Seminar Presentation Monday
On Monday Dr. Keith Coble ’93, Professor and Department Head in Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University, and President-Elect of AAEA presented a seminar titled ‘Relevant and/or Elegant Economics’. His presentation gave us an advance look at some of what he is planning for his AAEA speech later this summer. Several faculty and students were able to meet with Dr. Coble throughout the day.

Entrepreneurial Dreams Symposium
Texas Farm Credit sponsored the End of Year Entrepreneurial Dreams Symposium for the Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program that was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. During the day on Tuesday, AGEC 425 students participated in a business pitch poster presentation session. On Tuesday evening, a reception and dinner was held which included presentations by the AGEC 425, 2018 Entrepreneur of the Year, Caden Eary ’18, and a keynote presentation by Graham Weston ’86, and Lorenzo Gomez III. The program also included the two Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry inductions, and the presentation of the Joseph B. Swinbank ’74 Outstanding Entrepreneur Award. On Wednesday, Dr. Susan Ballabina started the day with opening remarks, followed by six student finalists who made presentations. Dan Haile ’96 provided keynote remarks during lunch, and Kaylin Georg Carroll ’12 moderated a panel discussion during the afternoon session.

Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry Inductions
On Tuesday evening, Nick Bamert ’81, and Russell Boening ’81 were inducted into the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry. Mr. Bamert was inducted by Mr. Gary Gunter ’81 a current Timm Honor Registry member, and Mr. Boening was inducted by Mr. Ken Leiber ’81 a current Timm Honor Registry member.

Mr. Bamert was raised on his family farm near Muleshoe, Texas. After graduation, he returned to work with the seed farm his father, Carl, started in 1951. In 1987, Bamert Seed Company received the Farm Family of the Year award in Bailey County, and in 2017, they were named the Business of the Year in Muleshoe, Texas. Mr. Bamert has been active throughout his career in industry leadership, serving as president of the Texas Seed Trade Association, and the Southern Seed Association, along with serving on several state and national committees for natural resources conservation. Mr. Bamert has also been very involved with his community, and with Texas A&M over the years.

Mr. Boening was raised on a farm in Poth, Texas. After graduation, he returned to work with the family farming operation and became a partner in the Boening Brothers Dairy. He joined Loma Vista Farms in 1989, and his diversified farming and ranching operation has grown over time. The Boening family was honored by the Dairy Farmers of America in 2010, as Southwest Members of Distinction. Mr. Boening has been a lifelong member of Texas Farm Bureau, and currently serves as president. Mr. Boening has also been very involved with his community, and with Texas A&M over the years. Congratulations to Nick Bamert and Russell Boening on your inductions into the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry.

College Of Agriculture Development Council
On Thursday evening I participated in the College Of Agriculture Development Council business meeting and dinner. During the dinner, Dr. Susan Ballabina provided information about the Advancing Texas Initiative. It was a good event to catch up with a number of our Ag Eco former students.

I hope you all have a great weekend
**New Publications**


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**Happy Birthday!!**

- Gary Williams 5/6
- Donna Adcock 5/13
- Donna Chester 5/20
- David Anderson 5/23
- Shahriar Kibriya 5/27

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**Position Announcements**

**Visiting Professor or Instructor** of Agricultural Economics, Auburn University. The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology seeks a one-year, fixed-term visiting assistant, associate, or full professor (or instructor) of Agricultural Economics. The start date would be July 1, 2019 or August 1, 2019. The department will consider new Ph.D.s, ABDs, and more senior faculty seeking a sabbatical home. Visiting Professor of any rank requires a Ph.D. in agricultural economics or related discipline. Application Procedures: Applicants should apply online at: [http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/3486](http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/3486). Interested applicants should submit (1) Cover letter that includes teaching interests and preparation; (2) curriculum vita; and (3) names, telephone numbers and email addresses of 3 professional references. Any evidence of teaching effectiveness such as student evaluations are optional and can be submitted under “other documentation”. Only complete applications will be considered. Review of applications will begin after April 30, 2019. Questions about this position should be directed to: Dr. Joshua M. Duke, Chair, email: duke@auburn.edu

**Assistant International Marketing Manager.** Potatoes USA is in the process of filling a new Assistant International Marketing Manager position that has been created to support new international marketing programs. Assist the Potatoes USA Marketing Department staff to implement the international marketing programs that are designed to increase demand for U.S. potatoes in export markets. **Compensation:** $35,000 to $50,000 depending on experience. **Benefits:** Medical, Dental, Life Insurance, Long Term Disability, Paid Time Off and 401k. **Location:** Denver, CO. **Starting Date:** June 1, 2019. **Application Process:** Send resume and cover letter to Carrie Brown at carrie@potatoesusa.com.

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

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu