



AAEA

Agricultural & Applied
Economics Association

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SPRING NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2019

GREETINGS FROM SS-AAEA OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

Spring has sprung and summer has begun SS-AAEA friends! We want to welcome our new and returning participants of the Academic Bowl this summer. The Washington, D.C. meeting saw some fierce competition and many new connections among students from across the country. The student section officers want to thank you for your participation.

Hopefully everyone has finished up the academic year and begun thinking about the AAEA meetings in Atlanta in late July. Please continue to submit applications for the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Chapter awards as well as paper or poster presentations. These competitions are a great opportunity to expand the reach of your school at AAEA. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and meeting new participants over the course of an enjoyable week.

“Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness.” - Thomas Jefferson

IMPORTANT INFO:

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

265 Peachtree Center Ave NE

Atlanta, GA 30303

(888) 789-3090

Mention AAEA Annual Meeting

[Reserve a room in the AAEA Room Block online](#)

Single/Double \$199.00

plus (currently) 16.9% tax and \$5.00 GA Hotel Fee

Hotel cut-off date of June 19, 2019

SS-AAEA SCHEDULE:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Room	Session Name
Sunday, July 21, 2019	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	M107	EOHDS Spreadsheet Competition
Sunday, July 21, 2019	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	L403	Student Section Paper Competition
Sunday, July 21, 2019	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	L401, L402, L403	SS-AAEA Undergraduate Mixer/Academic Bowl Orientation
Monday, July 22, 2019	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	L405, L406, L404	SS-AAEA Academic Bowl (3 rooms)
Monday, July 22, 2019	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Marquis Ballroom C & D	SS-AAEA Academic Bowl Finals
Monday, July 22, 2019	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	M304	Student Section Business Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Braves Game: Saturday, July 20th at 7:20 pm

The student officers and advisors have chosen an Atlanta Braves game against the Washington Nationals for our student outing this year! The game is guaranteed to be great fun and an awesome way to connect with other AAEA students in a casual setting.

The group rate for tickets is **\$19 per person**, and clubs will be able to **pay through Venmo**. We will send out a Doodle poll to advisers to confirm attendance and order tickets. Clubs will be responsible for their own transportation to SunTrust Park (the stadium should be easily accessible by MARTA or Uber/Lyft). We hope to see you all there! Chop on!



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COMPETITIONS:

If you or your club has not already done so, there is still time to submit entries and sign up for 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.aea.org/membership/sections/ss-aea/aea-annual-meeting>

COMPETITIONS AND 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.

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.

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

All of the above competitions have first, second, and third place awards with monetary prizes of at least \$100!

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.

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 and implemented during the past year.



MEET YOUR 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!

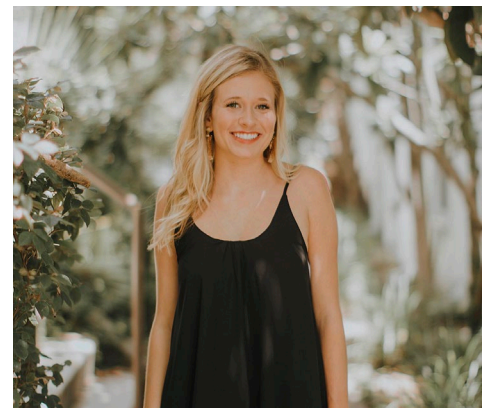


Vice President: Timothy Unruh

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.

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!



Become a Student Officer!

Every year, a new team of officers gets to represent the student section. This is a great opportunity for you to voice your opinion and add some of your energy and ideas, learn more about this organization, and of-course network with professionals and peers.

Officer elections take place at the Business Meeting (July 22nd, 2019) so plan to be there and run for a position! All you need is an energetic and speech and relating how you can make the SS-AAEA even greater!

Want to learn more? Simply attend our mixer, talk to the officers and the advisers. See you there.

Andrew Wright — Senior Advisor

Fun Facts about Atlanta, GA!



- As of September 2018, the population of Atlanta is about 4.9 million people.
- Atlanta was founded as a transportation hub at the intersection of two railway lines in 1837.
- The Georgia Aquarium is the second largest aquarium in the world behind Marine Life Park in Singapore.
- Atlanta hosted the Summer Olympics in 1996.
- Creek and Cherokee native Americans originally inhabited the land in and around Atlanta.
- Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest airport.
- The Varsity in Atlanta is the world's largest drive-through restaurant.
- Coca-Cola was invented in 1886 by an Atlanta pharmacist.