Wick ’10**
- **Melissa Pittman ’10**

##### AGBU and AGEC members of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Council
- **Sarah Novak ’11** - President
- **Baylie Miller ’11** - VP of Programs
- **Emily Lord ’13** - Member
- **Stephanie Riddle ’13** - Member

##### Producers Marketing Association
- **Anna Lee Allcorn ’12**
- **Matthew Okeson ’11**
- **Katie Parrish ’08**
- **Kerry Litzenberg**, Advisor

##### Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy “Congressional” Interns
- **Preston Asay ’11**
- **Spencer Robnett ’10**
- **John Avellar ’10**
- **Christopher Schubert ’11**
- **Christopher Esselburn ’08**
- **Lori Tallent ’10**
- **Eduardo Fuentes ’11**
- **Trevor Warren ’11**
- **Stephanie Grafe ’10**
- **Beau Woodbury ’10**
- **Andrew Kim ’10**
- **John Kovach ’10**
- **Matthew Okeson ’11**
## Department of Agricultural Economics Student Organizations

### Aggie REPS

**2009-2010**
- Anna Lee Alcorn '12
- Laura Bankhead '10
- Jennifer Bremer '12
- Stephanie Grafe '10
- Heather Hirsch '12
- Courtney Hodges '12
- Kala Krumnow '10
- Kassidy Martin '12
- Morgan Mink '10

Dr. Fred Boadu, Advisor
Mr. Dusty Menzies '97, Advisor
Ms. Donna Adcock '87, Advisor
Ms. Pam Vernon, Advisor

**2010-2011**
- Mary Beth Allcorn '12
- Deanna Bosse '13
- Jennifer Bremer '12
- Kaitlin Coward '13
- Travis Evans '12
- Kasey Hall '11
- Whitney Hinze '13
- Heather Hirsch '12
- Courtney Hodges '12
- Tyler Kusak '12

Dr. Fred Boadu, Advisor
Mr. Dusty Menzies '97, Advisor
Ms. Donna Adcock '87, Advisor
Ms. Pam Vernon, Advisor

### 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

**2010-2011**
- President: Jay Richmond ’11
- Vice-President: Michael Baca ’12
- Secretary: Allison Stein ’11
- Treasurer: Wilson Alarcon ‘11
- Historian: Jenna Haby ’12
- Parliamentary: Terry Louie ’12
- Advisor: Dr. Marco Palma

### Ag Econ Society 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. Joshua Woodard

**2010-2011**
- President: Jessica Martini ’12
- Vice-President: Jana Crook ’11
- Treasurer: Wilson Alarcon ’11
- Secretary: Julie Anna Clark ’13
- Public Relations: Briley Leggett ’11
- Parliamentarian: Trey Herrin ’11
- Advisor: Dr. John Siebert
- Advisor: Dr. Joshua Woodard

### NAMA Officers

**2009-2010**
- President: Ashley Hebler ’10
- VP Business Relations: Brett Bamert ’10
- VP Public Relations: Dusty Oney ’09
- VP Publicity: Jose Segovia ’11
- VP Finance: Edgar Alarcon ’09 (Fall)
  Blake Stone ’11(Spring)
- Advisor: Dr. Kerry Litzenberg
- Advisor: Dr. Marco Palma

**2010-2011**
- President: Blake Stone ’11
- VP Business Relations: Heather Stokes ’11
- VP Public Relations: Tiffany Whitehair ’11
- VP Publicity: Tallon Martin ’11
- VP Finance: Kerri Kirkpatrick ’10
- Advisor: Dr. Kerry Litzenberg
- Advisor: Dr. Lindsey Higgins

### AGGIE ACES

- Mary Beth Allcorn '12
- Deanna Bosse '13
- Brandy Dangelmayr '13
- Jamie Freeman '12
- Brian Guarino '12
- Whitney Hinze '13
- Courtney Hodges '12
- Dr. Fred Boadu, Advisor
Agricultural Economics Former Faculty Endowed Scholarship

The scholarship was funded in grateful recognition of the generosity of former faculty of Agricultural Economics and of the Texas Extension Education Foundation. This scholarship was established for deserving students in the Department of Agricultural Economics who have cumulative GPR of 2.75 or above among other criteria. Applicants are evaluated based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership.

2010-2011 Recipient

Jake E. Riley

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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Ryan R. Fortenberry
Alyssa R. Looney
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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Whitney P. Hinze
Lauren A. Payne
Wesley A. Tobola

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.

2010-2011 Recipients

John A. Avellar
Matthew D. Okeson
Meredith D. Wiede
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.

2010-2011 Recipient

John G. Garcia

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.

2010-2011 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.

2010-2011 Recipient

Jake E. Riley
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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Sarah B. Novak
Lauren A. Payne

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 classification as a sophomore, junior, or senior in good academic standing and must demonstrate financial need while being gainfully employed during the scholarship year.

2010-2011 Recipient

Jess L. Moore

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.

2010-2011 Recipient

John G. Garcia
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.

2010-2011 Recipient

Trevor W. Warren

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.

2010-2011 Recipient

Whitney P. Hinze

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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Joshua E. Behrens
Nicole A. Higle
John W. Hoelscher
G. Tyler Kusak
Christie L. McKinney
Jess L. Moore
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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.

2010-2011 Recipients
Emily D. Lord
Jessica D. Martini

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.

2010-2011 Recipient
Jessica D. Martini

Louis “Doss” ‘39 and Mimi Buntin Endowed Scholarship
This scholarship was created in 1997 by Gary DuBrock to honor his mother, Mimi, and his stepfather, Louis “Doss” Buntin. In Gary’s letter to create the scholarship, he writes, “For what it is worth, there are very few things in my life that compare to the joy this gives me. I wish I could adequately express how much Texas A&M University meant to “Doss” and also how much he and my mother meant to each other. I can’t think of a more appropriate way to honor them than with this gift.” Mr. Buntin graduated from Texas A&M University in 1939 with a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture. Applicants must have a minimum GPR of 3.00, and must have graduated from a New Mexico High School, must have been born in New Mexico, or must have graduated from Plainview High School in Plainview, Texas, among other criteria.

2010-2011 Recipient
Jared M. Gaddis
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.

2009-2010 Recipients

Addison T. Carey  
G. Tyler Kusak  
Austin D. Carnes  
Lacey K. Lipscomb  
Jordan M. Glasener  
Brant A. Wilbourn

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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Sarah B. Novak  
Matthew D. Okeson  
Haley B. Wendler

Overlake Scholarship

In 1999, the Overlake Foundation bestowed a generous gift to Texas A&M University, which was designated for use as scholarships in the department of Agricultural Economics. Mr. Lane Keller graduated from the Department of Agricultural Economics in 1980 and is funding this scholarship to assist deserving students. Applicants must be an Agricultural Economics major, must maintain at least a 2.5 GPR, and must demonstrate financial need. Preference is given for applicants from Victoria, Dewitt, Goliad, or Refugio Counties.

2010-2011 Recipient

Aaron W. Baros
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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Ryan R. Fortenberry
Jennifer M. Hungerford
Matthew D. Okeson
Haley B. Wendler

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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Mallory J. Beauchamp
Jennifer L. Bremer
Robyn H. Combs
Joseph W. Diebold
Travis F. Evans
Heather B. Hirsch
John W. Hoelscher
Lacey K. Lipscomb
Emily D. Lord
Claire A. Luensmann
Kassidy A. Martin
Samantha A. Shaul
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.

2010-2011 Recipient

Jake R. Wilkinson

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.

2010-2011 Recipient

Kelli A. Berger

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 AGEC 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.

2010-2011 Recipient

Alyssa R. Looney
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.

2010-2011 Recipients

Claire A. Luensmann
Sarah B. Novak
Lauren A. Payne

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.

2010-2011 Recipients

John A. Avellar
Trevor W. Warren
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Department of Agricultural Economics
Undergraduate Awards
2010-2011

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.
Anna Lee Allcorn is the daughter of Kyle and Martha Allcorn of Olton, Texas. She is a Senior Agribusiness major with a certificate in International Trade and Agriculture. She is a member of the Aggie REPS and Academic Quiz Bowl Team within the department. She has also been involved in the COALS: Freshmen Leadership Experience, COALS Student Council, Aggie BSM, Relay for Life, Alpha Delta Pi, and served as a student ambassador to the China-US Relations Conference. She plans to attend Purdue University in pursuit of a Masters degree in Agricultural Economics with an emphasis in International Trade and Policy.

John Avellar is the son of Tom and Lori Avellar of Winters, California. He is a senior Agribusiness major. He is a member in the Saddle and Sirloin Club. He is also involved in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and was a member of the 2009 Texas A&M Livestock Judging Team. He is going to intern for the House Committee on Agriculture (minority) this summer.

Joshua Behrens is the son of Joe and Jacque Behrens of Voca, Texas. He is a freshman Agribusiness major with the Mays Business School. He is a member of the Saddle & Sirloin Club and is also involved in the Texas A&M Wool Judging Team. He wants to also pursue a Master’s degree in Finance and someday work for an agricultural-related company.

Aaron Baros is the son of Gary and Linda Baros of Yoakum, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. He is involved in Aggie Special Olympics and works at the Texas A&M Student REC Center. He wants to receive his Bachelor’s degree and pursue a career in agricultural marketing and sales.

Mallory Beauchamp is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Beauchamp of Sugarland, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is involved in W.H.O.O.P. and works at West Campus Library. She will be studying abroad in New Zealand this summer and wants to be involved in natural resources.
Kelli Berger is the daughter of Douglas and Sheryl Berger of Weimar, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, Pi Kappa Phi, and works at Reynolds and Reynolds. She wants to receive her Bachelor’s degree in Agribusiness and looks forward to a career in marketing or sales.

Jennifer Leigh Bremer is the daughter of Butch and Jackie Bremer of Waller, Texas. She is a sophomore double majoring in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and an Aggie REP for the Department. She is also involved in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Rodeo Committee and works part time at Texas Agrilife Contracts and Grants Office. She wants to receive a Master’s degree in Agricultural Economics and participate in the Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Internship Program. She would like to work for the Texas Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture.

Robyn Combs is the daughter of Marshall and Roxann Combs of Cypress, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She works in the Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Office 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 and work in the oil and gas industry.

Joseph Diebold is the son of Julie and Jim Diebold of Denton, Texas. He is a Junior Agribusiness Major. He is a member of FIRE club. He is also involved in Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He is interested in pursuing a master’s degree in viticulture and enology at UC Davis.

Travis Evans is the son of Linda and Tom Evans of Houston, Texas. He is a Sophomore Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, FIRE, and Aggie Reps. He is also involved in the sailing club and will be studying abroad this summer in France. He wants to intern with the Agriculture and Natural Resource Policy congressional internship program in Washington, D.C. next summer. After graduation, he wants to work for an agriculture company such as Cargill.
Ryan Fortenberry is the son of Philip and Judy Fortenberry of Bulverde, Texas. He is a freshman Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Ag Econ Society, Leadership Living Learning Community, and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. He is also involved in intramural sports, big game archery hunting, attends Grace Bible Church, and works as a heavy equipment operator during the summer at La Fonda Ranch. He wants to establish his own business of big game outfitting and holistic farming while becoming the youngest archer to harvest the North American Super Slam.

Jared Gaddis is the son of Mike and Karin Gaddis of Amarillo, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He is involved in Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, Inter-Fraternity Council, and works at Tommy’s Outdoor World. After graduation he plans to attend law school in Texas and pursue a career in ag-consulting.

John Garcia is the son of Hector and Estella Garcia of Bryan, Texas. He is a Junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. John is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. He works for property management in Financial Management Operations for the Texas A&M University system. He wants to receive his Master’s degree from the LERE program and go into commercial real estate.

Nicole Higle is the daughter of Joe and Imeda Higle of San Antonio, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She will be studying abroad in Australia this summer. She wants to pursue a career as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Whitney Hinze is the daughter of Maggie & Ronnie Hinze of Round Top, Texas. She is a freshman Agribusiness major. She is a member of the FIRE club and an Aggie REP for the department. She is also involved in the Freshman Leadership Experience, AGGIE ACES, Terry Foundation Student Organization, and Fish Camp as a counselor. She wants to receive her Master’s degree in either Agricultural Economics or Educational Administration.
Heather Hirsch is the daughter of Rick and Bronte Hirsch of Athens, Texas. She is a sophomore Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is an Aggie REP and a member of the Ag Econ Society. She is also involved in Saddle and Sirloin, the Pre-Law Society, and works for Beef Cattle Extension. She wants to attend law school after graduation and plans to represent the agriculture industry in Washington, D.C.

John Wesley Hoelscher is the son of John and Debbie Hoelscher of Floresville, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real estate option. He is the Historian for the FIRE club. He is also involved in Carpool, Student Senate, and works at the West Campus computer lab. He plans to receive a Master's degree in Finance. After obtaining his Master's degree, he plans to pursue a career as a stock broker or investment banker before returning to Floresville to take over the family business.

Jennifer Hungerford is the daughter of Claude and Elaine Hungerford of Converse, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society. She is also involved in Aggie Fellowship and works at Freebirds. She wants to receive a Master's in Marketing and pursue a career as an event coordinator.

Kerri Kirkpatrick is the daughter of Kurt and Kitt Kirkpatrick of Spring, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness major. She is a member of the NAMA club. She is also involved in Aggies for Christ, Math tutoring, and works for the department as a TA and grader. She wants to complete a triathalon, pursue a successful career, and do mission work overseas.

Glen “Tyler” Kusak is the son of Glen and Sherri Kusak of Yoakum, Texas. He is a Sophomore Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing System option, and he is also getting a Certificate in Meat Science. He is a member of the Ag Econ Society and an Aggie REP for the Agricultural Economics Department. He is also involved with Saddle and Sirloin, football and softball intramurals, and works at Rosenthal Meat Center on campus. He wants to receive his Bachelor's in Ag Economics, Masters in Business, and complete his Certificate in Meat Science. He will be studying abroad this summer in Europe with the Department of Ag Economics, in hopes to broaden his knowledge of the agricultural problems in a global perspective.
Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions

Lacey Lipscomb is the daughter of David and Terri Lipscomb of Bryan, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She works at Bottom Line Bookkeeping and American Lube Services. She wants to receive a Master’s degree in Agribusiness.

Alyssa Looney is the daughter of Floyd and Robin Looney of Denton, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major with minors in Economics and German. She is involved in Saddle and Sirloin, the Texas A&M Competition Cheerleading Squad, the Beef Cattle Association, and the Red Angus Association of America Junior Board of Directors. She wants to receive a MBA and pursue a career in international business.

Emily Lord is the daughter of Steven and Lauren Lord of Red Oak, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of AES and Aggie ACES. She is also involved in COALS Council, FLE-Freshman Leadership Experience, Student Senate, and works at the Texas A&M Agribusiness, Food, and Consumer Economic Research Center. After graduation, she plans to receive a law degree and work with environmental law or international trade.

Claire Luensmann is the daughter of Mark and Terri Luensmann of La Vernia, Texas. She is a freshman Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society for the department. She is also involved in the TAMU Collegiate Wool Judging Team, the Freshmen Leadership Experience, Saddle and Sirloin, and the Pre-Law Society. She wants to attend law school and pursue a career in public policy.

Kassidy Martin is the daughter of Mitch and Angie Martin of Tulia, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Finance and Real Estate option. She is a member of the AGGIE REPS organization within the department. Upon graduation, she would like to begin a career as a loan officer.
Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions

Jessica Martini is the daughter of Beverly and James Holman and Roy Martini of Corpus Christi, Texas. She is a sophomore Agricultural Economics major—Policy and Economic Analysis option and plans on graduating with a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture. She is a member of the Academic Quiz Bowl Team that will compete this summer in Denver, CO. She plans on interning in Washington, D.C. in Spring 2011 through the Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Internship Program. Upon graduation, she hopes to attend graduate school and pursue a career within the USDA as a Policy Analyst.

Christie McKinney is the daughter of Susan and the late Michael McKinney of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She wants to obtain her degree and start her own small business.

Morgan Mink is the daughter of Brian and Ramona Mink of Scurry, Texas. She is a senior Agricultural Economics—Food Marketing Systems option. She has been a member of the NAMA and Aggie REP clubs/organizations. Additionally, she has served as President of the Beef Cattle Association for the past two years, been an intern at both the San Antonio and Houston stock shows, was a PACK student at the Produce Marketing Association’s Fresh Summit, and a member of the NAMA Marketing team her sophomore year. During the summer of 2009, she was an intern at DMA Solutions, Inc. a produce marketing firm located in Irving, Texas. She wants to find a job in the agriculture sector that allows her to pursue her interests in marketing and graphic design. She also hopes to continue developing her family’s livestock operation.

Jess Moore is the son of Terry and Kaye Moore of Bryan, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He works for a small oil company and plans to one day start his own. He wants to receive a Master’s degree from Texas A&M.

Logan Nichols is the son of Jay and Debbie Nichols of Tyler, Texas. He/She is a Senior Agricultural Economics—Policy and Economic Analysis option. He is a member of the College of Agriculture and life Sciences Student Council organization. He is also the Director of Legislative Relations within SGA, a member of Traditions Council and has been involved with Student Senate, Fish Camp, LeaderShape and works at the Texas A&M Career Center. He has taken a position with Imperial Sugar of Sugarland Texas to be a junior commodity trader. After working in the private sector, he wishes to eventually enter a career in public service.
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—Policy and Economic Analysis option. She is a member of the Aggie ACES, is an Aggie REP, and is also a student worker for the department. She is involved in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council where she currently serves as the Vice President of Programs, and is part of the Finance and Executive Committees. Sarah is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Golden Key, and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Societies. She has interned with the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Program in Austin, with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and will be studying abroad in France this summer. After receiving her undergraduate degree, Sarah plans to either attend law school or graduate school.

Matt Okeson is the son of David and Kathy Okeson of Kingwood, TX. He is a junior Agribusiness major and will graduate with a minor in Spanish and Certificates in International Trade & Agriculture. His involvement in the department includes working as a teaching and grading assistant, serving as President of the Agricultural Economics Society and as National President for the Student Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). In addition, Matt has been a member of the Academic Quiz Bowl Team for two years and plans to compete again this summer. Matt also currently serves as Membership Development and Scholarship for the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and as a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Senator in the 62nd Session of 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. Matt will be interning this summer in Washington, D.C., as an Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy (ANRP) Intern and plans to attend law school after graduation in May 2011.

Dusty Oney is the son of Leonard and Regina Oney of Sunset, Texas. He is a senior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. He currently serves as the Vice President—Public Relations of NAMA. He is also involved in Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Phi Sigma Epsilon Business Fraternity, National Collegiate Sales Team, and works as the Student Sales Manager at the Texas A&M Battalion newspaper. He wants to receive a Master’s degree in Agribusiness and go into sales or marketing. He aspires to one day open his own Agribusiness marketing and consulting business.

Lauren Payne is the daughter of Jeff Payne of Glen Rose, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics major—Food Marketing Systems option. She serves as an Aggie REP for the Department. She is also involved in The Beef Cattle Association and the Saddle and Sirloin club. She will spend a month this summer in Africa working in the mission field. She wants to pursue a career that involves risk management or livestock marketing.
Heath Vesely is the son of Larry and Sheila Vesely of Victoria, Texas. He is a senior Agribusiness major with a Horticulture Minor. He is a member of Aggie REPS for the department. He is also involved in Aggieland Lions Club, has participated in Big Event, volunteered for CARPOOL and is currently working for the TAMU Horticulture Department as the Holistic Garden Sales Manager under Dr. Joe Novak. He wants to receive his Master’s of Agribusiness degree and work on the management side of the food and fiber industry.

Wesley Tobola is the son of Robert and Marie Tobola of Hallettsville, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. He is also involved in the Bolivian Student Association, Golden Key International Honor Society, and works at the Norman E. Borlaug Institute. He wants to help developing countries, learn more about International Horticulture, and work with Animal Reproduction and Genetics.

Samantha Shaul is the daughter of Dale and Michele Shaul of Whitney, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She serves as Treasurer of the Agricultural Economics Society. After graduation, she wants to receive her CPA certification from a Texas State Board of Accountancy certified school.

Gabriela Santistevan is the daughter of Maria and Juan Carlos of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She is a senior Agricultural Economics and Animal Science double major with a minor in Business. She is a member of COALS Council. She is also involved in the Bolivian Student Association, Golden Key International Honor Society, and works at the Norman E. Borlaug Institute. She wants to help developing countries, learn more about International Horticulture, and work with Animal Reproduction and Genetics.

Jake Riley is the son of Brian and Denise Riley of Friendswood, TX. He is a freshman Agribusiness major. He is a member of AAEA and Aggie Aces. He is also involved in Saddle & Sirloin, Aggie Access, The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Jr. Committee, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Gamma Rho and works as a undergraduate student technician and researcher for Dr. Edward Rister in the Agricultural Economics Department. After college, he wants to receive his law degree and pursue a career in agricultural policy.
Our thanks to the students for providing their biographical information.

Trevor Warren is the son of Larry and Margie Warren of San Antonio, Texas. He is a senior Agribusiness major. He is involved in CARPOOL, the Wiley Lecture Series, and manages rental property. Trevor has spent the spring semester in Washington, D.C. as an intern with the House Committee on Agriculture. He wants to secure a job in the agribusiness industry and pursue law school.

Haley Wendler is the daughter of Jason and Sandy Wendler of College Station, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major and Agricultural Economics minor. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and is an Aggie REP for the Department. Last summer Haley studied abroad in Angers, France with the FESIA program. She is a counselor for the Freshman Leadership Development Retreat and participates in HOSTS at Mary Branch Elementary School. She works for the Meat Science Section of the Animal Science Department where she coordinates seminars for Texas Agrilife Extension. After graduation, Haley plans to attend graduate school, specializing in either International Trade or Commodity Trading.

Christy Wick is the daughter of Terry and Sarah Wick of Hallettsville, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness and Poultry Science double major. She is a member of the Ag Econ Society and has served as an Aggie REP for the Department for the past two years. Last summer Christy traveled to France to study abroad as part of the department's France FESIA program. She is also involved in the Poultry Science Club, the Aggie Leadership Council, Alpha Zeta Honor Fraternity, and works for Grazingland Management Systems, Inc. Christy is currently looking for jobs in the marketing and human resources fields and considering pursuing a Master's degree.

Meredith Wiede is the daughter of Michael Wiede and Jocelyn Rodriguez of Harlingen, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is involved on campus as a Student Athlete Tutor for the Athletic Department. She wants to attend the Culinary Institute of America after graduation to become a pastry chef and one day open her own bakery.

Jake Wilkinson is the son of Sherie Smith of Winters, Texas and Randy Wilkinson of Blackwell, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He is an Aggies Rep for the department. He also works at the Law Offices of Youngkin and Burns in Bryan. He wants to receive his doctorate of jurisprudence which will allow him to practice law in the future.
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 are trained in the correct procedure to represent the University and proper protocol for approaching high school students, counselors, and administrators. They are prepared 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, and 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.
2009-2010
Building Your Social Network

Advisors: Donna Adcock, Fred Boadu, Dusty Menzies, & Pam Vernon

- Spring Retreat
- Fall Kickoff
- SKYP Lunches
- Aggieland Saturday
- Lamb and Goat Show
- Trick-or-Treat
- Can Drive
Agricultural Economics Society
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Business Meetings
Back to School Bash
Holiday Toy Drive
Holiday Social
Academic Quiz Bowl Team

Committee Meetings
Spring Burger Burn
Industry Speakers
Grand Station Socials
End of the Year Celebration

2009-2010 Ag Econ Society Officers
From left to Right: Matt Murch-Parliamentarian, Samantha Shaul-Treasurer, Katie Woods-Public Relations, Matt Okeson-President, Andrea Shaul-Vice President, Jessica Martini-Secretary

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The purpose of the Ag Econ Society is to develop leaders in the agriculture industry, to foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual support among students, and to provide an opportunity for wider acquaintance among students and professionals in agricultural economics and agribusiness. Members learn about career opportunities from speakers and participate in social events which give members a chance to get better acquainted with each other and the faculty.
The Society of Agricultural Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate  
Aims to introduce students to career opportunities in the fields of finance, insurance, and real estate and also areas such as banking, law and energy. Furthermore, we encourage members to build professional relationships and network with industry professionals and employers.
The organization was established in 1999 with the help of Dr. Curtis Lard. As a reminder of Dr. Lard’s contributions to the Fire Club and a token of our appreciation, the official Charter of the Society of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate organization was mounted in the Agricultural Economics Student Learning Center in his honor.

Message to Dr. Lard:

From all the students past and present, words cannot describe how inspirational and encouraging you have been as an educator. You have molded students into professionals and made followers into leaders. We can only hope to be as passionate about our careers and successful in our lives as you have become. You have made a difference in all of our lives and we will always remember you for that. It has been an honor to be a part of the legacy that you leave behind and we all wish you the best of luck in the next chapter of your life.

Thank You!
National Agri-Marketing Association

The Texas A&M University NAMA organization is an accredited student chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), an organization of professionals in marketing, sales, advertising, and public relations associated with agribusiness and our nation’s food and fiber industry. The organization strives to help students grow through professional and personal development.

The student members learn firsthand from industry professionals the various career opportunities available in agribusiness. In addition, the students develop valuable personal contacts and establish working relationships with agribusiness professionals. These contacts provide access to internships, job referrals, business recommendations, and career opportunities. The chapter also provides opportunities for students to develop and practice their managerial and leadership skills.

2009-2010 NAMA Officers

- President: Ashley Hebler
- VP of Public Relations: Dusty Wayne Oney
- VP of Finance: Blake Stone
- VP of Business Relations: Brett Bamert
- VP of Publicity: Jose Segovia

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Officers!

- President: Blake Stone
- VP of Public Relations: Tiffany Whitehair
- VP of Finance: Kerri Kirkpatrick
- VP of Business Relations: Heather Stokes
- VP of Publicity: Tallon Martin
2009 Marketing Team

NAMA members have the opportunity to participate on the NAMA Marketing Team. The team meets throughout the year to create a formal marketing plan for a mock product. This plan is presented at a national competition along with over 30 universities around the country and is judged by a board of marketing professionals. The 2009 team competed in Atlanta, GA. The 2010 team will be competing in Kansas City, MO.

Along with professional development, NAMA is involved with many service projects and social activities.
Glossary

AAEA— Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
AGBU— Agribusiness
AGEC— Agricultural Economics
AGGIE ACES— Academically Gifted students Gaining Insight and Experience through Art, Culture, Enterprise, and Study
ANRP— Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy
COALS— College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
FIRE— Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
NAMA— National Agri-Marketing Association
SAEA— Southern Agricultural Economics Association
WAEA— Western Agricultural Economics Association