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Students Compete in AMA Meats Quiz Bowl Competition

Nine undergraduate students from the University of Arkansas Department of Animal Science attended the 69th Reciprocal Meats Conference in San Angelo, Texas. The group went to compete in the American Meat Science Association's Meats Quiz Bowl Competition.

The students spent all year learning about all aspects of meat science to prepare for the annual quiz bowl competition. Questions pertaining to animal husbandry, harvest, food safety, regulations, cookery, meat nutrition, and any number of meat-related topics are expected to be asked. Team members included: Marisol Escamilla, Sara Guillen, Zena Hicks, Tyler Martin, Kyle Kennedy, Zak Krug, Caleb Shepherd, Brittany Stettmeier, and Savannah Tucker. The group was advised by Dr. Janel Yancey and Jase Ball, Ph.D. student.

One of the biggest benefits of the RMC to

students is the networking opportunities. From beginning to end, the conference offers opportunities for students to meet and interact with one another and professionals in their field.

"RMC is a great reminder of how diverse the meats industry truly is," said Sara Guillen, a recent Animal Science graduate. "It is an amazing opportunity for students to explore the different paths in the industry. Overall, RMC is a

great place to create relationships--something all students should benefit from."

2016 marked the 10th year that the department trained and attended RMC with a quiz bowl team. A member of that first ever University of Arkansas team, Dr. Nathan Tapp, traveled with the University of Arkansas students to the meeting this year. Dr. Tapp has recently earned a Ph. D. from Texas Tech University and was awarded 1st place in the AMSA Ph. D. ePoster competition at RMC.

The department hopes to take a large group of students to the 2017 RMC in College Station, TX. "I would recommend this to other students in not just meat science but Animal Science in general," said Kyle Kennedy. "It's a really good trip to take to see a lot of the aspects of industry and the jobs available to us after graduation." }



2016 AMSA Meats Quiz Bowl Team

Australian Animal Production Conference

As an official duty of his American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Presidency, Dr. Mike Looper traveled to Adelaide, Australia for a week in the beginning of July to attend the Australia Society of Animal Production (ASAP) bi-annual meeting.

According to the ASAP website, "These societies are dedicated to bringing together



Dr. Looper and colleagues at Australian zoo

scientists, producers, extension specialists, educators, consultants, and companies with an interest in improving the welfare, productive efficiency, product quality and profitability of animal industries."

This year's theme was "Animal Welfare – Meeting Consumer Needs and Increasing Productivity." Looper and Dr. Jim Sartin, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Animal Science, spent time exploring opportunities for partnerships between ASAP and ASAS, as well as collaborations between universities in Australia and the U.S., including the potential for future student exchanges.

While there, Looper attended scientific sessions, toured various agricultural locations, and gave a presentation titled "Building Your Brand: Turning Opportunities Into a Career" to a group of approximately 75 students. }

Animal Science Sophomore Awarded STEM Scholarship

By Miss Arkansas Scholarship Foundation

Darynne Dahlem, current Miss Arkansas Valley and sophomore Animal Science major at the University of Arkansas, received the inaugural STEM scholarship sponsored by the Miss Arkansas Scholarship Foundation. The first STEM scholarship is valued at \$1,000, and only contestants with a declared major in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) are eligible for the award. Dahlem plans to attend veterinary school and one day own a veterinary clinic. }

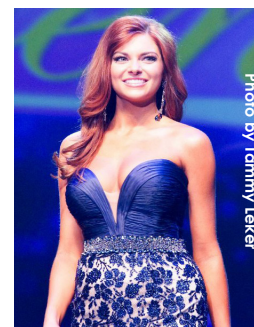


Photo by Tammy Laker

Darynne Dahlem

Danny Belcher Retires

A staple member of the Department of Animal Science had his last day as the Program Technician for the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Arena on June 30th. Danny Belcher gave 15 years of dedicated service to the University of Arkansas.

During his time as Program Technician at the University of Arkansas, Belcher oversaw all operations, upkeep, and activities at the Animal Science Arena. His colleagues describe him as an incredibly kind and accommodating person who will be greatly missed.

Belcher plans to spend his retirement with his wife, former D.E. King Equine Program Director Nancy Jack, on their 40 acres. }



Danny Belcher at retirement party

Department Provides Summer Youth Outreach

Snapshots from this summer's educational events



Early Access Academy



Livestock Judging Camp



J.O. Kelly Latino Summer Camp



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KIPP Delta Collegiate High School