RECEPTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Donna Adcock '87
Mary Beth Allcorn '12
Fred Boadu
Deanna Bosse '13
Jennifer Bremer '12
Angela Catlin '98
Julie Anna Clark '13
Brandy Dangelmayr '13
Erika De Jesus '12

Lonna Dorman '13
Ashley Emens '12
Madison Kelly '13
Konni Kelso '14
Dusty Menzies '97
Norma Pantoja
Tiffany Schmidt '12
John Siebert
Pam Vernon

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR PROGRAM DESIGN:

Jake Riley '13
Brandy Dangelmayr '13
Meredith Larson '14
Anna Raun '13
Welcome................................................................. Deanna Bosse '13
Invocation ............................................................... Justin Benavidez '13
Introduction of Special Guests .................................... Travis Joslin '14
Introduction of Keynote Speaker ................................ Jennifer Bremer '12
Keynote Speaker ....................................................... Brandon Hill '03

Annual Recognitions & Awards

2011-2012 Recognitions and Acknowledgements ........... Dr. John P. Nichols

Education-Leadership Development Activities ............. Darwin Canales '13

AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Producers Marketing Association
AGGIE ACES ANRP “Congressional” Interns
COALS Student Council Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS)

Aggie REPS ......................................................... Jake Riley '13

Agricultural Economics Society ................................ Julie Anna Clark '13

F.I.R.E ................................................................. Katey Thompson '13

NAMA ................................................................. Madison Kelly '13

Excellence in Academic and Leadership Awards

J. Wheeler Barger Outstanding Senior ....................... Dr. John Penson

Tyrus R. Timm Graduating Senior Award

Scholarships .......................................................... Whitney Hinze '13

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

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US TODAY!

*Glossary of terms in back*
Brandon grew up in Arlington, Texas where he was active in the FFA, among other activities. Following high school graduation, Brandon served as the Texas FFA State President, which required him to delay entry into college for one year while he traveled over 60,000 miles across the State of Texas speaking to over 400 high schools, conventions and civic meetings. After his year of service, Brandon attended Texas A&M and majored in Agribusiness. At A&M, he served as President of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council, as Executive Vice President of the Student Government, and in the Student Senate.

While at A&M Brandon received the Buck Wierus Spirit Award for student involvement, was named a Gathright Scholar for academic excellence, and upon graduation received the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a graduating senior, which is given to two graduates each year.

After graduation from A&M in 2003, Brandon attended Texas Tech University School of Law where he served as Class President all three years and was a member of the law review and the board of barristers. He graduated from law school *Summa Cum Laude* in 2006. Brandon is an attorney with the firm of Kelly Hart & Hallman in Fort Worth with a practice focused on real estate and financing transactions. He has been named by *Fort Worth, Texas Magazine* as a Top Attorney in the areas of real estate and banking in each of the past three years and was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Brandon serves on the City of Arlington Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington, and the Board of Directors of Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance and is involved in several other civic and service organizations.

Brandon and his wife, Gara, who is also an Agribusiness major from the class of 2002, have a 2-year old son, Travis (class of 2032), a 10-month daughter, Maryn (class of 2034), and live in Arlington.
Department of Agricultural Economics
2011-2012 Recognitions and Acknowledgements

The Agriculture and Life Sciences Building
Our New Department Home

June 2011, the Department of Agricultural Economics moved into its new home at 600 John Kimbrough Blvd. This new building provides an excellent setting for the continuation of intensive high-impact educational experiences developed over the past few years. The recently established Honors Program is growing with new sections and students being added. As another part of our effort to increase experiential learning, we expect to add two new study abroad opportunities in the summer of 2013. The computer teaching laboratory in AGLS provides a convenient location for the teaching of AGEC 217, one of our key gateway courses and one where new students can explore our curriculum and help define their degree plans. Rural Entrepreneurship has also become a signature program for many undergraduates. The “Swinbank Rural Entrepreneurship Classroom” was dedicated in recognition of the gift from Joe ’74 and Shirley Swinbank to endow the classroom and for their long time support of Dr. Ed Rister’s entrepreneurship classes. We welcome this support and that of many others who have provided funding for the new building and for the academic scholarships and excellence funds that allow us to develop new learning experiences.

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 ways 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.

You can view more information about Dr. Tyrus R. Timm by visiting the Department’s website at http://agecon2.tamu.edu/ty%20timm/tytimm.html. Included are videos and write-ups from some of Ty Timm’s former students as well as interviews from several of the inductees.

Members of the Tyrus R. Timm Registry

Carl G. Anderson ’58
Jorge Bermudez ’73
Wade Brorsen ’83
Bill E. Carter ’69
Glenn Collins ’80
Del Deterling ’59
Jimmy Dodson ’74
Murray H. Edwards ’73
Jack Finney ’38
Creed Ford ’75
Kathleen Gibson ’81
Zay Gilbreath ’62
Jesse C. Grady ’49
Gary Gunter ’81
Jon Hagler ’58
Stan Johnson ’66
Don Kaspar ’49
Robert Kensing ’46
Fred McClure ’76
James McGrann ’76
Jarvis Miller ’73
Jimmy Nail ’54
Benjamin R. Novosad ’75
Roxanne Orsak ’88
Darren G. Owens ’73
Thomas Paterson ’80
Fernando Quiñónez-Meza ’63
Walt Curtis Richburg ’65
Jimmy N. Roppolo ’69
James D. Sartwelle, Jr. ’63
Ivan W. Schmedemann ’67
Charlie Scruggs ’45
Tom W. Smith ’57
Robert Smith, III ’61
Todd Staples ’84
Stoney Stubbbs ’58
Joseph B. Swinbank ’74
Brian Weiner ’65
Graham Weston ’66
John E. Windwehen ’76
Robert Whitson ’74
John Windwehen ’76
Jimmy Wright ’72
Agricultural Economics Society
Outstanding Member
Outstanding Faculty

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

Excellence in Academic and Leadership Awards
Jennifer Bremer ’12
Stephanie Riddle ’12
Courtney Hodges ’12
Jake Riley ’13
Claire Luensmann ’13

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
Jennifer Bremer ’12
Claire Luensmann ’13
Courtney Hodges ’12
Jake Riley ’13

Alpha Zeta
Departmental Outstanding Student Nominees
David Roach ’15........ Fresh. Agricultural Economics
Forrest Cook ’14........ Soph. Agricultural Economics
Kasey Kram ’15.............. Soph. Agribusiness
Dillon Garr ’14.............. Junior Agricultural Economics
Brandy Dangelmayr ’13 .... Junior Agribusiness

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior Nominees
Whitney Hinze ’13...................... Agribusiness
Claire Luensmann ’13............. Agricultural Economics

Gamma Sigma Delta
Departmental Outstanding Junior Nominees
Thomas Allen ’14 - Agribusiness
Caitlin Scott ’13 - Agricultural Economics

Outstanding Senior Award of the WAEA
Jake Riley ’13

2012 Buck Weirus Spirit Award Recipient
Kasey Kram ’15

2011-2012 AAEA Student Section National Officer
Jake Riley ’13.......................... President

2011-2012 AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Teams
Wilson Alarcon ’11
Jana Crook ’11
Kayla Hamer ’12
Emily Lord ’13
Dr. John Siebert............................ Coach

2012 SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl Participants
Jake Riley ’13
Justin Benavidez ’13

Awards of Meritorious Service to Aggie REPS
Mary Beth Allcorn ’12
Jennifer Bremer ’12
Travis Evans ’12
Dillon Garr ’14
Courtney Hodges ’12
Zak Hudnall ’13

2011 Producers Marketing Association
Brandy Dangelmayr ’13
Courtney Hodges ’12
Lucas Dyer ’12
Karley Kosub ’13
Dr. Marco Palma.......................... Advisor

2011 Food Distribution Research Society
Student Marketing Challenge
Ethan Wenz ’13
Dr. Lindsey Higgins........................Advisor
Dr. Dmitry Vedenov........................Advisor

Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy
“Congressional” Interns for 2011-2012
William Allen
Matthew Anderson
Jarrod Covey
William echols
Lacey Ellison
Scott Ferguson

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards
Edgar Alarcon , M.S. Spring 2011
Clay Jones , M.S. Summer 2011
Jordan Glasener , M.A.B. Fall 2011
AGGIE ACES

Thomas Allen ‘14
Michael Beach ‘13
Logan Cline ‘15
Lisa Cockrell ‘15
Abigail Connally ‘15
Abigail Drake ‘15
Donovan Drewry ‘15
Reece Gray ‘15
Garrett Harbert ‘15
John Henderson ‘15
Anna Hollis ‘15
Ryan Hubbert ‘14
Leighton James ‘15
Konni Kelso ‘14
Kevin Beaton ‘13
Dr. Fred Boadu

Agricultural Economics Society Officers

President ........................................... Brandy Dangelmayr ‘13
Vice-President ............................... Travis Joslin ‘14
Treasurer ........................................ Dillon Garr ‘14
Secretary ...................................... Samantha Van Veen ‘14
Public Relations ............................. Meredith Larson ‘14
Parliamentarian .............................. Dylan Coleman ‘14
Advisor ..................................... Dr. John Siebert
Advisor ..................................... Dr. Dmitry Vedenov

AGGIE REPS

2011-2012

Mary Beth Allcorn ‘12
Deanna Bosse ‘13
Jennifer Bremer ‘12
Brandy Dangelmayr ‘13
Travis Evans ‘12
Dillon Garr ‘14
Whitney Hinze ‘13
Courtney Hodges ‘12
Zak Hudnall ‘13

2012-2013

Aaron Ates ‘13
Justin Benavidez ‘13
Deanna Bosse ‘13
William Carey ‘14
Brandy Dangelmayr ‘13
Lesli Garrett ‘14
Adam Harrison ‘15
Stephanie Mazurkiewicz ‘13
Whitney Hinze ‘13
Konni Kelso ‘14
Karley Kosub ‘13
Tyler Kusak ‘12
Claire Luensmann ‘13
Jena Rhodes ‘12
Stephanie Riddle ‘12
Jake Riley ‘13
Tiffany Schmidt ‘12

F.I.R.E. Officers

2011-2012

President ........................................ Kathryn Thompson ‘13
Vice-President ............................... Elizabeth LeDoux ‘14
Treasurer ........................................ Benjamin Kruis ‘12
Secretary ...................................... Karina Rodchenko ‘11
Public Relations ............................... Morgan Zimmer ‘12
Historian ................................. Ashley Emens ‘12
Advisor ..................................... Dr. Vicky Salin

2012-2013

President ........................................ Lonna Dorman ‘13
Vice-President ............................... Elizabeth LeDoux ‘14
Treasurer ........................................ Benjamin Kruis ‘12
Secretary ...................................... Justin Peters ‘13
Public Relations ............................... Darwin Canales ‘13
Historian ................................. Hunter Mendel ‘12
Advisor ..................................... Dr. Vicky Salin

Nama Officers

2011-2012

President (Fall) .................................. Tallon Martin ‘11
President (Spring) ............................ Madison Kelly ‘13
VP Business Relations .............. Cameron Barton ‘12
VP Public Relations (Fall) .... Courtney Hewitt ‘14
VP Public Relations (Spring) ... Tiffany Schmidt ‘12
VP Publicity ...................................... Robert Davis ‘11
VP Finance (Fall) ............................. Madison Kelly ‘13
VP Finance (Spring) ................. Jennifer Bremer ‘12
Advisor ..................................... Dr. Kerry Litzenberg
Advisor ..................................... Dr. John Park

Agricultural Economics Society Officers

2011-2012

President ........................................ Julie Anna Clark ‘13
Vice-President ............................... Corey Walters ‘12
Treasurer ................................. Travis Joslin ‘14
Secretary ................................. Brandy Dangelmayr ‘13
Public Relations ............................. Konni Kelso ‘14
Parliamentarian ............................. Dillon Garr ‘14
Advisor ..................................... Dr. John Siebert
Advisor ..................................... Dr. Dmitry Vedenov

AGBU and AGEC members of
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Council

2011-2012

VP of Programs ............................. Laura Reyna ‘12
Member ...................................... Justin Benavidez ‘13
Member ...................................... Deanna Bosse ‘13
Member ...................................... Jennifer Bremer ‘12
Member ...................................... Leighton James ‘15
Member ...................................... Stephanie Riddle ‘12
Member ...................................... David Roach ‘15
Member ...................................... Sierra Slaughter ‘14
Member ...................................... Ryan Smoes ‘12
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.

2012-2013 Recipients

Michael Nepveux
Ryan Smoes

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.

2012-2013 Recipient

Christopher Knight

Cathy & Ralph Ward Jr. ‘73 Scholarship in International Agribusiness

This endowment was established to provide scholarships to students in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University pursuing a degree in Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics and a Certificate in International Trade in Agriculture (CITA) or a Certificate in International Business. Applicants must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPR or greater, among other criteria.

2012-2013 Recipient

Edith Orozco
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.

2012-2013 Recipients

   Dillon Garr
   Lesli Garrett
   Teyler Heitman

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.

2012-2013 Recipients

   Deanna Bosse
   Whitney Hinze
   Jake Riley

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.

2012-2013 Recipient

   Melany Eckhardt
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.

2012-2013 Recipient

Joseph Bassett

COADC Betty S. Raun Endowed Scholarship in Agricultural Economics

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.

2012-2013 Recipients

Julie Anna Clark
Bradley Gorden

COADEC Texas Extension Education Scholarship

This scholarship was created 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.

2012-2013 Recipients

Caleb Boardman
Ryan Hubbert
Department of Agricultural Economics
Undergraduate Scholarships
2012-2013

DR. ERNEST E. "ERNIE" DAVIS '71 ENDOWED OPPORTUNITY AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 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.

2012-2013 Recipient

Stuart Hogue

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.

2012-2013 Recipient

Teyler Heitman

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.

2012-2013 Recipients

Joyce Ramirez
Devyn Rodgers
Department of Agricultural Economics
Undergraduate Scholarships
2012-2013

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.

2012-2013 Recipient
Ryan Fortenberry

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.

2012-2013 Recipients
Leighton James
Konni Kelso

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.

2012-2013 Recipients
Dillon Garr
Mason Parish
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.

2012-2013 Recipient

Teyler Heitman

Lane ‘80 & Phyllis ‘80 Keller Scholarship

In 1999, the Kellers 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.

2012-2013 Recipients

DeWitt Kilgore
Morgann Zimmer

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 3.0, 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, or be from the panhandle region of Texas, among other criteria.

2012-2013 Recipients

Justin Benavidez
Payton Price
Hannah Weaver
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 the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This scholarship is awarded at the annual Fall Kickoff in September.

2012-2013 Recipients

Michael Baca
Jacob Bruch
Douglas Caron
Cory Shinn
Thomas Short
Mark Tamble

MARGARET AND LT. COL. LOUIS C. DRAPER ’42 SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

This endowment was created in 2008 to recognize outstanding undergraduate students in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

2012-2013 Recipients

Lonna Dorman
Meredith Larson

MARION “DOOKIE” PUGH ’41 ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This endowment was created in 2008 to recognize outstanding undergraduate students pursuing an Agricultural Economics degree with a Finance and Real Estate option in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

2012-2013 Recipients

Joseph Bassett
Logan Cline
Christian Davey
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.

2012-2013 Recipients
KaRonna Bass
Douglas Junkins
Bakshish Singh

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.

2012-2013 Recipients
William Carey
Brandy Dangelmayr
Ryan Fortenberry
Joyce Ramirez

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.

2012-2013 Recipients
Laura Brainard
Dalton Ervin
Lesli Garrett
Stephanie Mazurkiewicz
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.

2012-2013 Recipient

John Weeks

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 3.0. In addition, they must be an Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness major in the Department of Agricultural Economics, among other criteria.

2012-2013 Recipient

Ryan Hubbert

The McCaffrey Scholarship

In the fall of 2011, Ryan McCaffrey, a 2008 graduate from the Department of Agricultural Economics, donated funds for a scholarship. This scholarship is provided to a student studying Agricultural Economics, with particular focus on the food marketing systems option. The recipient of this scholarship is selected on career objective, extra-curricular activity and if the student is working while attending school. They must also have a minimum GPR of 3.0.

2012-2013 Recipient

Karley Kosub
Department of Agricultural Economics
Undergraduate Scholarships
2012-2013

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.

2012-2013 Recipient

Hannah Weaver

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.

2012-2013 Recipients

Cory Nagelberg
Mason Parish
Matthew Williamson

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.

2012-2013 Recipients

Deanna Bosse
Whitney Hinze
Stephanie Riddle
Jake Riley
Ashley Tegeler
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.
Caleb Boardman is the son of Russ and Lesley Boardman of Frannie, Wyoming. He is a senior Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. He is also involved in Saddle & Sirloin Club and the livestock judging team. He works at the University Sheep & Goat Center. Caleb wants to work on his master’s degree in Livestock Marketing while coaching the Texas A&M livestock judging team. He then plans on either pursuing a Ph.D. or getting a job in the banking industry.

KaRonna Bass is the daughter of Kenneth and Tammye Bass of Troy, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economic Analysis major. Last semester she co-founded the International Agriculture Club as a new organization at Texas A&M, for which she now serves as Treasurer. She is a counselor for Impact Camp, and a member of Aggie Sisters for Christ, where she will be serving as the Encouragement Committee Head next semester. She currently works for the Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communication Department as the web news coordinator. After graduation she plans to pursue a master’s degree, and possibly a Ph.D., in an area that is to be determined. Ultimately, she hopes to establish a faith-based shelter for women and girls rescued from sex trafficking overseas that incorporates an agricultural therapy healing program.

Joseph Bassett is the son of Matthew and Janet Bassett of Sugar Land, Texas and husband to Melissa Bassett. He is a senior Agricultural Economics-Finance and Real Estate major. He is a member of F.I.R.E. and president of Aggies Becoming Consultants. Joseph is also a committee member for the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), appointed by Vice-President Karen Watson. This committee has been responsible for designing programs to aid Texas A&M in its reaccreditation process. He wants to work in the business-consulting field to continue to learn how to solve complex problems. Joseph would also like to return to school to obtain his Master’s in Business Administration. He and his wife are expecting their first child in November.

Justin Benavidez is the son of Emmitt and Gennie Benavidez of Tulia, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics-Policy & Economic Analysis major. He is a member of Collegiate 4-H, COALS Council, a member of the Student Service Fee Advisory Board, and an Aggie REP for the Department. He also works for Texas AgriLife Extension as a grant worker in Family Development and Resource Management. He is planning to pursue a Master’s in Agricultural Economics with a focus on agricultural policy.

Deanna Bosse is the daughter of Ricky and Melisa Bosse of Brenham, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, Aggie REPS, and is a former member of Aggie ACES. She is also involved in Collegiate 4-H and COALS Council. She currently works part time at Fifth C Fine Jewelry in Bryan, TX as a marketing associate. She is interested in attending graduate school at Texas A&M to obtain her Master’s in Marketing. Deanna would like to pursue a career in the Agri-Marketing field after graduation.
Jennifer Bremer is the daughter of Butch and Jackie Bremer of Waller, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major graduating in May of 2012. Within the Department, Jennifer is a member of the Aggie REPS, Ag Econ Society, and is currently serving as the Vice President of Finance for the National Agri-Marketing Association. She is also a member of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council. Jennifer is currently employed as a student technician by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in the Agricultural Economics Department. Outside of the University, Jennifer serves as a volunteer on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Livestock Committee, Barrow Subcommittee. After graduation, Jennifer hopes to get a job in the Texas House of Representatives or Texas Senate and attend law school in the Fall of 2013.

Christian Davey is the son of Richard and Jennifer Davey of Plano, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics major Finance and Real Estate option. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Laura Brainard is the daughter of Jill and Zane Brainard of Weatherford, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics-Food Marketing Systems major. She competes on the Texas A&M Equestrian team and also serves on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership team. She plans to study abroad in South Africa this summer with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

William Carey is the son of Edward and Dana Carey of Houston, Texas. He is a sophomore Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Memorial Student Center Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow, the Texas A&M Century Singers, and Aggie REPS for the Department. He is also a student senator for the Student Government Association and a Fish Camp Counselor. William works at the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Digital Printing Services. He wants to receive his degree of Jurisprudence and practice in the field of land and agricultural law. He is also interested in international and domestic agricultural policy and wants to pursue interests with an internship in that field.

Julia Anna Clark is the daughter of Roy and Cindy Clark of Tomball, Texas. She is a Junior Agribusiness major and Poultry Science minor. She is the 2011-2012 President of the Agricultural Economics Society. She is also involved in the Poultry Science Club, Farmers Fight Ag Advocacy group, and plays flute in the University’s Concert Band. She is currently interviewing for the Agriculture and Natural Resource Policy Internship in Washington D.C. and hopes to have a career in agricultural policy.
Brandy Dangelmayr is the daughter of Richard and the late Missy Dangelmayr of Muenster, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major with a minor in Agricultural Communications and Journalism. Brandy is also working on her Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture (CITA). She is the current secretary of the Ag Econ Society and President-elect for the 2012-2013 academic year, a member of the Aggie REPS, and a former member of the AGGIE ACES. Brandy is also an Ambassador and Mentor for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for Study Abroad, and is a mentor for the Freshmen Leadership Experience. Brandy is currently employed in the Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Office, and will be traveling with the ALEC Department to Namibia this summer. After graduation, she wants to pursue a career in the fresh produce industry.

Lonna Dorman is the daughter of Lynn Dorman of Livingston, Texas and Donna Yarbrough of Jasper, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is currently Vice President of the Society of Finance Insurance and Real Estate and will be serving as President for the 2012-2013 school year. Lonna is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She works part-time at Reveille Ranch as a Leasing Agent and has worked as an intern for Cortier’s Real Estate. On the side, she also works at St. Thomas Aquinas Church as a child care provider. She is currently working on her real estate courses through Champion’s School of Real Estate in order to obtain her real estate license. Lonna aspires to work in the commercial real estate field upon graduation.

Melany Eckhardt is the daughter of Byron and Theresa Eckhardt of Schulenburg, Texas. She is a junior Agricultural Economics-Finance and Real Estate major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. She is also involved in Kappa Theta Beta at St. Mary’s Catholic Center, a Terry Transfer Scholar, is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta and works at Grazingland Management Systems Inc. She wants to receive her Master’s from May’s Business School’s Real Estate program and go into real estate valuation. She enjoys reading, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. She hopes to one day become a successful real estate appraiser and eventually open her own appraisal business.

Dalton Ervin is the son of Jason (Ryder) and Lisa Ervin of Weimar, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economic Analysis major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, Texas A&M Knights of Columbus, and participated in Big Event. He is also involved in FarmHouse Fraternity where he serves as chaplain and vice president of recruitment. He currently works for Banks and Banks Attorneys at Law located in Bryan, Texas. He wants to pursue a career in Agriculture policy working at either the national or state level.
Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions

Teyler Heitman is the daughter of Darren and Brandie Heitman of Canton, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society and Saddle and Sirloin. She is also a counselor and chairperson for the membership committee for the Freshmen Leadership Experience for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She is also a junior director for the Texas Junior Hereford Association. She currently balances an on-campus job along with her academics and organization involvement. She hopes to earn an internship with one of the major livestock show and rodeo establishments. She plans on attending graduate school to receive a Master of Agriculture.

Ryan Fortenberry is the son of Philip and Judy Fortenberry of Bulverde, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. Ryan is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. He also competes on the male recurve team and on the thirteen time national champion Texas A&M Archery Team. He recently placed third in the nation at U.S. Collegiate Indoor Nationals. He is also very involved with his local church in bible study groups. Ryan either wants to pursue holistic farming or start his own big game outfitting business.

Dillon Garr is the son of Dennis and Sheryl Garr of Hiwasse, Arkansas. He is a sophomore Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economics Analysis major. He is the Parliamentarian and Treasurer-elect for the Agricultural Economics Society and was a member of the Aggie REPS for the Department. He is also involved in Saddle and Sirloin, Texas A&M Wool Judging, and the Texas A&M Student Senate. He wants to graduate and attend either graduate or law school. His career path is, as of yet, undecided.

Lesli Garrett is the daughter of Warren and Martha Garrett of Canton, Texas. She is a sophomore Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economic Analysis and Agricultural Communications and Journalism double major. She is a member of the Aggie REPS in the Department. She is also the Treasurer in Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, a Philadelphia Sister, has previously served as a Fish Camp Counselor and will be working as a counselor this summer at Sky Ranch Christian Camps. She currently works at The Association of Former Students as the Student Muster Coordinator helping Aggies around the world organize and implement one of A&M’s most time honored traditions. After graduation, she would like to work in a nonprofit organization in support of Agriculture advocacy.

Bradley Gorden is the son of Rebecca and James Gorden of Houston, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major. He worked as a Resident Advisor for the Department of Residence Life during the 2010-2011 school year, and now works at Copy Corner. He plans to attend graduate school in Houston where he will receive an MBA. Brad enjoys participating in intermural sports teams and attending Fightin’ Texas Aggie sporting events.

Teyler Heitman is the daughter of Darren and Brandie Heitman of Canton, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society and Saddle and Sirloin. She is also a counselor and chairperson for the membership committee for the Freshmen Leadership Experience for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She is also a junior director for the Texas Junior Hereford Association. She currently balances an on-campus job along with her academics and organization involvement. She hopes to earn an internship with one of the major livestock show and rodeo establishments. She plans on attending graduate school to receive a Master of Agriculture.
Courtney Hodges of Sterling City, Texas is the daughter of Wesley and Karen Hodges and a part of the family’s fifth generation to grow up on their ranch. She is an Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major graduating in May 2012. Courtney is also pursuing a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture. Since August 2008, Courtney has had the privilege of serving as Dr. Danny Klinefelter’s and Bridget Ofczarzak’s student technician. She has participated in Produce Marketing Association Pack Family Career Pathways Program, Aggie REPS, Aggie ACES, Agricultural Economics Society, France Agribusiness Study Abroad, and intramural volleyball and basketball. Following graduation, Courtney will participate in the Traveling Aggies – Essential Europe trip. Long term, she plans to pursue a career in international agribusiness while remaining actively involved in her family’s ranch. After taking a break from school for a few years, Courtney plans to obtain a MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management through a master’s program conducted jointly through Indiana University and Purdue University.

Ryan Hubbert is the son of Robert and Wanda Hubbert of San Antonio, Texas. He is a sophomore Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets ‘15, The Corps Baseball Team, Company E-1, and the Aggie Men’s Alliance. He was also chosen as a Fish Yell Leader during the Fall of 2011. He wants to receive his Master’s in Agribusiness and pursue a career in the United States Marine Corps after college.

Stuart Hogue is the son of Sally and Steve Hogue of Lufkin, Texas. He is a sophomore Agribusiness major. He is a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets ‘15, The Corps Baseball Team, Company E-1, and the Aggie Men’s Alliance. He was also chosen as a Fish Yell Leader during the Fall of 2011. He wants to receive his Master’s in Agribusiness and pursue a career in the United States Marine Corps after college.

Leighton James is the daughter of Steve and Michelle Williams of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Guy and Michele James of Schulenburg, Texas. She is a freshman Agribusiness major and Agricultural Communications and Journalism minor. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. She is also involved in Freshman Leadership Experience, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, COALS Council, and works for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab Finance Department. She has an interest in international agriculture and hopes to secure international internships over the next few years. Her hope is to pursue a career in international agriculture.
Karley Beth Kosub is the daughter of Nancy and David Kosub of La Vernia, Texas. She is a senior Agricultural Economics major – Food Marketing Systems option. Karley is also earning a minor in Business Administration and a Certificate in International Trade & Agriculture (CITA). She is a member of the Aggie REPS, and of the Alpha Zeta Honors Society. She is also Vice President of Marketing for Pi Sigma Epsilon. Karley wants to complete her bachelor’s degree and go into food sales and marketing.

Christopher Knight is the son of Charlene and Steve Scott of Richmond, Texas. He is a senior Agricultural Economics – Rural Entrepreneurship major. He is a former Texas A&M football player and an employee of the Agribusiness Food and Consumer Economics Research Center. He is involved in collecting donations for the local Salvation Army. He wants to receive his master’s degree in Agricultural Economics with an emphasis in managerial economics. Douglas hopes to climb the corporate ladder and one day be in position to run a top company.

Konni Kelso is a sophomore Agribusiness major from Seguin, Texas. She is the daughter of Kurt and Stepheny Kelso and Rhonda and Kenny Dracoulis, as well as the older sibling to Karson and Kase Kelso and Kendra Dracoulis. Konni grew up on a working hog, cattle, and horse ranch in Seguin where she was active in 4-H exhibiting hogs and cattle at the state and national levels. Now that she is here in Aggieland, she has become a member of Saddle and Sirloin, Aggie REPS, COALS Council, as well as the Freshman Leadership Experience and the 2010-2011 Wool Judging Team. Konni is unsure what her future entails but has no doubt that her time here at Texas A&M will enable her to become a successful business woman and a passionate supporter of American agriculture.

DeWitt Kilgore is the son of Thomas and Lynette Kilgore of Victoria, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics-Rural Entrepreneurship major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society. He is also involved in intramural sports and works at the Texas A&M Student Recreation Center. He loves hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He wants to intern for a beer brewing company during the summer. After graduation, he hopes to start up his own brewing company and become more involved in the Brahman Cattle Industry.

Douglas Junkins is the son of Kamme O of College Station, Texas. He is a senior double major in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. He is a former Texas A&M football player and an employee of the Agribusiness Food and Consumer Economics Research Center. He is involved in collecting donations for the local Salvation Army. He wants to receive his master’s degree in Agricultural Economics with an emphasis in managerial economics. Douglas hopes to climb the corporate ladder and one day be in position to run a top company.
Meredith Larson is the daughter of Craig and Andrea Larson of Pilot Point, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness and Agricultural Communications and Journalism double major. She is a new member of Aggie REPS and a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, serving as the 2012-2013 Public Relations officer. Meredith is also involved in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council, Freshman Leadership Experience and Pi Sigma Epsilon. She is a student technician for the Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Office. Upon graduation in May 2014, Meredith plans to attend law school to pursue a career as a contracts lawyer in the oil and natural gas industry.

Claire Luensmann is the daughter of Mark and Terri Luensmann of La Vernia, Texas. She is an Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economic Analysis major. She is a member of Aggie REPS for the Department. She is also the Censor for the Alpha Zeta Honors Fraternity and a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club. In previous semesters, she has served as a member and assistant coach to the Texas A&M Collegiate Wool Judging Team, as a member and mentor of the Freshman Leadership Experience, and as a teaching assistant in the Department. Last summer, she studied abroad on the France Agribusiness trip. After graduation in May 2012, Claire will be working at AgriLogic Insurance Services for the summer and attending graduate school to study Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University in the fall.

Stephanie Mazurkiewicz is the daughter of Dr. Jim and Kathy Mazurkiewicz of Bryan, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major and will graduate with a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture. Her involvement in the Department includes being a member of the Aggie REPS, Aggie ACES, and a teaching assistant. Stephanie is currently an active member on the 2012 Texas A&M Livestock Judging team and will continue to compete nationally until the fall semester. She is on the executive board of the National Society of Leadership and Success serving as their treasurer. In addition, Stephanie is actively involved in The Saddle and Sirloin Club where she is co-chairman of the Steer and Heifers Futurities which will take place this summer. She also serves as an intern annually at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and is currently employed as a student technician in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This summer, Stephanie will be studying abroad in France and Poland and plans to pursue a law degree in oil and gas law.

Cory Nagelberg is the son of Allison and David Nagelberg of East Brunswick, New Jersey. He is a sophomore Agricultural Economics-Rural Entrepreneurship major and is pursuing a Certificate in Meat Science and a minor in Economics. He is the Vice President of the Gamma Kappa chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, as well as the President Emeritus of the Chabad Jewish Student Group. He enjoys playing bass guitar and reading. After graduation, he plans to eventually own and operate his own cattle ranch and custom slaughter operation.

Michael Nepvuex is the son of John and Judith Nepvuex of Brenham, Texas. He is a senior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major. He is a member of the International Student Mentor Association, Aggie Habitat for Humanity, and Texas A&M Economics Society. He also works on campus for the Environmental Health and Safety Department as a student technician. Michael wants to receive his Master’s in Agricultural Economics and work for the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service.
Edith Orozco is the daughter of Guadalupe and Isidro Orozco of Hidalgo, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness and Horticulture-Fruits and Vegetables option double major with a minor in Economics. She is a member of the Horticulture Club and the Sustainable Agriculture Student Association. She is also involved in the TAMU soccer intramurals. She wants to earn a Master’s degree in a program in which she will determine the cost-benefit analysis of organic farming.

Mason Parish is the son of Tracy and Janice Parish of Conroe, Texas. He is a freshmen Agricultural Economics-Policy and Economic Analysis major. He is involved in Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Saddle and Sirloin, International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Science, Collegiate FFA, and a lead advocate for the Farmers Fight Movement. He plans to pursue a law degree and eventually enter the nation's political arena as an advocate for agriculture. He would also like to own a large commercial ranch with Santa Gertrudis influence cattle.

Payton Price is the daughter of Stacy and Koree Price of Turkey, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society and was recently selected to be a member of Aggie REPS for the Department. She is also involved in Saddle and Sirloin, Freshman Leadership Experience mentor program, and participated in Big Event and Farmers Fight. She plans to pursue a graduate degree after the completion of her undergraduate degree in December of 2013.

Joyce Ramirez is the daughter of Sylvia & Arturo Ramirez of Mission, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is a member of the Aggie REPS organization. She is also involved with the Student Conference on National Affairs, the Regents’ Scholars, the Tuition and Fees Advisory Committee, and teaches Spanish to elementary students. She wants to continue her education past an undergraduate degree here at Texas A&M and possibly intern/work for the United States Department of Agriculture in the near future.

Stephanie Riddle is the daughter of Buddy and Maureen Riddle of Cypress, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major. She is a member of Aggie REPS for the Department. She is also involved in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Muttin Bustin Committee, President of Pi Sigma Epsilon (a co-ed national business fraternity focused in sales, marketing, and management), and COALS Council. Stephanie currently works for Professor Litzenberg here in the Department. She completed a marketing internship in the summer of 2011 with Reynolds and Reynolds and will be doing another marketing and sales internship this summer at Prognosis in Houston. Stephanie has been dancing all her life and loves being in the outdoors, hunting, fishing, shooting, and working on cars. She hopes to attain a career in sales or marketing when she graduates in December 2012.
Jake Riley is the son of Brian and Denise Riley of Friendswood, Texas. He is a senior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major and will graduate with a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture and International Business. His involvement in the Department includes being a member of AES, Aggie REPS, and Aggie ACES. In addition, Jake has been a member of the Academic Quiz Bowl Team for three years and plans to compete again this summer. Jake is currently serving as the Vice Noble Ruler of Membership Development for Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Senator in the 64th Session of the Student Senate, undergraduate representative for the Agricultural Economics Department Head Search Committee, and National President for the Student Section of the Agriculture and Applied Economics Association. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma, and Gamma Sigma Delta Honors Societies. Jake also serves as a Junior Committeeman with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and is currently employed as a Student Technician in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This summer, Jake will be interning with Monsanto in Des Moines, Iowa and plans to pursue his Master of Business Administration following graduation.

Devyn Rodgers is the daughter of Wayne and Pauline Rodgers of Castroville, Texas. She is a sophomore Agribusiness major. She is involved in Habitat for Humanity, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma, Gamma Sigma Delta and Aggie Agriculture Consumer and Environmental Sciences. She wants to graduate with an Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double degree and pursue either an internship or a study abroad opportunity during the summer of 2013.

Bakshish Singh is the son of Amardev and Reshminder Singh of College Station, Texas. He is a senior Agricultural Economics-Finance and Real Estate major. He is a member of FIRE and former member of NAMA. He is also involved in Malaysian Student Association, Intramural Soccer Club, and works at the Texas A&M Study Abroad Programs Office. He wants to eventually receive his master’s degree from Texas A&M University in Finance. He enjoys playing soccer and badminton during his free time.

Ryan Smoes is the son of Roger and Mary Smoes of Hamilton, Michigan. He is a senior Agribusiness major with a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society for the Department. He is also involved in the Saddle and Sirloin Club, Texas A&M Livestock Judging Team, and COALS Council. He wants to receive his master’s degree in either Agribusiness or Agricultural Communication and go into international policy.

Ashley Tegeler is the daughter of Rodney and Ida Tegeler of Ganado, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness major. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Supporting Causes Organization, and the Pre-Law Society. Ashley plans to continue her education in law school and become a corporate lawyer.
Hannah Weaver is the daughter of Jerry and Donna Weaver of Lubbock, Texas. She is a junior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double major. She is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, F.I.R.E. and Aggie REPS for the Department. She is also working on a Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture and works at Commerce National Bank. She wants to find a career in agricultural lending after graduating.

Patrick Weeks is the son of David and Jo Elaine Weeks of Midland, Texas. He is a junior Agribusiness major with a minor in Sociology. He is a member of Transfer Camp, Christian Business Leaders, the society of Finance Insurance and Real Estate, and Collegiate 4-H. He is currently working as an intern at Drummond Family Law in Bryan, Texas. Upon graduation from Texas A&M, he wants to attend law school at Texas Tech University. He will be a first generation college graduate. He looks forward to starting a new family tradition of bleeding maroon.

Matthew Williamson is a third generation Aggie and the son of Bryan and Melissa Williamson of Bryan, Texas. He is a junior Agricultural Economics-Finance and Real Estate major. He is a member of the Agricultural Economics Society and the F.I.R.E. Club in the Department. He is also involved in the 12th Man Student Foundation, Texas A&M Golf Club, and is a student technician for the Texas A&M Instructional Media Services. He is interested in land economics and wants to receive his master’s degree from the MRE program and go into commercial real estate.

Morgann Zimmer is the daughter of Kimberli Hoffman of Victoria, Texas. She is a senior Agribusiness major. She is the Public Relations officer of the Finance Insurance and Real Estate organization. She is also involved in an internship with Briaud Financial Advisors. She wants to become a certified financial planner and has an internship with KMH Wealth Management this summer.

**Student Award and Scholarship Recipients and Recognitions**

**OUR THANKS TO THE STUDENTS FOR PROVIDING THEIR BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION.**
AAEA—Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
AGBU—Agribusiness
AGEC—Agricultural Economics
Ag Econ Society—Agricultural Economics Society
AGGIE ACES—Academically Gifted students Gaining Insight and Experience through Art, Culture, Enterprise, and Study
ANRP—Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy
CIBS—Certificate in International Business
CITA—Certificate in International Trade and Agriculture
COALS—College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
FIRE—Society of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
FDRS—Food Distribution Research Society
NAMA—National Agri-Marketing Association
SAEA—Southern Agricultural Economics Association
WAEA—Western Agricultural Economics Association
The Aggie REPS enjoyed a wonderful year in 2011-12. As representatives of the Department of Agricultural Economics, the REPS foster communication between faculty, staff, current students, and future students. We hope to have another strong year next year and invite everyone in the Department to come to our first big event, Fall Kickoff.
Activities 2011-2012

Aggieland Saturday
Recruiting exceptional prospective students

Fall Kickoff
Over 300 guests and $2,500 in prizes given away

Spring Retreat
REPS teambuilding activities

S.K.Y.P. Lunches
Get to know your professors
Agricultural Economics Society
2011-2012

Who are we?
The purpose of the Agricultural Economics 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 and volunteer activities to get better acquainted with each other and the faculty.

2011-2012 Officer Team
President ....................... Julie Anna Clark '13
Vice-President .................. Corey Walters '12
Treasurer ........................ Travis Joslin '14
Secretary ......................... Brandy Dangelmayr '13
Public Relations .................. Konni Kelso '14
Parliamentarian ................ Dillon Garr '14
Advisor ........................... Dr. John Siebert
Advisor ........................... Dr. Dmitry Vedenov

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Service Activities

Ag Econ Society’s service activities this year included:

- Aggie Replant Day
- 4th Annual Christmas Toy Drive
- Texas A&M’s Big Event
- 1st Annual Farmers Fight

Activities

Farmers Fight 2012

This year ten students from the Ag Econ Society joined forces with 20 other organizations from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to share the story of agriculture. Our booth was set up outside of Wehner teaching others the process of the 12th man towel and the economic value of agriculture.

2012-2013 Officer Team

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Public Relations .. Meredith Larson ’14
Parliamentarian .... Dylan Coleman ’14
The Society of Finance Insurance and Real Estate
2011-2012

◊ Leadership
◊ Networking opportunities
◊ Character building
◊ Teamwork
◊ Responsibility
◊ Professionalism

F.I.R.E 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 our members to build professional relationships and network with industry professionals and employers.

President
Katey Thompson

Vice President
Lonna Dorman

Secretary
Karina Rodchenko

Public Relations
Morgann Zimmer

Treasurer
Ben Krus

Historian
Ashley Emens
Congratulations to the ‘12–’13 Officers
President- Lonna Dorman
Vice President- Elizabeth LeDoux
Public Relations- Darwin Canales
Treasurer- Mayson Mier
Secretary- Justin Peters
Historian- Hunter Mendel

Big Event

Annual Networking Dinner
This year our organization hosted the annual Networking Dinner. This was a fantastic event where members had the opportunity to network with industry professionals and get to know faculty members.

This year over 15,000 Aggies came together in the name of service to lend a helping hand in our community. We are proud to say we are able to be a part of such a noble cause.

Join us on Facebook!
It has been a great year!!

We have had great speakers this year and our members have had a great time getting to know each of them! We cannot wait to expand our network even more next year. Hope to see you there!

FACEBOOK US!
Search: Texas A&M NAMA Chapter
http://www.facebook.com/groups/174838418065/
The National Agri-Marketing Association is a professional organization focused on the marketing, advertising, sales, and public relations of agricultural products. As one of the few student NAMA chapters, this club is also focused on these areas and has had a historic year. We have gained chapter membership throughout the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, achieved record meeting attendance, and offered exciting opportunities to our students to network with professionals from the food and fiber industry. We host monthly meetings and socials with other organizations in the Department.

Each April, a team of eight students travels to and competes in the National NAMA Marketing Competition. In this competition, the students have a prepared marketing plan and present it to industry leaders. Texas A&M has done very well in the past and looks forward to bringing home a first place!

We are looking forward to what the coming years hold!
THE AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING
OUR NEW DEPARTMENT HOME
The Agriculture and Life Sciences Building
Our New Department Home
Congratulations to the 2012-2013 Scholarship Winners!
Will & Pam Dalton

A Special Thanksto
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