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Animal Science Teaches Kids about Educational Options for their Futures

The end of the school year does not mean that everything slows down here at the Department of Animal Science. In fact when it comes to educating kids, about what animal science is, we've been busier than ever.

At the Animal Science Discovery day, held earlier this month, around 30 4-H students from around the area came to campus. While they were here, they took part in several activities including meat and feed identification. As well as learning about animal health, veterinary science and parasites among other subjects. The group was also given a tour of Bud Walton Arena.

The Department was invited to attend the Shaw Elementary School Career day. During the event, third, fourth and fifth graders asked questions and gathered information.

We were able to visit with around 100 children, and several mentioned they thought animal

science was cool.

The following day the third graders from the career fair came to campus for a field trip. Prior to arriving, the students chose what college they would like to visit. Around 20 students chose Agriculture. During their stop at the Animal Science Department Dr. Ken Coffey showed them one of our cannulated cows, and explained the purpose of cannulation. Dr. Dirk Phillip talked about water issues; and Dr. Chris Tucker, with help from, graduate student Eva Wray showed the kids examples of parasites.

Dr. Janeal Yancey made a visit to the Jean Tyson Center on campus to talk to three to five year-olds about animals. Dr. Yancey took lambs, Starlight and Rosie, for the kids to see and

pet. She also explained how to properly care for them. }



Students from Shaw Elementary study parasites during a field trip to the Department of Animal Science and the University of Arkansas Campus.



Area 4-H students spent the day at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center learning about all the areas of study Animal Science offers. The students were also able to take a break and see some of the campus.

New Non-Thesis Program Generates Opportunities for the Career-Minded

In an effort to help individuals gain more education and open new career opportunities, the Department of Animal Science is now offering a non-thesis degree option.

The new, non-thesis, option requires the completion of a plan of study and successful performance on a final exam; but does not require the preparation of a thesis.

The plan of study includes a minimum of 30 hours of course work, with 18-19 hours of core courses.

The non-thesis option is a good choice for those who would like to enhance their career options, by obtaining their M.S. degree. Dr. David Kreider, Graduate Admissions Coordinator for the Department of Animal Science, explained that this is a great option for people already in a career track who need to enhance their training in specific areas or for those who need an advanced degree for career advancement; as well as for students, who want to strengthen their application for professional school admission.

This degree program is generally not the best option for those who plan to go on to pursue a PhD. Requirements for application and admission to the program include: applicant must meet the requirements of the University of Arkansas Graduate School; must have an undergraduate degree in Animal Science or a closely related field of study, or a B.S. degree in another field with strong emphasis in the area of biological sciences.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact us at ansc@uark.edu. }

Monticello DVM Joins Department Faculty

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Department of Animal Science is pleased to welcome Dr. Jason Cater to the department. Beginning May 27, he will be part of the Little Rock office as Assistant Professor- Extension Veterinarian.

Dr. Cater received his B.S. from UA-Monticello and his DVM from Mississippi State. Since graduating from Mississippi State, Dr. Cater has operated a private practice specializing in large animal medicine and surgery, in Monticello.

He is active in his community as a member of Desha/Drew Cattleman's Association; Drew County Farm Bureau Board member; Drew Central School Board member and Drew County Fair board member.

Cater is also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association; American Association of Equine Practitioners; American Association of Bovine Practitioners; American Association of Avian Pathologists; Society of Theriogenology and the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Cater is involved with young producers and their show animals, helping them prepare for county fairs and other livestock shows. "It is important that our youth have mentors in livestock production to help prepare them for a future in animal agriculture," he said. }

Spring Commencement a Big Moment for Students

On May 10, the Bumpers College and Department of Animal Science conferred degrees to those students who earned them at the spring commencement ceremonies, which were held at Barnhill and Bud Walton Arenas. The Department proudly boasted a First Ranked Senior Scholar, a Senior Scholar and two Distinguished Graduates.

Named as one of two, First Ranked Senior Scholars, Jessie Hargis graduated with a 4.0 GPA after completing all of her coursework at the University of Arkansas. The daughter of Billy and Kristen Hargis of Fayetteville, Jessie was a regular on the Chancellor's list and was a four-year recipient of the Chancellor's scholarship. She plans to attend the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in the fall.

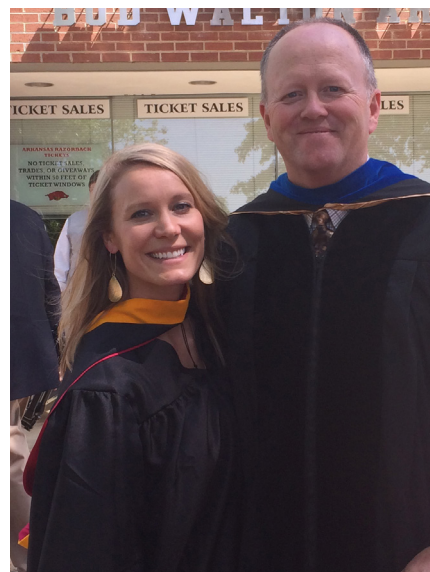
Claire Crews earned the distinction of being one of three Senior Scholars. The Senior Scholar awards are given to those students who have a 4.0 GPA with at least half of their coursework completed at the U of A. The daughter of Vickie Salsbury and Claiborne Crews, she

was a member of the Razorback Marching Band; president of the Pre-Vet Club; and studied abroad in Belize providing free veterinary services to animals owned by low-income families. Claire will be attending Veterinary School at the University of Missouri in the fall of 2014. Claire was also a Bumpers College Honors Program Distinguished Graduate.

Rachel Cummins was a Bumpers College Honors Program Distinguished Graduate. She is the daughter of Hal and Patti Cummins; she wrote her honors thesis on the Palatability of Teff Grass in Horses. She will be attending Veterinary School at the University of Missouri in the fall of 2014.

In addition, the Department presented a Doctor of Philosophy to Michelle Lynn Thomas. Five Master of Science degrees were presented to: Mohan Acharya, Elizabeth Ann Backes, Jace Joseph Hollenback, William Brandon Smith and Ashley Nicole Young.

The Department also conferred 45 Bachelor of Science degrees that day. Congratulations to all of our graduates! }



Ashley Young, an Animal Science Master's student, and Dr. Ken Coffey after the commencement ceremony on May 10.