

Purdue AgEd Views

For alumni and friends of Agricultural Education
at Purdue University

Dear Agricultural Education Friend,

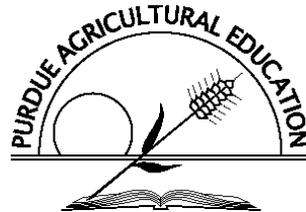
Fall brings a change of seasons and with it changes at Purdue University. For 2009 applicants, an essay is now required and they must wait until December 2008 to learn whether they have been admitted. Another change is that the state of Indiana is raising admission standards. Someone graduating high school in 2012 or later is recommended to take the Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma route for Purdue admission. To assist students in their goal of graduating from Purdue, our Agricultural Education recruiting motto is "All roads lead to Purdue." We are working with Vincennes University, Ivy Tech, and Purdue regional campuses to offer students routes to graduate from Purdue University-West Lafayette that include one or two years of study at one of those institutions.

Nationally, Agricultural Education is working to increase the number of quality secondary programs from 7,800 to 10,000 by the year 2015. For its part in 10 x 15, Indiana's goal is to add up to 40-50 new programs. Many of these will be started with the Advanced Life Science courses and many will be in urban or suburban areas. If you know of a high school whose students would benefit from an Agricultural Education program, please contact us.

This newsletter highlights some of the excellence by our students in Agricultural Education. 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 the accomplishments of Mr. Noel Callahan (page 11). Also, we want to thank Terry and Joanne Small and Dale and Toni Butcher for their generous contributions to Agricultural Education (page 11).

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 2008-2009 school year scholarship recipients:

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Purdue Agricultural Education Endowment

Isaac Dorrel	Joseph Dunn
Nicole Fitzsimmons	April Harris
Robert Hays	James Kemble
Keith Konradi	Angela Record
Susan Wagner	

W.I. Boyd Memorial

Jenny Cherry

Dr. Robert Brinson

Nicole Fitzsimmons	Keith Konradi
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CAERT

Gabrielle Goetz	Cara Hummel
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Dr. James Clouse

Aaron McKim

Amir Faghiih

Rebecca Korb

Florida Fruit Association

Rachel Demaree

Gary and Jean Geswein

Jessica Jones

Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators

Samantha Moore	Logan Springstun
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Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. Scholarship

Isaac Dorrel

Christian Kropf Company

Jacob Bacon	Ashtin Balzer
Kaitlyn Culy	

Lois Maddox Memorial

Rebekah Nortrup

National Association of Agricultural Educators

Chelsey Mann	Quinn Wicker
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PEP

Emilie Kuhn	Benjamin Powell
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Dr. Jerry L. and Susan M. Peters

James Wolff

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Joseph Dunn

Terry Robertson-Smith

Sadie Davis

Terry and Joanne Small

Ryan Wynkoop

Eric Steiner

Robert Hays

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Freshman Scholarship

Kevin Cross	Emilie Kuhn
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Sophomore Scholarship

Elise Brown	Robert Hays
Chelsey Mann	Rebekah Nortrup
Joshua Perry	Desiray Simmons
Logan Springstun	Michael Warstler

Junior Scholarship

Nicole Fitzsimmons	Aaron McKim
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Senior Scholarship

Jessica Jones	James Wolff
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Alice A. Blume 4-H

Rebekah Nortrup

Marquardt Alumni

Michael Warstler

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

Ashtin Balzer	Dave Davies
Joseph Dunn	Marianne Ingle
Aaron McKim	Angela Record
Ryan Wynkoop	

Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader

Chelsey Mann

Lewis Runkle

Joseph Dunn

Van Scoy

Joseph Dunn

Students Excel at National FFA Convention

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

2008 American Degree Recipients

Emily Chaney	Kevin Cross
Rachel Demaree	Heather Dougherty
Marianne Ingle	Logan Springstun

2008 Proficiency State Winners

Andrew Hesters

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

2008 Agricultural Issues Forum CDE

Jenny Cherry	Isaac Dorrel
Joey Dunn	April Harris
Aleesa Hege	Jessica Jones
Keith Konradi	Samantha Moore
Megan Oldham	James Wolff
Ryan Wynkoop	

2007 Agricultural Issues Forum CDE

Jeri Boone	Morgan Breedlove
Kelli Hoffman	Jessica Jones
Keith Konradi	Samantha Moore
Megan Oldham	Allison Sapp
Kim Self	Travis Studtman
Ryan Wynkoop	

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

2008 CDE Tour Guides

Alyssa Besser	Sheila Cole
Christina Gates	Marianne Ingle
James Kemble	Kaitlin Leonard
Rebecca McMahel	David Mohler
Catherine Mrozinski	Sabrina White

2008 Career Show Booth

Ashtin Balzer	Rachel Demaree
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2007 CDE Tour Guides

Jenny Cherry	Sheila Cole
April Harris	James Kemble
Callie Otis	Sabrina White
James Wolff	Ryan Wynkoop

2007 Career Show Booth

Greg Brawner	Brittany Bridges
Rachelle Cole	Karrin Kritzman
Mikki Marshall	Michelle Nelson
Sara Newkirk	Brian Springer
Grant VonDielingen	Susan Wagner

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 **2007-2008** academic year for their respective years:

Chelsey Mann and Rob Hays

Outstanding Freshman

Aaron McKim

Outstanding Sophomore

Ryan Wynkoop

Outstanding Junior

Sara Newkirk

Outstanding Senior

Student Success and Recognition

- On November 6, 2008, Team Ag Ed, won the third Townsend Outstanding Communicator in Agriculture Debate at Purdue University. Aaron McKim from Lanesville, Ryan Wynkoop from Rensselaer, and Logan Springstun from Booneville debated other teams about whether U.S. consumers have more quality food choices than ever. All three received a brand new laptop computer.
- Team Penner, a group of students from agricultural education and agricultural communication, won the November 8, 2007 Townsend Outstanding Communicator in Agriculture Debate Competition at Purdue University. The team argued for the importance of agriculture to Indiana's rural economy. The speaker award went to Team Penner member, David Mohler. An Agricultural Education student, David received \$100 and a plaque.
- Our student organization, IAAE-Purdue, was recognized by NAAE as a 100% membership chapter.
- Almost 250 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2008 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Mr. John Demerly of ABG.
- 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 many 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, and became a strong part of the Agricultural Education family.
- Fall 2008 undergraduate enrollment was 87.

IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers



Officers elected for 2008 and their retiring counterpart include:

Office	Retiring	2008 Officer
President	Brian Springer	Joseph Dunn
1 st Vice President	Sara Newkirk	Aaron McKim
2 nd Vice President	Greg Brawner	Ryan Wynkoop
Secretary	Alicia Batta	Allison Sapp
Treasurer	James Wolff	James Wolff
Assistant Treasurer	Aaron McKim	Nicole Fitzsimmons
Reporter	Ryan Wynkoop	Sheila Cole
Historian	Jenny Cherry	James Kemble
Chaplain	Annie Davis	Sadie Davis
Ag Council Representative	Jacquelyn Stephenson	Sadie Davis

Faculty and Staff Notes

The Agricultural Education program is housed on the second floor of the Agricultural Administration building. Room numbers are: 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. Mark Balschweid is now the Department Head at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. He was on staff at Purdue University from 1998-2008.

Drs. Balschweid and Talbert led a fourth study abroad to Jamaica for 13 Agricultural Education students. A total of 48 students have participated in this program.

Both the College of Agriculture and the College of Education are searching for new deans. Candidates for the College of Agriculture position will interview in December. The College of Education plans to bring in candidates in the spring of 2009.

Dan Gottschalk's wife, Cindy, has been in the hospital and under recuperation for much of 2008. A goiter had damaged her trachea and the doctors continue to monitor her recovery.

Dr. John Graveel, Agronomy, is serving as an Assistant Dean of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture. That office is coordinating concurrent credit offering from the College of Agriculture such as the Advanced Life Science courses in Animals and Plants/Soil. He can be contacted at 765-494-8472 for more information.

Dr. Jerry Peters, in collaboration with faculty from Cornell and University of California-Davis, presented a training workshop to extension specialists in Afghanistan. The USAID funded project was designed to help prepare extension specialists to work with the adult farmers of Afghanistan. On a separate project with two NGOs in Afghanistan, Mercy Corps and People in Need (PIN), Peters is helping to develop the agricultural curriculum taught in the agricultural vocational high schools of Afghanistan. In July he delivered a week long teacher training workshop to high school agriculture teachers held at Kabul University in Afghanistan. This is an on-going project which will require several more trips to this country.

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 2008 along with the name of their school and their supervising teacher(s) are listed below:

Spring 2008

Greg Brawner
Switzerland County H.S.
Greg Curlin

Brittany Bridges
Carroll H.S. @ Flora
Steve Keown

Rachelle Cole
Wawasee H.S.
Randy Warren

Jessica Geisler
Batesville H.S.
Reuben Kissel

Hallie Haring
Tri-County H.S.
Travis Scherer

Karrin Kritzman
South Newton H.S.
Shane Storey/Darrell Allen

Mikki Marshall
Warsaw H.S.
Lynnette Markley/Angela Jarrett

Vena Namukasa
Danville Community H.S.
Duane Huge

Michelle Nelson
Southwestern H.S. @ Shelbyville
Pam Meyer

Sara Newkirk
Brownstown Central H.S.
Blake Hackman

Brian Springer
North Lawrence Vo-Tech
Pete McAlister

Grant VonDielingen
Seymour H.S.
Jim Stephenson

Susan Wagner
Forest Park H.S.
Doug Walker

Elizabeth Werner
East Central H.S.
Vernon Konradi/Roy Johnson

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, 2008 Endowment report, we are pleased to announce that the value exceeds \$161,000! Combined with the four named endowments, the value exceeds \$260,000. We hope to announce more named endowments during the next year.

Scholarships totaling \$20,000 were awarded for the 2008-09 school year for a total of greater than \$97,000 over the life of the Endowment.

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 2008 IAAE-Purdue Spring Recognition Banquet.



I was the gracious recipient of your scholarship this year and cannot express my gratitude. Having to put myself through college has proven to be a difficult task. I receive no financial support for college from my parents, but they make too much money for me to qualify for any financial aid or most scholarships. Thus, when I do receive a scholarship it makes all the more difference. Your desire to assist others with a passion for agriculture is inspiring.

Sincerely, Keith Konradi

I would like to thank you so much for the scholarship. I know that these funds will truly help make getting my degree much easier. It is humbling to know that people like you have faith in my abilities. I am extremely excited about what is to come in my next three years at Purdue University and especially in Agricultural Education. Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely, Rob Hays



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. As one of this year’s recipients, I am grateful for the opportunities this scholarship will provide me. I rely on financial aid, grants and student loans to help finance my education. Receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide assistance for me as I continue pursuing my education. Thank you for investing in my future.

Sincerely, Jenny Cherry

Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship. This money will be used to further my education next year at Purdue.

Thanks again, April Harris



I would personally like to thank you for your generous scholarship and support of the IAAE-Purdue organization. I would also like to let you know that your scholarship will help me immensely in the coming years. Every day at Purdue University is a learning experience, whether in the classroom, with friends, or in a variety of other experiences. I intend to use each experience every day in teaching students of my own. One of my goals is to start an agriculture program at a high school that had not previously had one. I understand the spark that a program can bring to a school, and the excitement agricultural knowledge can bring to high school students. Starting a program is not an easy task though, but with community support like you have shown the IAAE-Purdue the community as a whole can make things like this happen.

Sincerely, Aaron McKim

Graduate Student Updates

Master of Science

August 2008

- Ashley Musselman Schultz, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, Johnson County Cooperative Extension
- Sarah Wickert, working with an Agronomy Consultant and the Starke County Youth Club

May 2008

- Ed Farris, ANR Extension Educator, Huntington County Cooperative Extension
- Amanda Greenwood Smith, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, Fountain County Cooperative Extension

December 2007

- Jennifer Govan, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, Lake County Cooperative Extension
- Jacob Riley, Agricultural Science and Business Teacher, Oregon-Davis High School
- Pandora Woodward, 4-H Youth Extension Educator, Wabash County Cooperative Extension

Doctor of Philosophy

- There were no graduates in December 2007, May 2008, or August 2008.

Faculty Search

The Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education is in the process of searching for an Assistant or Associate Professor in Agricultural Education beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. The position announcement is online at the YDAE home page:

<http://www.ydae.purdue.edu>

Agricultural Education Placement Report

School

Attica High School
Batesville High School
Churubusco High School
Clinton Central High School
Cloverdale Middle and High School
Corydon Central High School
Franklin Community High School
Heritage High School
Jay County High School
LaVille Jr. Sr. High School
Milan High School
Morristown Jr. Sr. High School
Morton Memorial School (ISSCH)
New Harmony High School
North and South Decatur High Schools
Pendleton Heights High School
Perry Central High School
Scottsburg High School
Shenandoah High School
South Knox High School
Southwood High School
Switzerland County High School
Wawasee High School
West Central High School
West Noble High School

New Teacher

Macon Beck
Julie Wenning
Phil Allen
Kelli Hoffman*
Tiffany Ludwig
Kyle Woolston
Sara Newkirk*
Chris Sigmon
Brittany Bridges*
Cyndy Keeling
Rachelle Cole*
Kyle Schmidt
Melody Warner
Larry Lewis
Elizabeth Werner*
Ryan Morris
Brian Springer*
Grant VonDielingen*
Jessica Geisler
Cheryl Dreiman
Mikki Warnock*
Melissa Andrew
Mariah Roberts
Hallie Haring*
Karrin Kritzman*

*2007-2008 Purdue Graduate

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.

Gustave W. (Gus) Thias, 89, passed away unexpectedly Monday, August 27, 2007. He received his bachelors degree from Purdue University in 1942. Mr. Thias taught vocational agriculture in Trafalgar, Mitchell, Otterbein, and Eaton. He left the teaching profession in 1949 to become an agricultural agent with the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. Over the years he served in Cass and Delaware Counties until his retirement as the Director of the Delaware County Extension Office in 1979.

Lois C. Maddox, 76, died Tuesday, December 11, 2007. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University. Mrs. Maddox devoted 15 years of her life to Purdue University and the 4-H program serving as a State 4-H Extension Specialist from 1977 until her retirement in 1992. In addition to providing leadership of the 4-H foods and nutrition, clothing, child development, and home environment programs, she worked with State 4-H Junior Leader Conference and the Indiana State Fair 4-H exhibit complex. Prior to joining the Purdue 4-H staff, she was a high school consumer and family sciences teacher at Lafayette Jeff High School. She firmly believed that youth should be provided with the opportunity to take charge and lead.

Pastor Howard P. Addison, 76, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2008. Earning a Bachelor of Science Degree at Purdue University and a Masters of Science Degree in Agricultural Education, he also continued with postgraduate studies at Purdue University, Indiana State University and Ball State University, and completed course work at Moody Bible Institute. Mr. Addison was both an agriculture and science teacher and held administrative positions in different schools in Indiana including Brookston Grade School, Hibbard School in Richmond, and Randolph Southern High School in Lynn where he retired from education in 1991. After retiring from teaching, he served the last 16 years as a pastor. Mr. Addison also taught at Purdue University, University of Maryland and Indiana University East. He loved working with youth by serving as FFA advisor, 4-H leader, Boy Scout leader and judge for many 4-H projects in several counties in the area. He was in the first pledge class of the newly organized FarmHouse Fraternity at Purdue University. He was an Honorary Chapter Farmer and an Honorary State Farmer.

Daniel W. Nesbitt, 72, died on Thursday, May 1, 2008. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University. Mr. Nesbitt taught agriculture at Amo and Lizton for two years. Then he taught high school biology at Benton Community School Corp., Klondike and later Harrison High School, retiring in 1993. He was a charter member and the first president of the Golden Prairie Rabbit Club and a life member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. His hobby was raising show rabbits, and he won many state and national championships.

Maurice A. Marshall, 93, passed away Sunday, May 4, 2008. Mr. Marshall served as an agriculture teacher at Fremont High School from 1939-42 and again from 1958-76, when he retired. He taught at Avilla High School from 1945-58. He served as FFA advisor for 35 years and as a 4-H leader for over 30 years. Perhaps a more lasting legacy comes in the nearly 1 million trees he helped to plant across Steuben County.

2008 Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction

Noel Callahan of Indianapolis, Indiana was presented the Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction at the Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry held on February 2, 2008. The Certificate of Distinction, the highest award of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, is presented at the Association's annual meeting.

In 1964 Noel and his wife, Jo, founded Callahan Enterprises, Inc. to supply the seed trade with foundation seed stock of hybrid corn and other related products. In the 1970s he helped create a new business segment within the U.S. seed industry – genetic stock and field seeds for soybeans, now a huge segment of the seed and biotechnology markets. He is a past member of the board of directors of the Indiana 4-H Foundation. A native of Rush County, he graduated from Purdue University in 1954 with a B.S. in Agricultural Education.

Small Scholarship

Through the generosity of Terry and Joanne Small, a scholarship endowment has been established. Two very devoted Boilermakers, Terry received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education and Joanne in Consumer and Family Sciences. Neither of them knew at the time how true the term Boilermaker would be for them when Terry started out teaching agriculture at Gibson Southern High School. At the time of their establishment of the scholarship Terry was the President and Owner of the Georgia Southwestern Railroad in Dawson, Georgia. Another true testimony on how a degree in Agricultural Education can provide you with many career changing opportunities.

Butcher Fellowship

Through the generosity of Dale and Toni Butcher and friends, a fellowship endowment has been established. Once the endowment reaches \$25,000, fellowships can be awarded to one or more agricultural science and business teachers pursuing their graduate education at Purdue University. Dale is a retired Agricultural Science and Business teacher from Benton Central High School. He will conclude in 2009 his second three-year term as the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators (IAAE) Executive Director.

National Association of Agricultural Educators Region 4 Winners

We want to recognize the Indiana Agricultural Science and Business teachers announced as 2008 National Award Winners. The following people were recognized at the convention in Charlotte, North Carolina December 2-6, 2008.

Lifetime Achievement
Teachers Turn the Key
Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult
Ag Ed Program

Jack Simmerman
Sarah Clark, Benton Central High School
Kenna Slough, Shakamak High School