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Livestock Judging Places Top-10 in Three Events

The livestock judging team earned impressive top-10 overall finishes in three contests throughout late January and early February.

In late January, the team placed eighth overall in a field of 26 while competing in the National Western Stock Show held in Denver.

A few weeks later, the U of A group earned a fourth place finish overall in the Fort Worth Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest. The team also placed first in both cattle and horse, and third in reasons.

Their third event featured a trip to Jackson, Miss. to compete in the Dixie National Collegiate Beef Judging Contest. The team placed fourth overall, second in market steers and third in Brahman.}



Team members in Denver: Mesa Kutz, Jeffrey Marley, Jacob Marley, Alex Theodore, Carson Hopkins, Alexa Wandry, Jessika Clahoon and Dixie Miller

Four Students Named Seniors of Significance

Four Department of Animal Science seniors were honored in late January as recipients of the University of Arkansas Seniors of Significance award.

A total of 71 seniors from across the university were selected from more than 600 nominations and were honored at a ceremony held at the Janelle E. Hembree Alumni House on Jan. 31.

The Seniors of Significance were selected based on their academic achievements, leadership skills and extracurricular campus and/or community activities. They each received a special gold honor cord to wear during graduation, along with a Seniors of Significance certificate.}



Animal Science Seniors of Significance: Sophia Landers, Gabrielle Abbott, Noah Black-Ocken and Mersady Redding.

Students Participate in Academic Quadrathlon

A team of four Animal Science students competed in an Academic Quadrathlon that featured a hands-on lab practicum and written exam held at Berry College in Rome, Ga., plus oral presentations and a quiz bowl in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Jan. 25-26.

The U of A team, consisting of Nathan Davis, Laykyn Rainbolt, Erin Falkenstien and Hailey Hilfiker, finished first in the animal behavior section of the lab practicum; second in swine; third in beef cattle; and fifth in the oral presentation. The event featured 15 teams from universities across the southern United States.}



Team members: Nathan Davis, Laykyn Rainbolt, Erin Falkenstien, Hailey Hilfiker

Brady Martin Places Third in ASAS Competition

Animal Science student, Brady Martin, placed third overall in the Undergraduate Student Competition at the 2020 ASAS Southern Section Annual Meeting for his abstract, *Effect of Zelnate administered at initial processing in high-risk, newly received beef calves on performance and morbidity.*



Brady Martin receiving his third-place plaque while attending Southern Section.

Lauren Thomas Participates in Life Raft Debate; Paul Noland Award Winners Announced

- Animal Science faculty member, Lauren Thomas, represented the department in the fifth annual University of Arkansas Life Raft Debate on Jan 21. The event allowed four faculty members from across the university an opportunity to debate the values and virtues each of their respective disciplines could provide in an apocalyptic scenario affected by current climate change situations.
- The 2020 Paul Noland Graduate Student Award competition featured presentations and abstracts from both M.S. and Ph.D. students that were scored and evaluated by three faculty members. Reagan Cauble (Ph.D.) and Ellen Herring (M.S.) were announced as the award winners, and will receive travel stipends to go along with recognition at the department awards banquet in April.}

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