

Purdue AgEd Views

For alumni and friends of Agricultural Education
at Purdue University

2014 Renews the Emphasis on Student Recruitment and Retention

Lots of exciting things are happening at Purdue University for undergraduate students! We have now committed to multiple years without tuition increases. Study abroad is emphasized through university-level scholarships. Technology, such as Signals, is being used to help students identify earlier when they need course assistance. Lots of exciting things are happening in Purdue Agricultural Education also!

- Scholarships continue to increase with the addition of the Frischie Endowment Scholarship.
- Agricultural Education Ambassadors formed to support recruitment and retention efforts.
- Indiana Education Roundtable Grant to establish a pipeline from Ivy Techs and Vincennes University to Purdue University for Agricultural Education teachers.

After the long winter of snow and cold, at least in Indiana, please take a moment to look through this newsletter and discover many of the exciting things happening at Purdue University in Agricultural Education.

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 2013-2014 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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS (NAAE)

Upper Division Scholarships

Janna Oxford

Katie Pitts

Students Excel at National FFA Convention

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

2013 Proficiency State Winner

Skylar Campbell

Caroline Kuhn

2013 American Degree Recipients

Charlie Huelsenbeck

Olivia Steckler

Audrey Neuman

Mallarie Stookey

Marshall Perkins

Zane Taylor

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

2013 Agricultural Issues Forum CDE

Mariah Huff

Emmy Kratz

Tyler Olinske

Janna Oxford

Cayla Mustin

Robbie Sculley

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

2013 CDE Tour Guides

Holly Kyler

Bridgette Yanos

Skylar Campbell

Blake Nash

Charles Huelsenbeck

Andrew Helming

Samantha Paschal

Macie Wippel

Olivia Steckler

Micah Wallace

2013 Career Show Booth

Skylar Campbell

Josh Reger

Andy Dardini

Olivia Steckler

Tyler Olinske

Kelsey Shaw

Bridgette Yanos

Hanna Goeb

Robbie Sculley

Katie Pitts

Audrey Neuman

Janna Oxford

Andrew Helming

Abby Coy

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 **2012-2013** academic year for their respective years:

Olivia Steckler, Sarah Correll, Skylar Campbell..... Outstanding Freshmen

Ashley Fritz, Andrew Helming Outstanding Sophomores

Janna Oxford, Katie Pitts, Abby Coy Outstanding Juniors

Amanda Workman, Ashley Wehner..... Outstanding Seniors

Student Success and Recognition

- Ag Ambassadors for 2013-14 include:
 Mariah Huff Emelia Kratz
 Kelsey Shaw Macie Wippel.
- Ag Council officers for 2013-14 include:
 Samantha Paschal Brandon Brunt
 Mallarie Stookey Sarah Correll
 Laura Crosby
- Two Agricultural Education seniors, Janna Oxford and Katie Pitts, received national Upper Division Agricultural Education Scholarships from the National Association of Agricultural Educators for 2013-14. Only 15 scholarships are awarded each year.
- Hosted Dr. Steve Brown, USDE AgEd Program Specialist in YDAE 24000 as he presented on *The Future of Agricultural Education*.
- Samantha Paschal, junior in AgEd, was selected by The National Farmers Union to participate in NFU's summer internship program in Washington, DC.
- There was 100% placement rate for 2013 Agricultural Education graduates.
- Over 150 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2013 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Mr. Tom Wallace.
- For the eighth 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 2013 undergraduate enrollment was 85.

IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers



Officers elected for 2013 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 temporary secretary is Linda Hines, telephone (765) 494-8433.

Dr. Levon Esters is leading an international project focused on the development of an innovative workforce training and development model for students enrolled in secondary agricultural education programs in Brazil's states of Sao Paulo and Bahia. The long-term goal of this project is to increase the number of junior and senior high school-aged rural youth who are prepared for careers in global agriculture, food, fiber, and natural resource systems. Dr. Esters also continues to work with the Advanced Life Science (ALS) program. Current efforts are focused on trying to develop the ALS program into a national model for "advanced placement" science-intensive agriculture courses. Finally, Dr. Esters is serving as a member of the Integrated STEM Cluster Hire search committee, which will result in the hiring of 6 faculty to be a part of an integrated STEM initiative on campus. One of the cluster hire positions is proposed for a joint appointment between the College of Education and the College of Agriculture (Youth Development and Agricultural Education).

Dr. Allen Talbert is collaborating with STAR Academy on a USDA-SPECA grant to develop curriculum and materials for urban agriculture. He is sincerely thankful for the thoughts, cards, emails, and prayers of the Indiana Agricultural Education family during his recovery from his fall on the ice. Recovery is going well.

Dan Gottschalk reports for the first time in 5 years Cindy and I are enjoying good health. We appreciate all the good wishes and prayers from the Agricultural Education family. We are enjoying watching our grandchildren be part of Agricultural Education and wearing FFA Jackets. Thank for all you do to continue the education and leadership training for our next generation.

Dr. Jerry Peters continues to assist the Office of International Programs in Agriculture with the Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program. Although on sabbatical Spring 2013 and continuing his work on gathering information for the Indiana Agricultural Education History website he traveled to Faisalabad, Pakistan for continuation of the USDA funded Af-Pak initiative on Strengthening Extension Skills of Young Professionals in Afghanistan and Pakistan. At the end of January and into February he presented pedagogical and leadership workshops for the Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program, a project of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. From March 3-16, 2013 he traveled to Conakry and Mamou, Guinea as a volunteer associated with Winrock International. While in Guinea he provided a workshop and technical assistance to the faculty/staff of Ecoles Nationale D'agriculture Et D'elevage (ENAE). In July he traveled to Faisalabad, Pakistan as a follow-up to the previous workshops and observed the extension educators working with the farmers in their local villages and helping them solve some of their immediate agricultural problems. In August he was back in Guinea on a USAID funded project, "Agriculture Education and Market Improvement Program" in cooperation with Winrock International and the University of Agronomy and Veterinary Science at Faranah (ISAVF). From December 12-22 he returned once again to Faisalabad, Pakistan for a final workshop and to bring closure to the project.

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

In Memory

Agricultural Education lost a dear friend January 8, 2014. Mona Jackson served as secretary for the Purdue Agricultural Education staff since the formation of YDAE in 2004. She worked with IAAE-Purdue officers and members on their banquet, newsletters, and other projects. She coordinated updates to the annual Indiana Agriculture Teacher Directory. She is greatly missed. The family requested that Memorials in Mona Jo's name be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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, 26 Agricultural Education students will receive \$23,500 in scholarships during the 2013-2014 school year.



I am honored to be the recipient of one of your scholarships. With the support you give through scholarships, it helps us to be able to reach our potential of becoming future Agricultural Educators. As agricultural teachers we will be able to teach students about the importance of the agriculture industry. Thank you for the scholarship. – Andrew Helming

Thank you for your continued support of the agricultural education scholarship awards! I am a freshman dual-majoring in agricultural education and agricultural economics. Purdue has offered me opportunities to grow both professionally, academically, and in leadership, and you have made that growth possible through your continued generosity. Thank you! – Sarah Correll



I would like to thank you for your generosity in sponsoring this scholarship that I received. I have loved being in agricultural education at Purdue and look forward to my teaching career. Thank you for helping make this possible. – Audrey Neuman

I would like to thank you for your generous donation. I greatly appreciate your support and helping me reach my dream of becoming an agriculture educator. Again, I cannot thank you enough – Bridgett Yanos



Thank you so very much for your contribution to agricultural education! I have a true love for Ag Ed and it is clear that you do too. It is because of your generosity that I will be able to continue living my passion through my education here at Purdue! – Kelsey Shaw

I would like to thank you for sponsoring the Agricultural Education Endowment for the Ag Education students. This is a good thing to do which lets the students share their experience with others and encourage others to go into Ag Education. – Zane Taylor



Graduate Student Updates

Master of Science

August 2013

- Erika Brown, Federal Program Coordinator, Indiana State Poultry Association
- Christy Clary, 4-H Educator, Ohio
- Caren Crum, Extension Educator - 4-H Youth Development, Clinton County
- Matt Dice, Agriculture Teacher, DeKalb H.S.
- Elizabeth Gall, University of Tennessee Knoxville, Extension Youth Energy and Environmental Specialist
- Melissa Voigt, Ph.D. candidate, Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department, Purdue University

May 2013

- Annie Davis

December 2012

- Matt Kararo, Ph.D. candidate, Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department, Purdue University
- Susan Wagner, Agriculture Teacher, Southridge H.S.

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

Frischie Scholarship

Through the generosity of John and Sue Frischie and friends, a scholarship endowment has been established to provide financial assistance for Agricultural Education students at Purdue University from Indiana. The endowment reached its goal quickly and should award a scholarship to its first recipient for the 2015-16 school year.

Agricultural Education Endowment Report

A big thank you goes out to those who supported Agricultural Education through the Purdue Telefund. For the December 31, 2013 Endowment reports, the Endowment combined with named endowments has more than \$400,000 generating scholarship support for Agricultural Education students.

Scholarships totaling \$23,500 were awarded for the 2013-14 school year for a total of greater than \$210,000 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

2013 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.

Wayne E. Stanley, 80, died Friday, March 14, 2014. He was a 1955 graduate of Purdue University and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a lifelong farmer in Parke and Montgomery counties and taught Agriculture and science for 46 years for Southwest Parke School Corporation. He was in his 57th year as a 4-H leader. In 1998, he was recognized by Gov. Frank O'Bannon as a Sagamore of the Wabash.

Dewey W. Stewart, 73, passed away February 18, 2014. He graduated from Purdue University with his BS, MS, and PhD in Agricultural Education. He was an educator for most of his life. He taught agriculture at Mooresville High School. He served as State Agricultural Education Chief Consultant for the Indiana Department of Education. He received numerous awards including the Indiana FFA Honorary Degree, Indiana FFA VIP Award, and NASAE Outstanding Member Award.

Craig Eugene Sherbahn, 61, died Tuesday, January 28, 2014. He graduated from South Whitley High School and received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education in 1974 and Masters of Animal Science degree in 1977 from Purdue University. In 1985, he began his employment with Farmers Elevator Company, now Ag Plus. He also assisted his parents with Sherbahn Auctioneer Services. He was a high school Agriculture Teacher and coached livestock judging at Tri-High HS from 1977-1978 where he started the Tri-High invitational livestock judging contest.

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.

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.

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.

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.