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Upcoming Events

July

- 4th-Independence Day Holiday
- 6th-Second summer term begins

Front Row: Auggie Woodruff; Middle Row: Riley Woodruff, Noah Suggs, Krystal Moczygemba, Abby Christian, Hannah Burroughs, Stella Ingham, Haley Metteauer; Back Row: Cody Zavala, Lauren Littlefield, Justin Rossett

Rosson's Roundup

This week we had two faculty members who received top recognition and I want to highlight their contributions. Jim Mjelde was recognized by the Western Agricultural Economics Association by being designated as a Fellow of WAEA. Congratulations, Jim on receiving the top faculty award made by WAEA! Kerry Litzenberg serves on the WAEA Board and James Richardson chairs the graduate student paper awards committee. Thank both for their service.

Nathan Harness was recognized by *Investment News* magazine by being inducted into its "40 Under 40" class of 2016. Nathan was selected from among 800 nominees from across the country. The "40 Under 40" award is based on accomplishment, contribution, leadership and promise. Congratulations, Nathan on this esteemed honor! See feature story below: <http://www.investmentnews.com/section/40-under-40/2016/profile/23/Nathan-Harness>

This week we will begin highlighting Study Abroad trips with features on Scotland, South Africa/Swaziland, Mongolia, Ghana and France. Thanks to Dusty Menzies who led the first ever Scotland program which is featured here today.

Have a great weekend and certainly have a very happy 4th of July!

May 2016 marked the first AGECE Study Abroad – Scotland trip. Eleven students took part in the trip designed to study Scottish agribusinesses. After a couple of days seeing the sites in London, the group took a train to Aberdeen, on the North Sea coast. A tour of the Scottish Rural College and a boat ride on Loch Ness were fun, but the best part of the first week was probably the visits to the number one agribusiness in Scotland, whisky distilleries! The students enjoyed tours Glenfiddich and The Glen Livet distilleries.

The second part of the trip saw the group around Edinburgh. Between touring several castles (including a private tour of Castle Menzies!), climbing to Arthur's Seat in the middle of Edinburgh, and shopping on the Royal Mile, there was enough culture and history for everyone. The group was able to tour Scotbeef, a meat-packing facility and Netherton Angus, one of the top Aberdeen Angus producers in Scotland. They were also able to meet with Scottish lawyers, real estate experts, and livestock marketers at United Auctions in Stirling. One very interesting meeting was with Quality Meat Scotland, a marketing organization that takes Scottish check-off revenues and uses them to improve marketing and industry efficiencies. Their Scotch Assured Cattle and Sheep Scheme was definitely eye-opening. The final day of the trip saw the group attend ScotSheep, a Beef Cattle Shortcourse-type event with over 3,000 people in attendance. Between the sheep dog trials, shearing competitions, and handmade shepard's crooks, there was literally something for everyone.

The field trip was enjoyed by all participants and considering recent events was rather timely. Hearing first-hand how much Scotland Agriculture depends on E.U. subsidies was something unexpected for our students, but very useful in showing how agriculture is not the same everywhere as it is in America. All in all, it was a successful first trip (and everyone at least tried haggis!) and we cannot wait to go again in 2017! ~Dusty Menzies

Upcoming Birthdays

Dean McCorkle	7/3
Lora Monsees	7/5
Ron Knutson	7/12
Caroline Gleaton	7/14
Christy Knoght	7/23



**2016 AGEC Project
Group Meetings
July 13 – 15, 2016
La Torretta Lake Resort
Montgomery, Texas**

Study Abroad Pictures from Scotland



[Click here for position announcements](#)

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

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