

Purdue AgEd Views

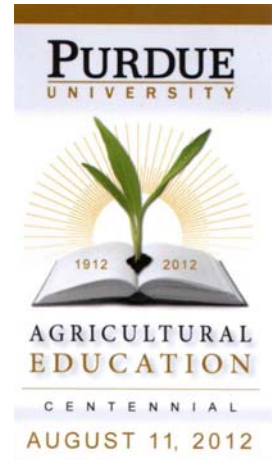
For alumni and friends of Agricultural Education
at Purdue University

Welcome 2013

And welcome to a host of changes at Purdue University!

- First, welcome to Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. as the 12th President of Purdue University.
- Next, welcome to Darrell Hazell as the Boilermakers' head football coach.
- Finally, welcome Purdue Agricultural Education to its second century!

The August 100 year anniversary celebration was wonderful. Thanks to Dr. Peters for placing so many memories on the Agricultural Education history page at www.ydae.purdue.edu/aged_history/



FFA Leader Receives Honorary Ag Degree

W. Dwight Armstrong, received an honorary doctorate from the College of Agriculture during Purdue's annual commencement exercises May 11, 2013.

A native of Kuttawa, Kentucky, Armstrong graduated from Lyon County High School and was an active leader in the National FFA Organization. He earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Murray State University in 1971 before coming to Purdue to earn his master's and doctoral degrees in animal sciences in 1973 and 1975, respectively. Armstrong joined the faculty of North Carolina State University, where he engaged in teaching, research and Extension work in swine nutrition from 1975 to 1982. In 2009, Armstrong joined the National FFA Organization as its chief operating officer and was later named CEO, the position he currently holds.

Armstrong received Purdue's Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Award in 1995 and received Murray State University's Outstanding Agriculture Alumnus Award in 2002 and its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2007.



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Agricultural Education Scholarship Recipients

The following students are 2012-2013 school year scholarship recipients:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Purdue Agricultural Education Endowment

Kaitlin Ade	Matthew Armbruster
Skylar Campbell	Catherine Chustak
Sarah Correll	Ashley Fritz
Taylor Glaser	Andrew Helming
Charlie Huelsenbeck	Mariah Huff
Stephanie Jacobs	Audrey Neuman
Emily Overs	Janna Oxford
Marshall Perkins	Olivia Steckler
Zane Taylor	Bridgette Yanos

W.I. Boyd Memorial

Matthew Armbruster

Dr. Robert Brinson

Audrey Neuman Janna Oxford

CAERT

Kristie Neighbors

Dr. James Clouse

Emelia Kratz

Amir Faghieh

Kelsey Shaw

Florida Fruit Company

Mallarie Stookey

Gary and Jean Geswein

Katie Pitts

Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators

Ashley Fritz Olivia Steckler

Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. Scholarship

Bridgette Yanos

Christian Kropf Fruit Company

Kaylene Box

Lois Maddox Memorial

Emily Overs

National Association of Agricultural Educators

Kaitlin Ade Zane Taylor

Dr. Jerry L. and Susan M. Peters

Abby Coy

Terry Robertson-Smith

Skylar Campbell

Terry and Joanne Small

Tyler Olinske

Eric Steiner

Sarah Correll

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Scholarship Awards of Excellence

Taylor Glaser

Hageman Agriculture Scholarship

Marshall Perkins

Latta/Meredith

Jennifer Sickles

Joe & Carrie Hatfield Fund

Emilie Kuhn

Marquardt Farm

Skylar Campbell Tyler Olinske

William & Marilyn McVay

Kristie Neighbors

J. Kelly O'Neill and Margaret Ritchey O'Neill Memorial

Sarah Correll Ashley Fritz

Andrew Helming Janna Oxford

Katie Pitts

Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader

Emelia Kratz

Orville Redenbacher's Top of the Crop

Emelia Kratz

Richard D. & Emma F. Schweikhardt Memorial

Audrey Neuman

Van Scoy

Audrey Neuman

F. R. "Dick" Willsey Memorial

Mariah Huff

Upper Division Scholarships

Janna Oxford

Katie Pitts

Students Excel at National FFA Convention

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

2012 Proficiency State Winner

Sarah Correll

Ashley Kincaid

Zane Taylor

Sloan Griggs

Audrey Neuman

2012 Teach Ag Ambassador

Emilie Kuhn

2012 American Degree Recipients

Matthew Armbruster

Hannah Goeb

Tyler Olinske

Sarah Correll

Andrew Helming

Janna Oxford

Purdue Agricultural Education students assisting with the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE were:

2012 Agricultural Issues Forum CDE

Jennifer Amstutz

Spencer Carson

Katherine Long

Michelle Rexing

Nicole Terry

Amanda Workman

Drake Babcock

Brent Ertel

Ryan Musselman

Ashley Steuer

Ashley Wehner

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

2012 CDE Tour Guides

Matthew Armbruster

Morgan Conder

Carlee Dittmore

Lauren Hardin

Stephanie Jacobs

Cindy Mote

Tyler Olinske

Katie Pitts

Tyler Boganwright

Abby Coy

Melissia Grant

Mariah Huff

Emelia Kratz

Ryan Musselman

Janna Oxford

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 **2011-2012** academic year for their respective years:

Kelsey Shaw Outstanding Freshman
Katie Pitts Outstanding Sophomore
Brent Ertel, Ashley Wehner, & Amanda Workman Outstanding Juniors
Sarah Williams Outstanding Senior

Student Success and Recognition

- Mariah Huff, Agricultural Education junior, has been crowned Miss Indiana State Fair out of 87 contestants. She is the 55th young lady to be crowned Miss Indiana State Fair.
- Ag Ambassadors for 2012-13 include Spencer Carson, Mariah Huff, Emmy Kratz, and Kelsey Shaw.
- Two Agricultural Education seniors, Emilie Kuhn and Amanda Workman, received national Upper Division Agricultural Education Scholarships from the National Association of Agricultural Educators for 2012-13. Only 15 scholarships are awarded each year.
- Blake Nash, Agricultural Education freshman, is a member of the Purdue Glee Club. Cayla Mustin, Agricultural Education senior, is a member of the Purduettes.
- Emilie Kuhn, Agricultural Education senior, served as a 2012 National Teach Ag Ambassador. She was one of only 10 selected from a national applicant pool.
- Samantha Paschal, sophomore in Agricultural Education, is one of only 20 National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassadors for National FFA.
- There was 100% placement rate for 2012 Agricultural Education graduates.
- IAAE-Purdue co-hosted the Purdue Invitational Soils (for 246 students, 76 teams, 32 schools) with the Agronomy Department.
- Over 150 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2012 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Mr. Chris Fenner, Indiana Farm Bureau.
- For the seventh year freshmen participated in the Agricultural Education Learning Community. These students took classes together, participated in educational as well as fun activities, and became a strong part of the Agricultural Education family.
- Fall 2012 undergraduate enrollment was 85.

IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers



Officers elected for 2012 and their retiring counterpart include:

Office	Retiring	2013 Officer
President	Emilie Kuhn	Janna Oxford
Vice President	Ashley Wehner	Katie Pitts
Vice President of Fundraising	Nicole Terry	Charlie Huelsenbeck
Co-Vice President of Fundraising		Skylar Campbell
Secretary	Kelsey Shaw	Tyler Olinske
Treasurer	Spencer Carson	Andy Helming
Reporter	Amanda Workman	Olivia Steckler
Co-Reporter		Kelsey Shaw
Ag Council Representative	Tyler Boganwright	Michael Fouts

Faculty and Staff Notes

The Agricultural Education program is housed on the second floor of the Agricultural Administration building. Room numbers are: Levon Esters – 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.

Dr. Levon Esters is working on a number of major initiatives related to the Advanced Life Science (ALS) program. These initiatives will focus on three primary areas: (1) ALS Standards Revision, (2) ALS Course Alignment, and (3) ALS Exam Administration. Progress toward these initiatives will begin in early 2013 with plans for completion occurring by early Fall 2013. As we move forward with changes to the ALS program, our goal will be for these courses to serve as a national model for “advanced placement” science-intensive agriculture courses.

Dr. Allen Talbert wants to thank the Indiana Agricultural Education family for nominating him for NAAE Region 4 Outstanding Cooperation Award and recognition for Indiana FFA Honorary State Degree. His oldest son, Franklin, is a freshman at Purdue this year. Dr. Talbert’s co-authored textbook, *Foundations of Agricultural Education*, will have its third edition published in 2013.

Dan Gottschalk reports that Cindy’s (his wife) health continues to improve. Dan says, “As grandparents we are enjoying watching our grandchildren wear FFA jackets and participate in the activities that meant so much to us. We have another outstanding group of Agricultural Education students at Purdue, but probably not enough in number to meet the demand.” Dan says he will be contacting teachers as we seek to improve our recruitment plans for Purdue Agricultural Education. Thank you to all our alumni for providing us with such wonderful students!

Dr. Jerry Peters continues to assist the Office of International Programs in Agriculture with the Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program and training workshops for the Indiana National Guard Agribusiness Development teams prior to their deployment to Afghanistan. From April 26-May 6 he participated in the training workshop on “Strengthening Extension Skills of Young Afghanistan and Pakistan Professionals,” a continuing and critical activity of the Af-Pak Trilateral Program on Food Security at the University of Agriculture-Faisalabad, Pakistan. From May 18-28 Peters traveled to Bangkok, Thailand to present at the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education Conference on his work with the Agricultural vocational High Schools of Afghanistan. From July 4-14 he traveled to Herat, Afghanistan to participate in the Curriculum Standardization and Syllabus Development workshop for the Strengthening Afghan Agricultural Faculties (SAAF) project at Herat University.

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 2013 along with the name of their school and their supervising teacher(s) are listed below:

Spring 2013

Jennifer Amstutz
Rossville HS
Dale Griffin

Kaley Bontrager
Carroll HS @ Flora
Steve Keown

Spencer Carson
Rushville HS
Blair Orme
Travis Harvey

Brent Ertel
South Decatur HS
Don Hudson
Elizabeth Fry

Erin Gilley
Southmont HS
Gary Mosbaugh
Jeanna Eppley

Emilie Kuhn
Knightstown HS
Diana Arellano

Katherine Long
Delphi HS
Beth Theobald
Doug Walker

Ryan Musselman
Lewis Cass HS
Mike Appleton

Michelle Rexing
South Newton HS
Shane Storey
Darrell Allen

RayeAnn Tiede
Rochester HS
Justin Pearson

Ashley Wehner
North Decatur HS
Scott Johnson
Elizabeth Fry

Amanda Workman
Bloomfield HS
Ben Helms

Fall 2013

Drake Babcock
South Newton HS
Darrell Allen

Cayla Mustin
Tri-County HS
Travis Scherer

Ashley Steuer
North Montgomery HS
Nancy Bell

Nicole Terry
South Vermillion HS
Craig Newby

Kayla Skelton Wagoner
Gibson Southern HS
Rich Ritter

2012 Old Masters Honoree

Scholarship Recipients Say “Thank You”

Our list of scholarship recipients has grown so large that their “thank you” notes cannot fit within the confines of our newsletter. With gifts from alumni and friends, 33 Agricultural Education students will receive \$25,600 in scholarships during the 2012-2013 school year.



It is through generous donors such as yourselves that we as students are able to achieve our dreams and goals. As a scholarship recipient, I am truly blessed and thankful for the financial support. Because of supporters like you, Agricultural Education is looking forward to a great future. – Janna Oxford

I would like to thank you for your generosity to donate for the scholarship I received. You truly have no idea what it means to receive this scholarship. For someone who is putting himself through college, it means so much to have people like you who are willing to help me. – Matthew Armbruster



Thank you for awarding me a scholarship this year. I really appreciate it! This scholarship will help me out tremendously as it will be put towards my education at Purdue. My dream is to teach agriculture to students covering every aspect of the industry. I want to show students that agriculture isn't just about farming. Thanks to your generosity, I am one step closer to reaching this goal. Thanks again! – Abby Coy

Thank you so much for this scholarship. This will allow me to continue my education here at Purdue and allow me to form myself into the best teacher that I can possibly be. Agriculture and education have been my passion for a long time and I look forward to the day I become an Ag teacher in the wonderful state of Indiana! Thank you again for this wonderful scholarship. It truly means a lot and will help me to continue to better my education! – Katie Pitts



Thank you for your continued support of Purdue students who are pursuing Agricultural Education. I am so very thankful to be a part of a program where past, current and future educators are so supportive of their students and peers. It never ceases to amaze me how strong of a support system we have! Thank you especially for providing me with a scholarship to help relieve the financial burden for myself and my family. I look forward to my remaining years at Purdue and a lifetime involvement with Agricultural Education. Thank you again for everything you do. Boiler Up! – Emmy Kratz

The skills that FFA instilled in me are not only countless but endless. Prior to FFA my speaking skills were raw; my leadership skills were undeveloped; and my ability to communicate was unsatisfactory. The skills I developed from FFA and agricultural education have enabled me to enjoy great success. Because of my experiences, I now have a great desire to impact students' lives through agricultural education and FFA. I wish to give back to an organization and program that presented me with so much. It takes individuals like you to make IAAE-Purdue and agricultural education the programs that they are today and will be tomorrow. – Tyler Olinske



Graduate Student Updates

Master of Science

August 2012

- Erika Brown, Federal Program Coordinator, Indiana State Poultry Association
- Elizabeth Gall
- Melissa Voigt, Ph.D. candidate, Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department, Purdue University

May 2012

- Annie Davis

December 2011

- Matt Kararo, Ph.D. candidate, Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department, Purdue University

Doctor of Philosophy

August 2012

- Abigail Borron, Assistant Professor, Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department, Purdue University

NAAE Region 4 Winners

We want to recognize the Indiana Agricultural Science and Business teachers and schools announced as 2013 National Award Winners. The following were recognized at the convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, December 3-7, 2013.

National Agriscience Teacher of the Year	Travis Scherer, Tri County High School
Teachers Turn the Key	Joseph Dunn, Indian Creek High School

Butcher Fellowship

Through the generosity of Dale and Toni Butcher and friends, a fellowship endowment has been established to provide financial assistance for practicing agricultural science and business teachers to professionalize their teaching license or pursue graduate degrees at Purdue University. The 2012 Butcher Fellowship recipients are Travis Harvey, who teaches at Rushville High School, Matt Dice, who teaches at DeKalb High School, and Susan Wagner, who teaches at Castle High School.

Agricultural Education Endowment Report

A big thank you goes out to those who supported Agricultural Education through the Purdue Telefund. For the June 30, 2012 Endowment report, the Endowment was \$187,000. Combined with the five named endowments, there is now \$352,000 generating scholarship support for Agricultural Education students. Hopefully, next year the economy will allow for a growth in endowments.

Scholarships totaling \$25,600 were awarded for the 2012-13 school year for a total of greater than \$187,000 over the life of the Endowment.

Agricultural Education Placement Report

School

Beech Grove High School
Blue River Valley Jr. Sr. High School
Castle High School
Clinton Central Jr. Sr. High School
Clinton Prairie Jr. Sr. High School
Columbus North/East High School
Connersville High School
Corydon Central High School
DeKalb High School
Eastern Greene High School
Eminence High School
Fountain Central Jr. Sr. High School
Franklin County High School
Greensburg Community High School
Hamilton Heights High School
Hauser High School
Indian Creek High School
LaCrosse High School
Lewis Cass High School
Manual High School
McCutcheon High School
McFarland Middle School
Morristown Jr. Sr. High School
North Miami Middle/High School
North Newton Jr. Sr. High School
North Putnam Jr. Sr. High School
Oak Hill High School
Oregon-Davis High School
Perry Central Jr. Sr. High School
Pike High School
Plymouth High School
Rockville Jr. Sr. High School
Rushville High School
Seymour High School
Shenandoah High School
South Knox High School
Southmont Jr. Sr. High School
South Newton High School
Southridge High School
South Vermillion High School
Southwood Jr. Sr. High School
Sunman Dearborn Middle School
Switzerland County High School
Tri-County Jr. Sr. High School
Triton Central High School
Triton Jr. Sr. High School
Waldron Jr. Sr. High School
Wawasee High School
Whiteland High School
Woodlan High School

New Teacher

Clinton Bullock
Rebekah Garringer*
Tricia Goodman
Megan Anderson
Emily Lah
Allison Korb
Michelle Rexing*
Ashley Burks
Ashley Buhler
Josh Adams
Shelby Wolford
Ashley Wehner*
Katie Schneider
Rich McGown
Tony Morris
Aleesa Dickerson
Joe Dunn
RayeAnn Tiede*
Heather Smith
Ken Johns
Kyle Wood
Bruce Sillery
Scott Hartsell
Jim Wildermuth
Sabrina Tarter
Chrissy Hudacin
Marianne Ingle
Andrew Carlin
Carrie Guillaume
Joshua Mott
Jacob Riley
Lynn Fischer
Quinn Wicker
Jeanna Eppley
Kindsey Pierce
Jennifer Steffy
Erin Gilley*
Drake Babcock*
Susan Wagner
Nicole Terry
Chad Crews
Doug Dawley
Mackenzie Wright
Ashley Steuer* (start 1/14)
Emilie Kuhn*
April Leeper
Scott Hartsell
Isaac Dorrel
Jill Chrisman
Rod McKee

Farm Credit Mid-America (Indiana) – Jennifer Amstutz*
Fayette County CES (Indiana) – Amanda Workman*
Monsanta, Channel Seeds (Indiana) – Brent Ertel*

National Swine Registry (Indiana) – Kaley Bontrager*
Purdue University (Graduate School) – Ryan Musselman*
Seed Consultants (Indiana) – Spencer Carson*

*2012-2013 Purdue Graduate

2012 Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction

For someone who never planned on being a teacher, Mike Whitehouse's career turned out just fine. He has completed a 41-year career teaching agriculture at Lewis Cass High School in Walton, Indiana. Whitehouse taught three welding courses, small engine repair, building construction and agricultural power.

As he neared his graduation date at Purdue, he found that large manufacturing companies weren't hiring people with his skills. During a visit to the farm of local veterinarian, William Means, it was suggested that Whitehouse get a teaching license. That made sense, even if teaching didn't.

Whitehouse stayed an extra semester at Purdue to get a teaching license to go with his degree in agricultural mechanization and agricultural education, then headed to Lewis Cass as a student teacher.

"I got there and saw this shop with all of those wonderful tools. I figured I could spend my days teaching kids how to work on stuff and how to make things work. I thought this was an ideal job."

Making the decision to retire was not an easy one for Mike Whitehouse. When people asked Whitehouse why he didn't retire earlier, he always had the same answer.

"Why would I? I had a job I really enjoyed. Most days you feel like you are accomplishing something and doing some good for the kids. If you helping kids and they are asking you questions and you are helping them solve their problems, it gives you a good feeling. It gives you a feeling of worth."

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.

Leon Braden Alter, 105, died Monday, March 18, 2013. Mr. Alter graduated from Purdue in 1933 in agriculture education. He began teaching at New Paris High School. In 1937 he began teaching Agriculture along with biology at Columbia City High School. Retiring in 1976, Mr. Alter taught summer biology for many years after his retirement. He served as FFA advisor at Columbia City High School and was a 4-H leader in Whitley County for many years.

Clarence E. Creager, 95, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013. He taught at Linton-Stockton High School for 41 years, retiring in 1980. Mr. Creager taught agricultural science and biology, was the FFA and Junior Class advisor, and was a 4-H leader for over 40 years.

Robert W. Henman, 100, died Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Mr. Henman received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kentucky in 1941 and received his life license in vocational agriculture and related science in 1955 from the University of Kentucky. Mr. Henman served in the United States Army during World War II. Teaching vocational agriculture, general science, chemistry and biology, he taught for 32 years at Defiance, OH, Dearborn County, Moores Hill, Dillsboro, Bright, Guilford, Milan, and Fairmount, IN. Mr. Henman retired in 1975.

Charles Coffman, 89, passed away Monday, July 15, 2013. Mr. Coffman graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. and M.S. in Agriculture Education, Science and School Administration. He served in the army in France during World War II. Mr. Coffman was awarded the Purple Heart. He taught the veterans' agriculture class at Attica High School for 2 ½ years. Then he taught vocational agriculture and science at Pine Village High School for 23 years and served as supervising principal for 2 ½ years. Mr. Coffman taught at MSD of Warren County for 13 years as a vocational agriculture teacher and cooperative education coordinator. He was a 4-H leader for 20 years and served as FFA advisor for 23 years. Mr. Coffman served as a teacher trainer for Purdue Education Department for 9 years and founder of the Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education program at Seeger High School.

