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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM SS-AAEA OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

Hello everyone! The Student Section officers and advisors are so excited to begin another awesome year with AAEA. This past summer, we not only had some fun in the nation's capital, but also had some excellent competitions and got to meet other students from all over the nation. We are already looking forward to next summer's conference and competition in Atlanta, Georgia!

The officers and advisors are working hard to plan some fun outings for the Student Sections as well as some conference sessions like those of other sections in AAEA. We hope to increase interest and participation in both the spreadsheet and paper competitions for this coming year. If there is anything our team can do for you or any ideas you might want to share with us, feel free to reach out!

*“He who serves agriculture serves all mankind”
- Anonymous*

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

Thank you very much for joining us at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. We had an amazing turnout from all our teams; this is something that we hope to continue at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Although there is quite a bit of time before the upcoming meeting, the officer team and I have hit the ground running and are beginning to plan for the meeting. We hope to provide all the student contestants with the opportunity to explore the unique locations and activities found within Atlanta, GA.

Please feel free to contact myself or any of the other officer team members with any ideas, suggestions, or questions you may have. This will allow us to create the best possible experience and value for all participants. I wish you all the best in this coming year and look forward to our next meeting in Atlanta.

Best Regards, Jordan Buerck

CAPITOL TOUR

On August 4th, the Saturday before the Quizbowl competition, a group of AAEA students from different universities took a tour of the United States Capitol Building. This outing was organized by the past Student Board president Ben Rietmann. All the students had a great time on the tour learning about our country's legislative history! One of the highlights was hearing our tour guide explain the stories behind the statues gifted by our various states. We are looking forward to more adventures like this one in Atlanta next summer!



COMPETITIONS

Now is a great time to start working on different competitions held at the SS-AAEA meeting such as the Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet, Student Paper Competition, Outstanding Chapter Competitions, Academic Bowl, and Creative Club Competition. For more information, please go to <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>

WASHINGTON, D.C. 2018 AWARDS

Outstanding Paper Competition: The student paper competition gives a student the opportunity to submit a paper that highlights the results of an original research project that the student planned and implemented under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

First Place (\$250): *Skylar Schneckloth*, "Measuring and Explaining the Increasing Market Share of Large US Farms, 1959-2012". *Iowa State University*, Advisor: Peter Orazem.

Second Place (\$150): *Jeffrey Hadacheck*, "Economic Burden of Grocery Sales Tax on Rural Grocery Stores Versus Walmart in Kansas". *Kansas State University*, Advisor: Nathan P. Hendricks

Third Place (\$100): *Shea Gould*, "Divvying Up the Pie: US Adults' Preferences for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Spending". *Mississippi State University*, Advisors: Keith Coble and Alba Collart.

Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition: The spreadsheet competition challenges students to develop a spreadsheet application that can be applied to a real-world problem in agriculture and applied economics.

First Place (\$400): *Dustin Wilson*, "Class III Dairy Futures Expiration Pricing Model". *University of Idaho*, Advisor: Aaron Johnson.

No additional entries.

Academic Bowl Awards: The academic bowl competition allows students to showcase their agricultural knowledge and work as a team to represent their school.

First Place (\$500): University of Kentucky: Zoe Gabrielson, Josey Moore, Erica Rogers

Second Place: Texas A&M University: Thomas Bowman, Maggie Branch, Brannick Sweetser

Third Place: Oregon State University: Erin Bush, Ben Rietmann, Scout Sutton

Outstanding Chapter Award (\$200): The outstanding chapter competition offers agribusiness and ag economics clubs the chance to show off their organization and highlight the ways they serve their department, their university, and their community.

Iowa State University; Advisor: Georgeanne Artz

Creative Chapter Award (\$200): The creative club competition offers agribusiness and ag economics clubs the chance to highlight a specific project that the organization's students planned an implemented during the past year.

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2019 AAEA ANNUAL MEETING

Are you ready to celebrate the 101st year with AAEA? We are, yet again, excited to send a warm welcome and invitation to the 2019 AAEA annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting this year falls over July 21st to 23rd, 2019 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta.

We look forward to seeing all members, new and returning come August!

- Undergraduate Student Section Officers



President: Jordan Buerck

I am a Sophomore at University of Wisconsin-River Falls where I am majoring in Agricultural Studies and minoring in Animal Science. I didn't grow up on a farm, but I have been involved with and worked on farms for many years. I spend most of my time during the summer and weekends working on a sheep and beef ranch near my home. It is my goal to continue within the production and business side of the beef and sheep industry. On campus I am involved with the campus' Beef Management Team as the vice-president, Agricultural Future of America, and work on the school's laboratory farm. I look forward to serving with the AAEA Student board to make 2019 meeting the best event possible, and I look forward to meeting many of you next summer!



Vice President: Timothy Unruh

Hello everyone, I am Timothy Unruh from the University of Wisconsin River Falls. I am currently a sophomore studying Agriculture Business with a minor in Agriculture Engineering Technology. I grew up on a cash crop farm in southern Minnesota and hope to be able to farm it someday alongside my brother. In my free time I like to hang out with friends and family, go snowmobiling, and of course farm. Being a part of this association has opened my eyes to how much there is to offer in the economic side of things and I hope I can learn and grow more serving as the vice president of this association.

ME

Secretary: Emily Wilson

Hey y'all! My name is Emily Wilson and I am a junior at Clemson University. I am majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Horticulture. I grew up in a small agriculture town in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Fun fact about my small town, our Hampton County Watermelon Festival is the longest running festival in South Carolina with this year being the 77th! I am involved with various things on campus such as the Agribusiness Association, where I serve as Event Coordinator, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Dean's Student Advisory Board for Agriculture Sciences, as well as a teacher's assistant for Economics of Farm Management. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching Clemson football, and being on the river! I am very thankful for this experience to serve on the AAEA Student Board and cannot wait for this upcoming year!



Treasure: Elyssa Laing



Howdy! I am a junior at Texas A&M University, majoring in Agricultural Economics. I am a Student Leader for the 12 th Man Student Foundation, am pledging Alpha Zeta, was a part of the Family Weekend Committee, and have volunteered at many service events, including The Big Event, here at A&M. I hope to be able to study abroad next summer. The last two summers I have worked at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in my hometown of Corpus Christi, Texas, working in the cotton, corn, and sorghum fields, and collecting entomological data. Through my schooling along with this job I have discovered my passion for trying to find ways to improve the food crop industry. Some of my favorite things to do are play with my dogs (golden retriever and chow mix), go to Fightin' Texas Aggie football games, and have game nights with my friends.

Public Relations: Addie Stone

Hey everyone! My name is Addie Stone and I am originally from Dallas, Texas. I am studying Agribusiness with a minor in Spanish at Clemson University in South Carolina. Growing up in a large city, I only had a little exposure to the agriculture industry before I started college. However, this experience has helped me develop a passion for finding new ways to better connect urban citizens with agriculture. On campus, I serve as the President of our Agribusiness Association, work as a TA for our introductory Agriculture and Society class, and am an active member of Chi Omega sorority. I enjoy spending time on the lake, hiking, reading, cheering on the Tigers, and telling my Clemson friends how awesome Texas is. I am excited for the chance to serve on the AAEA Student Board and to get to know more agriculture students from across the country!

