2016 ANIMAL SCIENCES AMBASSADORS APPLICATION

PURPOSE. Animal Sciences Ambassadors are selected student representatives and highly valued members of the outreach, departmental, and alumni relations leadership team of Purdue Animal Sciences. ANSC Ambassadors represent Purdue Animal Sciences by communicating with potential students, alumni, employers, faculty, and the public to promote goodwill within and for the department and university.

ACTIVITIES. Animal Sciences Ambassadors are directly involved in outreach, education, and alumni relations as outlined in the committee descriptions. Serving as an ANSC Ambassador requires a significant commitment of effort and time to make Ambassador events and activities as effective as possible.

CRITERIA. Applicants must be full-time students with a major in the Department of Animal Sciences, have a minimum of 30 credit hours completed by the end of the current semester, be in good academic standing, and have at least two semesters of undergraduate study remaining.

Application packets must include:
1. **One-page cover letter** explaining why you want to be an ANSC Ambassador and what you will contribute to the mission of Purdue Animal Sciences.
2. **Three short answers to the following writing prompts:**
   A. **PROFESSIONALISM.** Please craft an email to an alum (fictitious name: Janet Fordson) inviting them to an ANSC Ambassadors sponsored picnic. Include all the details you think they would need for this fictitious event.
   B. **ANSC PROMOTION AND KNOWLEDGE.** A prospective student (fictitious name: Emal Faraghi) would like to know more about Purdue ANSC and whether Purdue is a good match for their goals. Please craft an appropriate email responding with what you think Purdue Animal Sciences has to offer for undergraduates.
   C. **COMMUNICATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION.** An animal rights organization contacts you concerned about how they saw animals being handled at an event hosted by the ANSC Ambassadors. Please craft an email in response.
3. **Two reference letters.** One letter must be from a Purdue faculty or staff person. The other letter can be from any non-relative who you feel is qualified to gauge your potential for success.
4. **A resume** highlighting your relevant skills and experiences.

Your packet (these four above items) must be received by Dawn Gulik in POUL 112, by February 24th at 5:00 PM. Applicants should include the name of their references in the application letter. The Screening Committee will review application packets and select applicants for an interview. The Committee seeks applicants who work hard with a positive attitude, communicate well, and think critically, with clear motivation to promote Purdue Animal Sciences. Ambassadors are expected to lead, but also collaborate and be supportive of the entire group’s efforts. Importantly, ANSC Ambassadors must always be inclusive of both people and ideas.

TERM. Selected Ambassadors will begin their one-year term with the Orientation Retreat in the fall semester. The success of the group is dependent upon everyone’s engagement not only developing, but implementing effective programs. Thus, it is important to note that the group has an attendance policy for both meetings and events. Likewise, ANSC Ambassadors must remain ANSC students in good academic standing.

SCHEDULE. February 24: Application packet due in POUL 112 by 5:00 PM
March 4: Applicants notified of interviews
March 9: Applicant interviews, Ambassadors selected
March 11: New ANSC Ambassadors notified

Have questions? Please contact Paul Ebner, Associate Professor, 765-494-4820, pebner@purdue.edu
2015-16 ANSC Ambassador Activities

All Animal Sciences Ambassadors are expected to use their leadership and interpersonal skills to “promote and serve Purdue Animal Sciences” with enthusiasm and commitment. Every ANSC Ambassador is expected to be an active member of the ANSC Ambassador Team, support one another, and participate in all activities. The group meets bi-weekly to share ideas and develop the most high-impact activities possible. All ANSC Ambassadors are required to attend the Fall Orientation Retreat. While each ambassador serves on one committee, all Ambassadors are expected to contribute in the design, planning, and implementation of different activities. There are currently four committees:

1. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Preview Days)
   *Current Members: Anne Marshall, Lauren Kerestes, Wyatt Krom, Kelsie Waitt, Kirsten Andersson, and Eric Wallis*
   The outreach committee works throughout the year with prospective Purdue Animal Sciences students. Their signature events are the Preview Days where high school students and their families are invited for a day on campus (spring) to learn about the different opportunities Purdue Animal Sciences has to offer. Throughout the year they continue to interact with not only students, but other campus visitors as well. It’s a good way to learn more about everything Purdue Animal Sciences has to offer while developing important communication skills.

2. BOILER BARNYARD COMMITTEE
   *Current Members: Chelsea Duvall, Sidney Mumma, Casey Krueckeberg, and Jon Richardson*
   Each year, thousands of people visit the Purdue campus to take part in the annual Purdue Springfest. The Animal Sciences Ambassadors are responsible for the department’s program and produce the Boiler Barnyard. Arguably the most popular attraction at the entire Springfest, the Boiler Barnyard brings dairy cows, beef cattle, lambs, and piglets to campus for two days as part of educational program focused on food animal production. This is a great opportunity to practice your teaching skills and test your know-how when it comes to animal science.

3. DEPARTMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
   *Current Members: Liz Alexander, Andrew Bolinger, Geoffrey Ng, and Marissa Lorenz*
   The Departmental Relations Committee is largely responsible for organizing events that allow students and faculty opportunities to interact in less formal environments. One great example is the annual Porkpocalypse where faculty compete to see who is the best grillmaster. Through these and other events, students learn about different research and Extension opportunities and how to get directly involved in high-impact programs.

4. ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE
   *Current Members: Adrienne Trennepohl, Sydney Hancock, and Valerie Scott*
   Purdue Animal Sciences alumni are very proud and eager to interact with current students. The Alumni committee is responsible for facilitating those interactions and regularly host alumni for formal and informal events. This is a good opportunity to learn from successful alumni who are very often potential employers.

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