

Purdue AgEd Views

For alumni and friends of Agricultural Education
at Purdue University

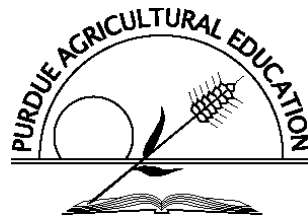
Dear Agricultural Education Friend,

What an exciting time to be at Purdue! The football team is having another good season and both basketball teams are gearing up for action. Dr. France Córdova is Purdue's 11th president. One of her high priorities is excellence in education for our students.

This newsletter highlights some of the excellence in education for Agricultural Education students. Students continue to take advantage of study abroad opportunities and internships. Numerous Agricultural Education students hold leadership positions in the College of Agriculture, Purdue University, sororities, fraternities, and other student organizations.

We would also like to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni. Let us know of things you are doing through one of the contact methods below. In this issue we want to highlight Mr. Byron Ernest and Mr. Eric Steiner. Their accomplishments are detailed inside on page 3. Congratulations on your recognitions, Byron Ernest and Eric Steiner!

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Purdue AgEd Views*, and catching up on happenings in our program.



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Agricultural Education Scholarship Recipients

The following students are 2007-2008 school year scholarship recipients:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Purdue Agricultural Education Endowment

Mary Ferguson	Nicole Fitzsimmons
Sarah Gaughan	April Harris
Keith Konradi	Caitlin Leu
Mckenzie Marshall	Samantha Moore
Michael Warstler	Quinn Wicker

W.I. Boyd Memorial

Aaron McKim

Dr. Robert Brinson

Katie Allen	Elizabeth Werner
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CAERT

Kevin Cross	Chelsey Mann
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Dr. James Clouse

Morgan Breedlove	James Wolff
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Florida Fruit Association

Sadie Davis

Christian Kropf Company

Sayde Rayburn

Gary and Jean Geswein

Sara Newkirk

Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators

Melissa Burcham	Annie Davis
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IAAE-Purdue (Incoming Freshman in AgEd)

Rob Hays	Logan Springstun
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Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. Scholarship

Alicia Batta

National Association of Agricultural Educators

Rebecca Korb	Susan Wagner
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Dr. Jerry L. and Susan M. Peters

Gregory Brawner

Nussbaum Determined to Succeed

Isaac Dorrel

Terry Robertson-Smith

Joseph Dunn

Eric Steiner

Brian Springer

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Freshman Scholarship

Elise Brown	Robert Hays
Chelsey Mann	Rebekah Nortrup
Michael Warstler	

Sophomore Scholarship

Annie Davis	Nicole Fitzsimmons
Aaron McKim	

Junior Scholarship

Jessica Jones	Mckenzie Marshall
Susan Wagner	James Wolff

Senior Scholarship

Casey Bault	Gregory Brawner
Kelli Hoffman	Sara Newkirk
Brian Springer	

Agricultural Research Fund

Vena Namukasa	James Wolff
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Dairy Farmers of America

Gregory Brawner

Farm Credit Services

James Wolff

Hageman Agriculture

Elise Brown

Marquardt Alumni

Kelli Hoffman	Michael Warstler
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J. Kelly O'Neill and Margaret Ritchey O'Neill Memorial

Alicia Batta	Whitney Curts
Annie Davis	Marianne Ingle
Aaron McKim	Logan Springstun
Susan Wagner	

Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader

Logan Springstun

Walter Pugsley

Whitney Curts

Richard and Louse Reed Agriculture

William McIntire

O. B. Riggs Memorial

Samantha Moore	Ryan Wynkoop
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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

The Ernest and Eva Voliva Scholarships
Brian Springer

Hillis D. and Esther M. Wickizer
Matthew Middaugh

Lewis Runkle
Joseph Dunn

Nicole Fitzsimmons

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS UPPER DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

Gregory Brawner

Sara Newkirk

2007 Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award

Byron Ernest of Sheridan, Indiana was recognized with the Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award in March 2007. He's been involved in education since 1985, teaching in Shelby County, Michigantown, and Lebanon, as well as working as a vocational education specialist for the Indiana Department of Education and executive director of The National Young Farmer Education Association, United States Department of Education.

In 2004 Byron answered a recruiting call to launch an agriculture department at Lebanon Community School Corp., where he has grown it to a staff of four teachers who are instructing more than 500 students. There, he has implemented the new Advanced Life Science courses and developed an agriculture department endowment fund with the Lebanon Educational Foundation.

"I like the challenge of staying up-to-date in new developments and the thrill of developing kids," he says. "My motto is rigor, relevance, and relationships. I gain their respect by taking an interest in them and showing them what's relevant to what they'll be doing."

Agricultural Education Alumnus Receives Presidential Appointment

Eric Steiner has been appointed by President Bush to serve as the new USDA Food and Nutrition Service Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs. In this role he will be responsible for developing and overseeing the administration of 14 of the nation's nutrition assistance programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Summer Food Service Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food Assistance for Disaster Relief, and the Commodity Distribution Programs.

Eric earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education from Purdue University, and is currently pursuing a Juris Doctor degree from the George Mason University School of Law.

Students Excel at National FFA Convention

Purdue Agricultural Education students recognized at the National FFA Convention were:

2007 American Degree Recipients

Elise Brown	Brian Griffin
Chris Grimm	Robert Hays
James Kemble	Holly Shore
Desiray Simmons	

2007 Proficiency State Winners

Chelsey Mann
James Kemble

Purdue Agricultural Education students serving as tour guides and recruiters were:

2006 CDE Tour Guides

Greg Brawner	Rebecca Gearhart
Ryan Ingram	Mikki Marshall
Vena Namukasa	Sara Newkirk
Lacey Probst	Brian Springer
Jacquelyn Stephenson	Elizabeth Werner

2006 Career Show Booth

Casey Bault	Tiffany Birkey
Ophelia Davis	Nick Duff
Jessica Geisler	Patrick Hash
Kelli Hoffman	Travis Kiesel
Ben Leu	Diana Moyer
Tami Neighbors	Nicole Retzner
Kim Self	Matt Turner

Student Success and Recognition

- Kelli Hoffman earned the title of Miss Purdue 2007. She competed for the Miss Indiana title in June. Having a sister who was born blind led Kelli to choose to promote a platform that will raise awareness of people with disabilities.
- Bryan Hains, Ph.D. student, was a 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award recipient.
- Agricultural Education students on the 2006-2007 College of Agriculture Ag Council were: President Mikki Marshall, Brian Springer, and Donny Lee.
- Agricultural Education student, Alicia Batta, will serve as a 2007-2008 College of Agriculture Ag Ambassador.
- Our student organization, IAAE-Purdue, was recognized by NAAE as a 100% membership chapter.
- Almost 300 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2007 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Mr. Greg Curlin of Switzerland County High School.
- Vena Namukasa and James Wolff received undergraduate research scholarships from Ag Research Programs based on their proposals for research. Along with the requirement that a student be enrolled in research credits during the scholarship timeframe, students are obliged to report progress each semester and to present at the April 2008 Undergraduate Research and Poster Symposium.
- IAAE-Purdue co-hosted the Purdue Invitational Soils (for 350 FFA members) and Crops (for 60 FFA members) Career Development Events with the Agronomy Department.
- IAAE-Purdue provided student judges for FFA Leadership Career Development Events for 9 of the 12 FFA Districts.
- Freshmen participated in the Agricultural Education Learning Community. These students took classes together, participated in educational as well as fun activities, had a weekly study table, and became a strong part of the Agricultural Education family.
- Fall 2007 undergraduate enrollment was 101.

Outstanding Members Selected

Each year, Indiana Farm Bureau sponsors awards for outstanding members of IAAE-Purdue. The selection is based on student's grade point average, participation in organization activities, and service to IAAE-Purdue. The following students were selected as award recipients in the **2006-2007** academic year for their respective years:

Annie Davis and Aaron McKim	Outstanding Freshman
James Wolff and Ryan Wynkoop	Outstanding Sophomore
Sara Newkirk	Outstanding Junior
Tami Neighbors	Outstanding Senior

Faculty and Staff Notes

The Agricultural Education program is housed on the second floor of the Agricultural Administration building. Room numbers are: Mark Balschweid - Room 224, Dan Gottschalk - Room 220, Jerry Peters - Room 220A, Allen Talbert - Room 224. Our mailing address is: 615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2053. Our secretary is Mona Jackson, telephone (765) 494-8423.

Drs. Balschweid and Talbert led a third study abroad to Jamaica for 12 Agricultural Education students. A total of 35 students have participated in this program.

Dr. Mark Balschweid was named the College of Agriculture's Outstanding Undergraduate Counselor for 2007-08. The award is named in honor of David C. Pfendler.

During the summer of 2007 over 30 Agricultural Science and Business and Family and Consumer Science teachers participated in the Advanced Life Science Professional Development training workshops. Summer 2007 was the fourth consecutive summer for training for teachers interested in teaching the Advanced Life Science curricula. To date, over 175 teachers have participated in training for Advanced Life Science: Animal, Advanced Life Science: Plant and Soil, and Advanced Life Science: Foods courses. During the 2006-07 school year, over 100 high schools offered one or more of the Advanced Life Science courses.

Dan Gottschalk was recognized by Purdue University for 10 years of service as an Academic Advisor in Agricultural Education. Dan has completely recovered from heart surgery and is once again enjoying interacting with our students.

Dr. B. Allen Talbert was promoted to professor effective at the start of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Dr. Jerry Peters, presented leadership workshops for basketball coaches in Algiers and Ouargla, Algeria in collaboration with the Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange, Indiana University, and the U.S. State Department funded project: USPORT Algeria. Through a two-year USDA funded grant entitled: Cultural Competence and Global Competitiveness: An Educational Approach, Peters helped lead another group of Indiana agricultural science and business teachers, extension educators, and graduate students on a Study Abroad course to Costa Rica.

IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers

Officers elected for 2007 and their retiring counterpart include:

Office	Retiring	2007 Officer
President	Tiffany Birkey	Brian Springer
1 st Vice President	Brian Springer	Sara Newkirk
2 nd Vice President	Diana Moyer	Greg Brawner
3 rd Vice President	Jessica Geisler	
Secretary	Tami Neighbors	Alicia Batta
Treasurer	Ophelia Davis	James Wolff
Assistant Treasurer	Danny Haberlin	Aaron McKim
Reporter	Cindy Lynn	Ryan Wynkoop
Historian	Jenny Cherry	Jenny Cherry
Chaplain	Sara Newkirk	Annie Davis
Ag Council Representative	Katy Argatine	Jacquelyn Stephenson



Recruitment into Agricultural Education

Recruitment of high school students into Agricultural Education at Purdue continues to be a top priority. We are again asking Agricultural Education alumni and friends to forward the names of students who might be interested in Agricultural Education at Purdue. Upon receiving these names, we will mail potential students a letter and a pamphlet explaining Purdue's Agricultural Education Program and invite them to our Purdue Agricultural Education Recruitment Day held in November on the Purdue campus. We have experienced a great deal of success with this one-on-one approach to recruiting.

We would appreciate your help by identifying those students who would be well served by Agricultural Education at Purdue University. You may send the name, address, phone number, and grade in high school via mail to: Agricultural Education, Purdue University, 615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907 or email to: dgott@purdue.edu or telephone at 765-494-8423.

Student Teachers

Seniors who completed their professional semester in Agricultural Education in 2007 along with the name of their school and their supervising teacher(s) are listed below:

Spring 2007

Casey Bault
Forest Park H.S.
Doug Walker

Tiffany Birkey
Carroll H.S. @ Fort Wayne
Cindy Raker

Ophelia Davis
North Daviess Jr./Sr. H.S.
Gary Stuckey

Nick Duff
Rossville Jr./Sr. H.S.
Dale Griffin

Patrick Hash
Southmont Jr./Sr. H.S.
Gary Mosbaugh

Kelli Hoffman
Manchester H.S.
Gwen Mize

Travis Kiesel
North Posey H.S.
Mike Wassmer

Ben Leu
South Newton Middle-Sr. H.S.
Shane Storey/Darrell Allen

Diana Moyer
Seeger Memorial H.S.
Eric Shideler

Tami Neighbors
Tri-County Jr./Sr. H.S.
Travis Scherer

Adam Raper
Delphi Community H.S.
Ross Striebeck/Beth Theobald

Nicole Retzner
Rensselaer Central H.S.
Ron Wamsley

Kim Self
Eastern Hancock H.S.
Scott Jacobs/Natalie Schilling

Matt Turner
Bloomfield H.S.
Ben Helms

National Association of Agricultural Educators Region 4 Winners

We want to recognize the Indiana Agricultural Science and Business teachers announced as 2007 National Award Winners. The following people will be recognized at the convention in Las Vegas December 11-15, 2007.

Teacher Mentor: Beth Theobald

Teachers Turn the Key: Amanda Briggs
Bradley Briggs

Scholarship Recipients Say “Thank You”

Our list of scholarship recipients has grown so large that their “thank you” notes can not fit within the confines of our newsletter. The following students are representative of those receiving Agricultural Education Scholarships at the 2007 IAAE-Purdue Spring Recognition Banquet.

I did not start out in Ag Ed, but I know this is the place for me and I love it. The atmosphere is so different and people are so friendly, that it is hard not to love this major. I want to thank you for the Agricultural Education Endowment Scholarship that I received this spring. I am very grateful for the scholarship. It will help out a great deal while continuing my education at Purdue with all the expenses. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Samantha Moore



Every day at Purdue University is a learning experience, whether in the classroom, with friends, or in a variety of other experiences. Through your gracious support of IAAE-Purdue, I was taught another very important lesson. It's important to give back to the community, especially to continue the education of others. I intend to use each experience every day in teaching students of my own. I look forward to many years of working with great people like you in the rest of my college and professional career.

Aaron McKim

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation for the scholarship I received. Your generous gift will be put to good use. My experience growing up on a dairy farm, showing dairy cows and horses in 4-H, and participating in FFA judging and leadership contests has formed my desire to pursue a career in agriculture. Many students, myself included, depend on the generosity and support of organizations like your own. I am proud to have been recognized by this wonderful organization.

Sincerely, Alicia Batta



Thank you for the scholarship I received. This money will help me to pursue a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education. Thank you for the service that you and the Agricultural Education Department provide, and for your continued support of the IAAE Purdue Chapter. It is because of people like you, and IAAE that I am able to continue my education and better myself.

Thankfully, Keith Konradi

I would like to thank you for continued support of our organization. As a past Purdue student, you know the financial demands that are placed on students throughout the year. You experienced this need and saw the amount of help that scholarships are to a college student. It is because of donations such as yours that students like me can further our education. Now I will be one step closer to my dream of being an Agricultural Science and Business Teacher.

Sincerely, Brian Springer



Telefund Supports Agricultural Education

A big thank you goes out to those who supported Agricultural Education through the Purdue Telefund. When a Purdue University student calls for the next Telefund, please be generous in your support to the Agricultural Education program as we strive to build our resources to serve our students better.

Agricultural Education Endowment Report

For the June 30, 2007 Endowment report, we are pleased to announce that the value exceeds \$156,000! Combined with the three named endowments, the value exceeds \$260,000. We hope to announce two more named endowments during the next year.

Scholarships totaling \$17,000 were awarded for the 2007-08 school year for a total of greater than \$77,000 over the life of the Endowment.

Graduate Student Updates

Master of Science

August 2007

- Laura Bassett, Ph.D. student, Special Education, Purdue University
- Kraig Bowers, Agricultural Science and Business Teacher, Fairfield High School
- Summer Boyd, Veterinary Technician Supervisor, University of Texas at Galveston
- Heather Light, Program Assistant, Newton County Cooperative Extension

May 2007

- Abigail Borron, Ph.D. student, YDAE Department, Purdue University
- Cari Butcher, Agricultural Science and Business Teacher, Caston Jr. Sr. High School

December 2006

- Brian Howell, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, Tipton County Cooperative Extension
- Andrew Westfall, ANR Extension Educator, Elkhart County Cooperative Extension

Doctor of Philosophy

August 2007

- Lola Adedokun, Post-Doctoral student, YDAE Department, Purdue University
- James Edwin, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Bryan Hains, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky

December 2006

- Alexandria Huerta, Program Manager, World Vision International

Agricultural Education Placement Report

School

Batesville High School
Bellmont High School
Ben Davis Career Center
Churubusco High School
Clinton Central Jr.-Sr. High School
Cloverdale High School
Columbia City High School
Columbus North/East High Schools
Connersville High School
Corydon Central High School
DeKalb High School
Eastern Greene High School
Eminence High School
Fountain Central Jr.-Sr. High School
Franklin Community High School
Hagerstown Jr.-Sr. High School
Harrison/McCutcheon High Schools
Jay County High School
Knightstown Community Sr. High School
Mt. Vernon High School @ Fortville
North/South Decatur High Schools
Perry Central Jr.-Sr. High School
Prairie Heights High School
Providence Jr.-Sr. High School
Rensselaer Central High School
South Adams Jr.-Sr. High School
Southmont Jr./Sr. High School
Sullivan High School
Tecumseh Jr.-Sr. High School
Turkey Run High School
Union City High School
West Central High School
West Washington Jr.-Sr. High School

New Teacher

Jessica Geisler
Brad Smazenko
Mark White
Tiffany Birkey*
Chad Crews
Kyle Woolston
Jesse Kimmel
Leslie Fairchild
Luke Bowman
Kristi Board
Matt Dice
Zach Stevens
Carl Anderson
Patrick Hash*
Melissa Mitchell
Nathan Williamson
Josh Kouns
Ed Paxson
Diana Arellano
Tami Neighbors*
Sarah Dyer
Annette Applegate
Ben Leu*
Gary Ray
Amy Winger
Jason Shuck
Jeanna VonDielingen
A. J. Williams
Amanda Mullins
Lynn Fischer
Deanna Wenning
Andrea Mrozinski
Ophelia Davis*

Necrology Report

Over the past year we have lost several former agricultural science and business teachers. The following are those who have passed away this year. Please contact us if you know of others that have passed on this year.

C. Woodson Coats, 89, passed away Wednesday, June 14, 2006. He graduated from Purdue University in 1938. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a small boat officer in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach. Mr. Coats taught science and agriculture at high schools in Arlington, Greensburg, Fountain City, Williamsburg, Economy, and Lynn. He also taught veterans and adult classes.

John W. Connelly, 91, died Wednesday, September 27, 2006. Mr. Connelly was a graduate of Purdue University. He was a captain in the 82nd Airborne during World War II, serving in North Africa and all major campaigns in Europe. From 1952 to 1979 he was a Wayne County extension agent. Prior to that, he was an extension agent in Cass County and taught vocational agriculture in Thorntown and Hartford City.

Donald L. Conrad, 64, died Thursday, January 4, 2007. Mr. Conrad retired from Auburn Foundry Inc., where he worked as an electrician. He was a 1966 graduate of Purdue University and taught agriculture at Lewis Cass High school for 5-6 years.

Ronald N. Gibson, 53, died Tuesday, August 15, 2006. He retired from the Breckinridge County (Ky.) School System and was employed at Corydon Central High School, where he taught agriculture and was the FFA director. Mr. Gibson was an AGR alumnus, a Scout leader, and a shooting sports coach.

Nelson Lewis, 86, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2007. He graduated from Purdue University in 1942 with a bachelor of science in agriculture. He received his masters of science degree in agricultural education and science in 1952 and worked with the United States Department of Agriculture from 1942-45. Mr. Lewis moved to Seymour in 1945 and taught vocational agriculture and science until 1984 when he retired from teaching in Seymour High School after 39 years of service. He was an FFA adviser for 39 years, was an honorary member, helped find and acquire the Indiana FFA Leadership Center at Trafalgar, named Honorary State Farmer, and received the State V.I.P. Award. He taught Young and Adult Farmer Evening schools and welding classes for 38 years at Seymour High School. He directed the operation for Seymour High School demonstration farm of 260 acres at Freeman Field for 37 years. Mr. Lewis was the president of the Indiana Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association and president of Indiana Vocational Association and helped start Ivy Tech College.

Raymond E. McBride, died in 2006 in Florida. Mr. McBride received his B.S.A. from Purdue University in Agricultural Education in 1941. He taught vocational agriculture at the following schools: 1941-42 at Stoney Creek High School in Randolph County; 1942-45 at Montpelier in Harrison Township; 1945-47 at Columbia City Consolidated Schools; 1947-48 at South Whitley Veterans Program in Whitley County; and 1948-54 at Noblesville Consolidated Schools.

Darryl W. Stults, 80, died Monday, August 14, 2006. A graduate of Purdue University, he was a veteran of World War II, serving his country in the Philippines and Japan. Mr. Stults was a respected educator for 40 years, teaching science and agriculture in Economy and Union of Modoc. He was the first principal of Northeastern High School. Later he was principal of Test Jr. High in Richmond and finally superintendent at Northeastern and Union.