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Poultry science student’s receive awards at the Dale Bumpers College honors banquet

The University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Honors and Awards Banquet was April 12, 2013, and five students from the Poultry Science Department were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

The Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar award is presented to outstanding doctoral and master’s degree students and an outstanding undergraduate transfer student. The Dale Bumpers Distinguished Ph.D. Scholar Award was presented to Ujvala Deepthi Gadde. Her doctoral research, with major professor Dr. David Chapman, is on the investigation of host immune responses to coccidiosis, a protozoan disease in turkeys. She plans to pursue her career in research in host immunity to pathogens and early disease detection.

The John W. White Outstanding Student for 2013 was Michael Norton. Norton graduated with a double major in Agricultural Business and Poultry Science. He is working in Washington, D.C., this summer and will attend graduate school as a 2012 Harry S. Truman Scholar.

Three other poultry science students were honored with departmental awards. Vivek Kuttappan was named the Outstanding Student in Poultry Science - Ph.D.; Kristen Byrne was named Outstanding Student in Poultry Science - M.S.; and Katie McGehee was named the Outstanding Student in Poultry Science-Undergraduate.
Calendar of Events

**July 22-25**
PSA Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

**August 1**
3rd Annual Advances and Current Issues in Animal Wellbeing
University of Arkansas

**September 3-5**
Arkansas Nutrition Conference,
Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR

**October 2-3**
Processors Workshop

**October 12**
Arkansas State Fair Broiler Show
Little Rock, AR

**November 3-5**
National Collegiate Poultry Judging
University of Arkansas

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The University of Arkansas Poultry Judging Team recently competed in the 66th U.S. Poultry & Egg Association National Poultry Judging Contest, held at Louisiana State University.

The team ranked 4th High Team Overall, 1st in Team Production and 5th in Market Products. Individual honors went to Tyler Snyder who placed 3rd Individual Overall, 2nd in Individual Production and 5th in Individual Breed Selection.

Members of the team included Taylor Bates, Kayla Lamb, Tyler Snyder, Emily Albury, Carly Hale and Coach Dennis Mason.

USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation sponsors the National Poultry Judging Contest as part of its comprehensive student outreach program. The contest was established to enhance young people's interest in the poultry industry and encourage student enrollment in poultry science studies. Teams compete in production judging, breed selection and market products judging.

Eleven universities participated in this year’s competition.

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Farm Friends Day was held April 24 at the University of Arkansas’ Pauline Whitaker Arena. Approximately 2,500 school children from surrounding areas interacted with farm animals, some for the very first time. Poultry Science was excited to participate and was represented by department members and students.
University of Arkansas poultry science department nets over $18,000 for scholarships with golf tournament

Thirty-eight teams netted over $18,000 for scholarships during the 13th Annual University of Arkansas Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament April 22 at the Springdale Country Club.

The major sponsor for the tournament was Cobb-Vantress, Inc. who provided funding for a flight sponsorship. Simmons Foods, Inc. provided all the chicken for lunch, Arkansas Farm Bureau donated balls, tees and towels for each participant and InTents donated the use of two hospitality tents to use on the golf course.

Hole sponsors this year were Evonik Industries, Hubbard, Novus International, Aviagen, Bayer Animal Health and F.P.E.C.

Since the tournament started 13 years ago, over $210,000 has been raised through this event for scholarships in the department.

L to R: Poultry science students Samantha Cox, Antonio Beitia, Taylor Bates and Sam Shelton.

Above: Hitting to the green.
Above left: Zach Butler playing for the F.P.E.C. team.

Join the Poultry Science Alumni Organization today!
For more information, contact Gary Davis, gddavis@uark.edu.
PARTNERS welcomes submissions from alumni for an Alumni News column, which will appear twice a year in this newsletter. Please send your news (job changes, address changes, marriages, births, etc.), to slandis@uark.edu.

The poultry welfare auditing training course offered by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization, Inc. (PAACO) was held June 4-6 in Fayetteville, AR, hosted by the University of Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Cooperative Extension Service.

Industry professionals comprised the staff of instructors for the PAACO training. PAACO is an organization of five professional animal industry organizations representing scientists and veterinarians with extensive expertise on best management practices and current science in animal agriculture. The organization’s purpose is to promote the humane treatment of animals through education and certification of animal auditors as well as the review and/or certification of animal audit instruments, assessments and programs.

Dr. John Marcy’s Baking Arts Fundamentals for Food Technologists was held March 11-15. The 40-contact-hour, 5-day hands-on workshop includes instruction on baking theory and ingredient function, giving participants the opportunity to practice baking methods and techniques. Topics included yeast and quick breads, custards, cookies, cakes, pies, meringues and frostings. The course also included charcuterie including making sausage and meat curing.

PAACO poultry training hosted by the University of Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Extension Service.

Dr. Susan Watkins presenting to PAACO attendees.

Alumni News
Over $63,000 raised for scholarships at the annual Poultry Festival scholarship auction

The Annual Scholarship Auction during the 54th Annual Poultry Festival June 14 brought in over $63,000 for student scholarships.

Clockwise starting at top: A large crowd attended the auction; Chris Simms, poultry science student helping with the auction items; cook team t-shirts; the department’s bbq entry, plated and ready to submit to the judges; temperature takers Casey Owens Hanning, Gary Davis, Emily Lhamon, Angus Aikin and Kayla Murphy; the cook team: l to r, Kenny Villines, Rodney Wolfe, Betsy Epps, John Pruett, Janet Washington and Gary Wylie; poultry science students Emily Lhamon and Jennifer Lutes; Auctioneer David Kenyon of Valley Moon Commercial Poults.
FACULTY/STAFF NOTABLES

Dr. Park Waldroup, Emeritus Professor for the poultry science department, recently spoke in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Bangkok, Thailand, for seminars sponsored by the U.S. Feed Grains Council.

Dr. Gisela Erf received the Distinguished Honors College Faculty Award from the Honors College. Erf also received a grant for $338,000 from the National Institutes of Health: “Monitoring nanoparticle biology in vivo: unique opportunities in the avian system.” Dr. Erf also had a patent issued: U.S. Patent No. 8,216,551: In vivo system to monitor tissue responses in birds. 7-10-2012.

Dr. Susan Watkins will serve as President of the Southern Poultry Science Society for the 2013-2014 term. SPSS coordinates the annual International Poultry Scientific Forum. They also coordinate the Southern Conference on Avian Diseases which is held in conjunction with the International Production and Processing Expo each January in Atlanta, Georgia. The IPSF features research presentations and posters in the areas of nutrition and metabolism, environment management and processing and products.

Southern Arkansas University honors Barton

Six Southern Arkansas University graduates who carried on the legacy of the school beyond the SAU campus were recognized in March for outstanding accomplishments during the annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Among them was Dr. Lionel Barton, Emeritus Professor in the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science.

Barton’s career spanned 28 years as a Cooperative Extension Service Poultry Specialist, developing comprehensive poultry education programs ranging from 4-H Clubs to international assistance and working with integrated poultry companies and producers to improve performance in areas of nutrition, management, housing and disease control. Barton also served as the first president of the Poultry Science Alumni Association.

Justina Caldas, student of Dr. Craig Coon, with metabolic chambers provided by DSM. The chambers are being used to help develop a more efficient system to evaluate available dietary calories from ingredients and feed enzymes for broilers.

Agriculture Hall of Fame inducts Tollett, Ray

The Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in March inducted six individuals whose leadership and service brought distinction to Arkansas agriculture. Leland Tollett and Donald W. “Buddy” Wray were among those who were honored.

Under the leadership of Tollett, retired chairman and CEO for Tyson Foods, Inc., the company built or integrated 23 major production facilities and in 1989 acquired Holly Farms with its 16 processing plants. This solidified Tyson’s position as the world’s largest poultry producer.

During a career with Tyson Foods, Inc. that has spanned more than 50 years, Wray has served as president and now executive vice president-special assistant to the president and CEO. During this time he helped build a company that now contracts with nearly 2,000 farmers and employs more than 23,000 people in Arkansas.

The Agriculture Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Farm Bureau. It honors those who have made significant contributions to Arkansas agriculture, as well as community and economic development.

The Federal Upward Bound Math and Science Academy visited the poultry science department in June and participated in a food technology workshop conducted by Gary Davis, Undergraduate Recruiter for the department.