

PURDUE AG ED

VIEWS



For Alumni and Friends of Agricultural Education at Purdue University

Proud to be a Boilermaker!

Welcome to the beginning of the 3rd decade of Purdue AgEd Views! Purdue's College of Agriculture is ranked 5th in the world among agricultural institutions, a Purdue education is both affordable and of great value, and Agricultural Education has many points of pride to share with you.

- Scholarships continue to increase with the addition of the Travis and Karen Kiesel Scholarship in Agricultural Education.
- Welcome to Amy Conrad, AgEd Student Services Specialist, and Melissa Geiger, YDAE Undergraduate Support.
- Dr. Mark Russell is on board as YDAE Department Head.

Hope you enjoy reading through the 21st edition of Purdue AgEd Views!

Welcome Dr. Mark Russell as YDAE Department Head

Mark Russell, Professor of Animal Sciences at Purdue, was appointed Professor and Head of Purdue's Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education, effective August 1, 2015. He succeeds Roger Tormoehlen, who is returning to his role among the College of Agriculture faculty after serving as department head since 2003. Dr. Russell will have a 100% faculty appointment in the Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education. Dr. Russell grew up in upstate New York on a horse and dairy cow farm. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University. Following graduation, he went to work as a hunter/jumper horse trainer and later trained Morgans. He later made the decision to change careers to work in Extension education. He returned to school to obtain his master's and doctoral degrees in animal nutrition from the University of Illinois. He has a doctorate in amino acid nutrition in foals. He has worked at Purdue University over 30 years as an extension educator, advisor, and animal sciences teacher. Dr. Russell welcomes your comments and suggestions. He can be reached at the address below, by email at mrussell@purdue.edu or by phone at (765) 494-8423.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Agricultural Education Scholarship Recipients

The following students are 2015-16 academic year scholarship recipients:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Purdue Agricultural

Education Endowment

Brandan Bergdall

Garrett Bitterling

Bailey Bromstrup-Crowder

Elizabeth Brown

Joshua Calhoun

Catherine Chustak

Foster Davenport

Cameron Frazier

Jestine Furness

Heather Goss

Kari Hoenert

Casondra Lehmann

Wyatt Lucas

Jacob Mattox

Rebecca McDole

Jennifer Miller

Kristie Neighbors

Emily Overs

Jordan Paine

Kelsey Quinn

Macie Wippel

W.I. Boyd Memorial

Elizabeth Brown

Bob and Nancy Brinson

Alexis Pearson

CAERT

Molly Bull

Dr. James Clouse

Laura Crosby

Dunn-Wright

Emily Dobson

Brianna Lammers

Amir Faghih

Jordan Paine

Florida Fruit Company

Leah Jacobs

John F. Frischie

Travis Olinske

Gary and Jean Geswein

Olivia Steckler

Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators

Kaylene Box

Skylar Campbell

Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.

Jacob Mattox

Christian Kropf Fundraising

Trisha Hassfurder

Katherine Oxford

Lois Maddox Memorial

Julia Carrell

National Association of Agricultural Educators

Macie Wippel

Terry Robertson-Smith

Kristie Neighbors

Dr. Jerry L. and Susan M. Peters

Audrey Neuman

Terry and Joanne Small

Matthew Summerlot

Eric Steiner

Sarah Correll

Hafele-Stinson Purdue

Agricultural Scholarship

Brianna Lammers

Farm Credit Services of

Mid-America Scholarship

Sarah Correll

Goecker Scholarship

Catherine Chustak

Gruel Memorial

Endowment Scholarship

Andrew Helming

Emelia Kratz

Audrey Neuman

Travis Olinske

Olivia Steckler

Rex Hall Memorial

Scholarship

Holly Kyler

Jacob Mattox

Adam Miller

Kristie Neighbors

Paul J. Hellmich and Robert J.

Hellmich Scholarship

Laura Crosby

Wayne and Barbara

Jennings Memorial

Scholarship

Skylar Campbell

Bradley Laidig

Casondra Lehmann

William G. and Marilyn A.

McVay Scholarship

Kelsey Quinn

Milligan Agricultural

Scholarship

Ashley Fritz

J. Kelly O'Neall and

Margaret Ritchey O'Neall

Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Correll

Jestine Furness

Emily Overs

Kelsey Shaw

Matthew Summerlot

Harry L. Pearson

Outstanding Leader

Sarah Correll

Laura Crosby

Herbert E. Parker

Memorial Scholarship

Mallarie Stookey

Walter Pugsley

Scholarship Fund

Bridgette Yanos

Lewis Runkle Scholarship

Endowment

Emily Overs

Kelsey Shaw

Lloyd and Gene Sellers

Scholarship Fund

Sarah Correll

Hillis D. and Esther M. Wickizer

Scholarship

Kelsey Shaw

F. Richard Willsey and Helen

Willsey Scholarship

Sarah Correll

Emelia Kratz

Olivia Steckler

Matthew Summerlot

Van Scoy Scholarship in

Agriculture

Macie Wippel

Mauri and June Williamson

Agriculture Ambassador

Scholarship

Macie Wippel

F. Richard Willsey and

Helen Willsey Scholarship

Garrett Bitterling

Elizabeth Brown

Anna Hall

Caroline Kuhn

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Leonard B. Clore

Scholarship

Matthew Summerlot

Fred M. Fraser Memorial

Agricultural Scholarship

Shelbi Louck

Floyd E. and Nellie P. Elliott

Agriculture

Scholarship

Heather Goss

Rebecca McDole

Gruel Memorial

Endowment Scholarship

Sarah Correll

Audrey Neuman

Travis Olinske

Student Success & Recognition

- ◇ Ag Ambassadors for 2015-16 include:
Brandon Brunt
Caroline Kuhn
Macie Wippel
 - ◇ Ag Council officers for 2015-16 include:
Brandon Brunt (President)
Mallarie Stookey (Public Relations)
 - ◇ Olivia Steckler, senior in AgEd, was selected as 1 of 12 national Teach Ag Ambassadors. This program, now in its fifth year, has had a Purdue Agricultural Education Student four of the five years: Emilie Kuhn in 2011 and 2012, and Matthew Summerlot in 2014.
 - ◇ Over 150 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2015 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Dr. Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture.
 - ◇ For the tenth 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.
 - ◇ Olivia Steckler, senior, was selected to attend the National Teach Ag Campaign Future Agriculture Teacher Symposium held in Washington, D.C. in September 2015. She was one of only 21 students chosen in the nation.
 - ◇ Catherine Chustak, junior in AgEd, is an Issues 360 Fellow for Class 2.
 - ◇ Brandon Brunt was selected as the 2015 Outstanding Sophomore in the Purdue College of Agriculture. Brandon is an AgEc major with AgEd as a second major.
 - ◇ We achieved 100% placement with graduates from December 2014, and May/August/December of 2015. Thirteen (68%) took positions teaching agriculture in Indiana, two took other teaching positions, three are in agribusiness and one is unknown.
 - ◇ Fall 2015 undergraduate enrollment was 94.
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Scholarship Recipients Say “Thank You”



Thank you so much for sponsoring a scholarship this year. I have learned so much in my freshman year here at Purdue, and I can't wait to come back next semester. I look forward to becoming an Agriculture Teacher and FFA advisor once I graduate. The investment you have made in me will have a ripple effect in my students for years to come. Once again, thank you for your generosity.—Elizabeth Brown

Thank you so much for your support of the Purdue IAAE members and agricultural education program at Purdue. It is our supporters and donors like you that help make a difference in our lives, so that we can IMPACT tomorrow's leaders.—Brandan Bergdall



Thank you so much for your involvement in the Purdue AgEd Endowment! By your generous donations, I was awarded a scholarship. I am so thankful for your support and one day hope to be involved in the AgEd Endowment myself.—Joshua Calhoun

I would like to thank you for the Purdue AgEd Endowment scholarship. I am very blessed to be chosen to receive it. I can assure you that I will continue to work hard at Purdue. Your generosity with your gift has allowed me more peace of mind this coming fall. Thank you for all that you do to help students, including myself, achieve and further our educations.—Kay Box



Thank you so much for the sponsorship of my scholarship. I cannot thank you enough for your support to the future agriculture educators. You guys are what help shape us to be the best of the best. Thank you for your continued support! - Heather Goss

I would like to thank you for your generous scholarship I received this year at our banquet. Your continued support of our students is greatly appreciated, not only by me, but my classmates as well. Thanks again—Skylar Campbell



National FFA Convention Recognitions

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

2015 Proficiency State Winners

Heather Goss
Leah Jacobs

2015 American Degree Recipients

Joshua Calhoun
Skylar Clingan
Kelly Dressler
Wyatt Lucas
Rebecca McDole
Jennifer Miller
Alexis Pearson
Haley Verhaeghe

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

2015 CDE Tour Guides

Elizabeth Brown
Anna Hall
Marissa Modglin
Jordan Paine
Catherine Chustak
Brandan Bergdall
Ross Baker
Kayla Newsom
Kayla Bailey
Natasha King
Kristie Neighbors
Emily Gilley

CDE Convention Assistants:

Kaylene Box
Matthew Summerlot

2015 Career Show Booth

Caroline Kuhn
Olivia Steckler
Macie Wippel



Outstanding Members Selected



Each year, Indiana Farm Bureau sponsors awards for outstanding members of IAAE-Purdue. The selections are based on student's grade point average, participation in organization activities, and service to IAAE-Purdue. The following students were selected as award recipients at the 2015 banquet:

Outstanding Freshmen

Elizabeth Brown, Joshua Calhoun

Outstanding Sophomores

Laura Crosby, Matthew Summerlot

Outstanding Juniors

Skylar Campbell, Travis Olinske, Olivia Steckler

Outstanding Senior

Andrew Helming

IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers

Officers elected for 2015 and their retiring counterpart include:

Office

President
Vice President
Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising
Secretary
Treasurer
Reporter
Co-Reporter
Ag Council Representative

Retiring

Andrew Helming
Skylar Campbell
Natasha King & Taylor Glaser
Olivia Steckler
Emily Overs
Laura Crosby
Kristie Neighbors
Jordan Paine

2015 Officers

Olivia Steckler
Laura Crosby
Jordan Paine & Skylar Campbell
Caroline Kuhn
Matthew Summerlot
Shelbi Louck
None
Elizabeth Brown

Agricultural Education Placement Report

SCHOOL	New Teacher
Benton Central High School	Ashley Fritz*
Carroll @ Ft. Wayne High School	Tyler Olinske*
Castle High School	Jacob Bacon
Clinton Central Jr-Sr. High School	Andy Dardini*
Cloverdale M.S./High School	Callie Edie* & Morgan Conder*
Columbia City High School	Skylar Campbell *
Culver Community High School	April Leeper
Delta High School	Nicole Terry
Eastern Greene High School	Shelby Britton
Eastern High School @ Pekin	Johnica Branaman
Eastern Hancock High School	Diana Arellano
Elkhart Community Schools	Cyndy Keeling
Eminence High School	Cassandra Walker
Fountain Central Jr-Sr High School	Ashley Bossaer
Greensburg High School	Bridgette (Yanos) Wanhainen*
Hamilton Southeastern High School	Samantha (Paschal) Miller*
Jasper High School	Andy Helming*
LaVille Jr-Sr High School	Clint Watts
Lebanon High School	Cayla Mustin
Loogootee High School	Doug Mayfield
Madison High School	Kelsey Shaw*
Manual High School	Leslie Fairchild
Martinsville High School	Ashley Alexander
Monrovia High School	Brad Gillum
Mooresville High School	Shelby Wolford
Morristown/Waldron Jr-Sr High School	Jordan Hatcher
Mt. Vernon @ Fortville	Jay McCallister
Oak Hill High School	Kindsey Pierce
Plymouth High School	Samantha Steele & Scott Michel
Riley/Washington (South Bend)	Rose Calhoun
Seymour Middle-High School	Micah Wallace*
Shoals High School	Danielle Turpin
South Decatur Jr.-Sr. High School	Jacob Mattox*
South Vermillion High School.	Bryanne Kalous
Southwestern High School	Sara Searcy
Switzerland County High School	Ashley Wehner & Russell Wiggins
Triton High School	Lynn Fischer
Turkey Run High School & Rockville High School	Elise Brown

<u>SCHOOL - CON'T.</u>	<u>NEW TEACHER - CON'T.</u>
Union County High School	Carlee Dittimore
Warsaw Career Center	Jacob Riley
Warsaw Career Center (1/2 time)	Brandon Ihnen
Wawasee High School	Tyler Boganwright*
Western Boone High School	Travis Terhaar
Western High School	Melissia Grant*
Whiteland High School	Hannah Goeb*
Winchester Community High School	Daryl Goodwin
Elanco—Emmy Kratz*	Equipment Co. Sales - Nate Lenig*
AgEd State Specialist – IDOE	Celya Glowacki
ISDA	Rob Hays, Tami Neighbors
Purdue AgEd Student Services	Amy Conrad
* 2014-2015 Purdue Graduate	

Student Teachers

Seniors, and others, who completed their professional semester in Agricultural Education in 2015 along with the name of their school and their cooperating teacher(s) are listed below:

Spring 2015

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL/ COOPERATING TEACHER</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR</u>
Ashley Fritz	Benton Central/ Amanda Mullins	4	Beth Theobald
Andy Dardini	Clinton Central/ Roger Carr	5	Allen Talbert
Bridgette Yanos	Jay County/ Brittany (Bridges) Kloer	6	Allen Talbert
Callie Edie	Owen Valley/ Tom Wallace	7	Levon Esters
Samantha Paschal	Beech Grove/ Chris Kaufman	8	Levon Esters
Andy Helming	North Harrison Archie Sauerheber	11	Jerry Peters
Kelsey Shaw	Jennings County/ Brad Briggs	12	Jerry Peters

Fall 2015

Charlie Huelsenbeck	Prairie Heights/ Ron Noll, Ben Leu	3	Beth Theobald
Jacob Mattox	South Decatur/ Don Hudson	12	Jerry Peters

Graduate Student Updates

Following are the graduate students who have completed their studies in the past year, and if known, what they are doing now:

Master of Science

May 2016 - **Andrea Brown**, non-thesis, Extension Educator, Carroll County, Indiana; **Benjamin Chisama** - *Farmers' Use of Mobile Technology for Agricultural Information and Mobile-based Services in the Lilongwe District of Malawi*; **Alli Lee** - *Exploration of alumni perceptions regarding career development and the Indiana 4-H program*

December 2015 - **Jessica Mills** - *A New Historicist Analysis of Education and Female-Life Factors in the 1926 Indiana Prairie Farmer Magazine Column "John Turnipseed"*

August 2015 - **Amanda Gee** - *Climate and culture in northwest Indiana food pantries: Client and director perceptions of meat quality, packaging, and information preferences*; 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, Fayette County, Tennessee **Marie Laudeman** - non-thesis, Interpretive Naturalist, Pokagon State Park Nature Center, Indiana; **Lyndsay Ploehn** - non-thesis, Extension Educator - Agriculture & Natural Resources, Porter County, Indiana

Doctor of Philosophy

May 2016 - none

December 2015 - none

August 2015 - **Qi (Claire) Ding** - *Influence of Social Cognitive Variables on the Career Goals and Exploratory Behaviors of African American Undergraduate Agricultural Sciences Majors at Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions*, Institutional Research Analyst, University of Delaware

NAAE Region 4 Winner

We want to recognize the Indiana Agricultural Science and Business Teachers and schools announced as 2015 National Award Winners. Congratulations to Heather Ann Dougherty of Franklin Community High School, recipient of the "Teachers Turn the Key" award at the NAAE National Convention held November 17-21, 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Kiesel Scholarship

Through the generosity of Travis and Karen Kiesel, a scholarship endowment has been established to provide financial assistance for in-state Agricultural Education students at Purdue University. The Travis and Karen Kiesel Scholarship in Agricultural Education endowment is expected to award a scholarship to its first recipient for the 2016-17 school year.

Agricultural Education Endowment Report

A big thank you goes out to those who support Agricultural Education through your generous donations. For the December 31, 2015 Endowment reports, the Endowment combined with named endowments has more than \$425,000 generating scholarship support for Agricultural Education students.

Scholarships totaling \$32,500 were awarded for the 2015-16 school year for a total of greater than \$268,500 over the life of the Endowment. Through your generous donations, we continue to educate the next generation of AgEd teachers.

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

- ◇ AMY CONRAD joined the Purdue Agricultural Education staff in late June and has been working to increase communication with agricultural teachers and alumni. Amy's main focus is to work with undergraduates in Agricultural Education and recruit new students to the major. While Amy is new to the staff at Purdue she is no stranger to the Agricultural Education family. Amy graduated with her BS in Agricultural Education from Purdue in 2005, and then taught at Western High School in Russiaville, Indiana for ten years. Amy is married to TJ Conrad and they have one daughter, Addison. Amy is really enjoying her new job and learning more about the behind-the-scenes work that Purdue does for the Agricultural Education community. If she can ever be of assistance please feel free to send an email to sutton15@purdue.edu or call the department. Amy is located in Room 220 of the Agricultural Administration Building (AGAD)
- ◇ MELISSA GEIGER was hired and joined YDAE in November 2015. She has been at Purdue for 10 years, and is excited to now serve as the Undergraduate Coordinator and Schedule Deputy. She also supports the YDAE professors, staff, students, and program. Melissa is married with three children. She looks forward to working with the students in YDAE, and getting to know the alumni as well. You will find Melissa in AGAD 226, or email her at melissaj@purdue.edu
- ◇ DR. JERRY PETERS has had a busy year with his teaching and university committee service. He again traveled for the Office of International Programs in Agriculture with the Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program. He served as mentor and host to a Mali Borlaug Fellow, Mr. Gilles Jean Bernard Koné, Director General of Ecole Secondaire Agropastorale- ESAP, Segou, Republic of Mali. In May, he and Dr. Talbert led the tenth study abroad Maymester to Jamaica for Agricultural Education students. In July he traveled to Faranah, Guinea and presented Leadership and Pedagogy Workshops for the faculty and staff of the Institute of Agricultural and Veterinary Science (ISAV). The Agricultural Education and Market Improvement Project (AEMIP) being led by WINROCK International supported this effort. Dr. Peters was honored with the 35 Year Faculty Service Award presented at the Faculty Awards Convocation and was also named an Indiana CTE Legendary Leader, at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Indiana ACTE, Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education Conference. You can find Dr. Peters in AGAD 220-A or by email at peters@purdue.edu
- ◇ DR. ALLEN TALBERT received continued funding for the Pipeline to Purdue AgEd program. After the first two years at an Ivy Tech campus or Vincennes University, Students in the Pipeline are able to transfer directly into the Agricultural Education program and complete their final two years at Purdue University. One key to this program is that while at Purdue, students receive partial tuition support in return for committing to teach AgEd in Indiana for three years. You can find Dr. Talbert in AGAD 224 or email him at btalbert@purdue.edu
- ◇ BETH THEOBALD, YDAE Mentor for Purdue AgEd undergraduates, continues her teaching, recruiting and retaining of AgEd students. She has shown students how to implement the use of social media in teaching, and continues working to increase student engagement. Her future focus will be on mentoring the Pipeline students from Ivy Tech & Vincennes planning to enter Purdue Agricultural Education. Beth can be reached at batheoba@purdue.edu or in AGAD 218.



2015 DISTINGUISHED AGRICULTURE ALUMNI AWARD

Eight educators, executives and researchers were honored with Purdue University's 2015 Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Award, the College of Agriculture's top honor.

The DAA award recognizes Purdue Agriculture alumni who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments, made significant contributions to their professions or to society in general and exhibit high potential for future professional growth.

The 2015 class resulted in a total of 208 alumni who have received the award since it was created in 1992.

"As with all previous recipients, the new inductees are terrific examples of what Purdue Agriculture produces every year - farmers, scientists, educators, entrepreneurs and business executives who become leaders in their fields," said Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Purdue Agriculture. "We are very proud of them and what they have accomplished to this point in their careers. And, we are even more excited about what they will yet accomplish."



One of the honorees was YDAE's own Dale Griffin (BS 1981, M.S. '83, Ph.D. '85) of Cutler, Indiana. Griffin has been an agriculture teacher and FFA adviser at Rossville High School in Clinton County since 1986, teaching nearly 3,000 students during his 29-year career.

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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 their name, address, phone number, and grade in high school via mail to: Agricultural Education, Purdue University at the address on the cover, or you may email to: agedundergrad@ydae.purdue.edu or telephone at 765-494-8433.

Necrology Report

Over the past year, we have lost several former agricultural science and business teachers. Below are those we honor who have passed away in the past year. If you know of others, please contact us and we will include in the next edition.

Burthal Cleveland, Jr., 82 of Poseyville, passed away February 4, 2014.

Clarence V. Bozarth, 88, passed away on May 1, 2014. He spent most of his career with the US Food and Drug Administration.

Harold L. Galliher, 77 of Commiskey, Indiana passed away on January 6, 2015 at his residence. Mr. Galliher began teaching in 1959 at Henreyville High School. Thirty-one years were spent at the Jennings County High School where he taught science, biology and agriculture until his retirement in 1997. He was the FFA advisor for 37 years and a 4-H leader for 22 years.

Thomas W. Mitchell, 64, passed away on January 10, 2015 in Fort Wayne.

Phillip A. Chapple, 68, died on July 16, 2015 after a courageous battle with pancreatitis. He began teaching Agriculture at North Newton High School, left for 14 years and then returned to his passion of education and taught at Northeast Dubois High School. He continued on to earn his principal's license and served as Greensburg Community High School principal until his retirement on June 30, 2015.

Kerry R. Wyatt, 56, of Paoli, Indiana passed away August 16, 2015. He had served the Paoli Community Schools for 28 years as the agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

James R. Ward, 87, died October 31, 2015. He was a retired teacher from New Albany High School.

Allen K. Morrison, 87, passed away November 7, 2015. He was an Army Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He spent twenty of his 30-years teaching at Monroe County Community Schools. He was a talented gardener and plant expert, known for beautiful gardens and landscapes everywhere he lived.

(Adapted from various newspaper and online obituary reports.)



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