2020 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. Serving as an ANSC Ambassador requires a significant commitment of effort and time to make Ambassador events and activities as effective as possible. Ambassadors also attend non-committee events when requested, i.e. prospective student events, extension events, and departmental visitor events.

CRITERIA. Applicants must be full-time students with a major in the Department of Animal Sciences, have a minimum of 24 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. **A one-page cover letter** explaining why you want to be an ANSC Ambassador, what you will contribute to the mission of Purdue Animal Sciences, and how you will manage your time for this commitment.

2. **Writing Prompt #1:** A prospective student, Kayla (admitted, but not committed) reaches out to you as she is doing research on her various college options. While Kayla wants to pursue a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, she is unsure if she wants to major in Animal Sciences, as she does not know other ANSC career paths should she not attend veterinary school. Please craft an email to Kayla describing from your experiences some of the opportunities and career paths a degree in Animal Sciences from Purdue University can offer in addition to a path to veterinary school.

3. **Writing Prompt #2:** Please describe (in no less than 150 words) what an inclusive and diverse workplace looks like and what it means to you. How have you seen the benefits of diversity and inclusivity in your own personal experiences? This could be in a workplace environment, an academic setting, a team, etc.

4. **Writing Prompt #3:** The ANSC ambassadors are constantly refining current programs and seeking ideas for new programs. Based on your experiences and knowledge of the ANSC ambassadors, describe (in no less than 150 words) a program you would implement for freshman ANSC students that could help ease their transition to collegiate life and foster their early success.

4. **Two reference letters:** One letter must be from a Purdue faculty or staff person. Purdue staff members must be involved in teaching, research, Extension, or advising. The other letter can be from any non-relative who you feel is qualified to gauge your potential for success (e.g., former teacher, employer, etc.). In each case, strong letters usually address your leadership capacity, commitment, and ability to work with diverse groups, among other attributes. Please have your reference letters sent via email to JoAnn Galyon, sgalyon@purdue.edu.

5. **A resume** highlighting your relevant skills and experiences.
Your packet (items listed above) must be received by JoAnn Galyon in CRTN 1014, by February 26th at 5:00 PM. Applicants should include the names of their references in the application cover letter. The Screening Committee will review application packets and select applicants for an interview. Note that the Committee seeks applicants who work hard with a positive attitude, communicate well, and think critically, with a 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 service with the Orientation Retreat in the fall semester. The success of the group is dependent upon everyone’s engagement not only developing, but also 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 26: Application packet due in CRTN 1014 by 5:00 PM  
March 4: Applicants notified of interviews  
March 11: Applicant interviews, Ambassadors selected  
March 12: New ANSC Ambassadors notified

**Have questions? Please contact Paul Ebner, Professor, 765-494-4820, pebner@purdue.edu or Lynette Musselman, Public Relations Coordinator, 765-494-4823, griffi89@purdue.edu**

**2020-2021 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. **PREVIEW DAYS COMMITTEE**

   The Preview Days 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.

2. **BOILER BARNYARD COMMITTEE**

   Each year, thousands of people visit the Purdue campus to take part in the annual Purdue Spring Fest. The Animal Sciences Ambassadors are responsible for the department’s program and produce the Boiler Barnyard. Arguably the most popular attraction at the entire Spring Fest, the
Boiler Barnyard brings dairy cows, beef cattle, lambs, and piglets to campus for the day as part of educational program focused on food animal production.

3. DEPARTMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
The Departmental Relations committee is largely responsible for organizing events that allow students and faculty opportunities to interact in less formal environments. Examples of such events include the Fall Festival and the End-of-the-Year Faculty Luncheon. Through these and other events, students learn about different research and Extension opportunities and how to get directly involved in high-impact programs.

4. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
The Development Committee works with all other committees to assess the impact of Ambassador events in an effort to make those events stronger and more effective. This committee is also charged with working with ANSC stakeholders and identifying sources of support and funding for all Ambassador programs.