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Economics Association

Undergraduate Student Section

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Greetings from SS-AAEA Officers and Advisors!

Welcome to another year with AAEA! First and foremost, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new and returning participants in the student Academic Bowl this past year. Both the Boston and Mobile meetings were a great success, and the new SS-AAEA officers and advisors are thankful to everyone that was involved.

As the Spring semester comes to an end, it is time to begin thinking about the 2017 SS-AAEA Academic Bowl in Chicago, IL this summer. Now's the time to get in your applications for Outstanding and Creative Chapter Awards, and to prepare your paper for the competition. We are already looking forward to meeting with everyone again this summer for an exciting and enriching weekend.

Letter from the President:

Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

I hope everyone has been having a successful and enriching semester. I wish everyone good luck as we near final exams and extend my congratulations to everyone that will be graduating in May!

I want to thank everyone who was involved in the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting last summer in Boston, Massachusetts! This year in Chicago, Illinois, there are expected to be over 1,500 people attending the meeting. As we are getting closer to summer, I encourage everyone to make travel and room accommodations as soon as possible. If you have extra time, I hope you are able to travel around Chicago and see the many sites the Windy City has to offer. Throughout the week, there will be many great speakers and workshops, as well as several competitions. I encourage everyone to participate.

On behalf of the student section officer team, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and involvement in the AAEA. I look forward to seeing everyone in July!

Sincerely,

Macy Herzog

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Annual AAEA Meeting 2017: Chicago, IL

On behalf of the 2016-2017 SS-AAEA Officer Team, I would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to the 2017 AAEA annual meeting at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile in Chicago, IL, from Sunday, July 30th to Tuesday, August 1st, 2017. As the Spring semester comes to an end, it is a good time to begin planning for your trip. We look forward to seeing all members, new and returning! We want to encourage everyone to participate in the SS-AAEA Academic Bowl, Undergraduate Paper, Creative Club, Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet, and Outstanding Chapter Competitions.

For more information on how to enter these competitions, go online to: www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea.

Sincerely,

Josie Rosario

Public Relations Officer, SS-AAEA

Important Information:

Hotel:

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
540 North Michigan Avenue
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Making the Trip:

As the SS-AAEA officer team, we understand the financial commitment made by universities, chapters, and individuals to attend the AAEA annual meeting. To increase chapter participation and make the trip financially feasible, we encourage chapters to begin planning for the trip now! Some things to consider while planning are:

♦Airfare: Book now! If your school or department uses a travel agent, ask to utilize their services.

Student Section Important Dates

May 25, 2017

- Undergraduate Recruitment Fair application deadline
- Travel grant application deadline

June 7, 2017

- Early Bird Registration ends

July 5, 2017

- Advanced registration ends
- Workshop, luncheon and banquet registration end

July 6, 2017

- AAEA room block reservations deadline

July 30, 2017

- Academic Bowl orientation and student mixer
- Earl O. Heady Decision sciences spreadsheet presentations
- Student paper competition and presentation

July 31, 2017

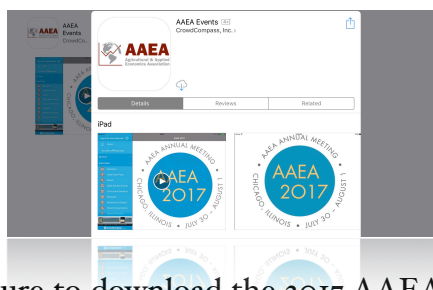
- Academic Bowl Competition
- Academic Bowl Finals
- SS Business Meeting
- Officer Elections

♦Room Sharing: For smaller chapters that would like to combine for lodging with other universities please contact Sierra Howry: sierra.howry@uwrif.edu so arrangements can be made.

Register Now: <https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/AM17>

For More Schedule Information, Visit: <http://www.aaea.org/meetings/2017-aaea-annual-meeting>

Download the Mobile App!



Upon arrival, make sure to download the 2017 AAEA mobile app on your smartphone device or tablet! The app offers an up-to-date meeting program that lists all events, receptions and meeting times. The app serves as an alternative to carrying around the paper program, and features more personalized settings so you can view your schedule of events at the touch of a button.

Meet Your Student Officers!

President: Macy Herzog



Howdy! My name is Macy Herzog and I'm a senior at Texas A&M University. I am double majoring in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics with a minor in Economics. After I graduate, I will be pursuing a Masters in Financial Management-Commercial Banking Program. I grew up in a small town in Texas and was involved in raising livestock for my county fair, as well as being involved in many different organizations throughout high school. Since coming to college, I have been very involved on and off campus. I am currently the President for Aggie REPs, the Vice President for Texas A&M chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association, a member of the Agricultural Economics Society, and a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. On top of all that I also have a part time job. In my

Boston Awards 2016**Spreadsheet Competition****First:** Nate Christenson**Second:** Geordan Hanson**Third:** Trevin Kennedy**Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Competition****First:** Jason Xiao, *Purdue University***Second:** Meaghan Shaughnessy & Erica Prescott, *Clemson University***Third:** Youwei Yang, *Kansas State University***Outstanding Chapter Award**

Clemson University

Creative Club Award

Iowa State University

Academic Bowl Winners**First:** *University of Kentucky*

Erica Rogers

Daniella Straathof

April Winebarger

Second: *Clemson University*

McCauley Frierson

Jonathan Lawing

Cody White

Third: *Iowa State University*

Kyle Bates

Nate Christenson

Drew Mogler

spare time, I like to hunt deer and attend Aggie Football games at Kyle Field. I look forward to welcoming all of you to the conference this summer in Chicago. Thanks and Gig 'Em!

Vice President: Hannah Berny

Hello! My name is Hannah Berny and I am a junior at Mississippi State University. I am majoring in Agribusiness with a concentration in Policy and Law and minors in Pre-Law and Business Administration. I grew up just south of Nashville in Franklin, Tennessee. My family's small farm is where I found my love and passion for the world of agriculture. I was involved in 4-H all throughout high school, which led to my decision to continue in agriculture going into college. In my years at

Mississippi State, I have loved having the opportunity to get involved with the Agricultural Economics department and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I serve as the Vice President of the Ag Econ Club, work part time for the department, and love serving as a CALS Ambassador. I have just been accepted as a Demmer Scholar and will be representing State this summer in Washington D.C. as an intern in natural resource policy. In my free time, I enjoy playing Ultimate Frisbee for State's club team as well as serving as the President of the team. I also enjoy spending my free time on stage in Theatre MSU productions. Upon graduation, I plan to attend law school and pursue a career in law. I look forward to seeing you all in the Windy City this summer! Thanks, and Hail State!

Secretary: Megan Harper

Hello! My name is Megan and I am an Agricultural Economics major at the University of Kentucky. I am a fourth generation Harper on my family farm in Murray, Kentucky: the friendliest town in America. Since I was four years old, I have raised and shown livestock. After spending most of my youth as a member of 4-H, FFA, and serving as a Kentucky State FFA Officer, I was fortunate enough to be the first to achieve the highest award in Kentucky 4-H. I also served on the 4-H State Teen Council for three years, was top five Star Farmer, and was a state champion in many contests,

including: livestock judging, horse judging, small animal demonstrations, country ham, goat impromptu, sheep impromptu, and parliamentary procedure.

Currently, I am the Federation Assistant at Fayette County Farm Bureau, where I have been working part-time for over three years. In the past, I have held internships with TapLogic, LLC. and Dow AgroSciences. I have also studied abroad in Argentina to study international agriculture. I am a member of the winning UK team for the AAEA Quiz Bowl, and was elected secretary of the SS-AAEA. Furthermore, I am an AFA (Agriculture Future of America) National Scholar, the past Professional Development chair for the Beta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority, and currently serving my second term as the Secretary for the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment Student Council.

Treasurer: Wes Davis



Hello! My name is Wes Davis and I'm a senior at Purdue University studying Quantitative Agricultural Economics with a minor in Management. I grew up in West Virginia and found my passion for agribusiness management and economics in high school. Before transferring to Purdue University in 2015, I worked with the National FFA Organization as an officer and member of the Board of Directors.. I have interned with Cargill as an internal analyst, and most recently interned as a Business Analyst Intern with an agribusiness strategy consulting firm. On campus, I am involved with undergraduate research that focuses on talent and performance management with the Purdue University Center for Food and Agricultural Business. I will graduate this May with my undergraduate degree, and will be pursuing a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University with a focus in agribusiness management and strategic decision-making.

Public Relations: Josie Rosario



Hello everyone! My name is Josie and I am a senior at the University of Florida here in swampy Gainesville, FL. I am a Food and Resource Economics major graduating this summer with a specialization in marketing and management. Upon graduation, I will be heading to a job in sunny Fort Lauderdale, FL, working as a corporate recruiter for Insight Global, an information technology recruiting firm. I've grown up all over the country, moving from Minnesota to New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Florida. Besides my involvement with SS-AAEA as the public relations officer, I am a member of the Beta Omicron chapter of the Greek sorority Alpha Omicron Pi, where I focus on fundraising for the National Arthritis Support Foundation as well as cystic fibrosis. Through my sorority, I am fortunate to work closely with the Best Buddies foundation as well as the Children's Miracle Network through UF's Dance Marathon event where I stand for 26.2

hours to raise money. In my free time, I love to wakeboard, swim, boat, fish and anything else that allows me to be on the water. I am excited for the journey ahead of this organization, and I look forward to seeing everyone again this summer in the Windy City! Go Gators!

***BECOME A STUDENT OFFICER!**

Don't forget about the upcoming officer elections for the SS-AAEA this summer! Prepare a short PowerPoint presentation to present at the end of the Academic Bowl weekend, and run for a position! It's an incredible experience, and a great resume builder. For more information on how to run, or what the position entails, feel free to e-mail any of the student officers above. Their e-mails are listed on page 1.

Things to Do in Chicago!

1. **Millennium Park:** A 24.5-acre park featuring the infamous 110-ton Cloud Gate, commonly known as "The Bean."
2. **Wrigley Field:** This legendary stadium was built in 1914 and updated recently in 2009. See if you can book a seasonal tour while the Cubs are away for training!
3. **360 Chicago:** Formerly known as the John Hancock Observatory, 360 Chicago is an interactive tour 1,000 feet above the city, looking out to the skyline up to 55 miles and across four states.
4. **Garfield Park Conservatory:** Opening in 1908, the conservatory is often described as "landscape art under glass," boasting revolutionary architecture and seasonal flowers shows.
5. **Lincoln Park Zoo:** Go check out over 1,200 animals for free!
6. **Museum of Science and Industry:** This interactive exhibit is loaded with activities that turns science into tons of fun, from coal mine simulation games to the popular mirror maze.
7. **Shedd Aquarium:** Go see the 100-year-old Australian lungfish, the longest-living fish in any aquarium in the world! There you can also catch sight of Amazonian snakes, stingrays, turtles, moray eels and incredibly frightening sharks.
8. **Chicago Riverwalk:** Visiting Chicago on a budget? Don't worry, all you need is yourself and a buddy to explore the beautiful architecture throughout the city on Chicago's Riverwalk. These public walkways and seating areas do offer access to boat tours and waterfront cafes and restaurants for those looking to splurge.

