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Summer 2017

AG ED FACULTY & STUDENTS EARN

Awards and Recognition

Several students and faculty were recognized during the Spring semester for university and college awards. Congratulations to all who earned awards!

Dr. David M. Rosch (right) received the University of Illinois College of ACES Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. Presenting the award to Dr. Rosch is Associate Dean Prasanta Kalita, College of ACES Academic Programs.

Abby Marten (center) received the University of Illinois College of ACES Warren K. Wessels Achievement Award. This award is presented to the outstanding senior in the college. Abby is pictured with her mother, Cheri Marten (left), and Dean Kim Kidwell (right), College of ACES.

Lisa Burgoon (left) received the University of Illinois Chancellor’s Academic Professional Excellence Award. Presenting the award is John Wilkin, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. (Photo by L. Brian Stauffer.)

“It was an honor to be a finalist alongside four other high-achieving seniors. Receiving the award further motivates me to leave a lasting impact on the lives of those around me.”

Abby Marten
Graduating Senior
Agricultural Leadership Education

AG EDUCATION WELCOMES

New Faculty in Ag Ed

Although each are familiar faces in the Ag Ed family, Dr. Jason Emmert and Jasmine Collins will officially join the Agricultural Education Program in Fall 2017. Dr. Emmert will serve as the new Associate Director for the Agricultural Education Program and Jasmine Collins will begin her tenure track appointment as an Assistant Professor in Agriculture Leadership Education.

Dr. Jason Emmert
Jasmine Collins

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**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT EMERITUS**

**Robert Easter Visits Ag Ed**

Dr. Robert A. Easter, University of Illinois President Emeritus, former Interim Chancellor, and Dean of the College of ACES, met with Agricultural Education students to offer words of wisdom to future educators. Dr. Easter earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education and is a former Texas FFA Association State Officer.

**AGED STUDENTS CELEBRATE**

**ACES Commencement**

Twenty-eight students earned a Bachelor of Science or Master of Science degree in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education from the University of Illinois during the Spring Commencement. Several students were also recognized during the College of ACES ceremony for individual achievements. Among those recognized were: Amy Loschen, Bronze Tablet Scholar, Pioneer Hi-Bred award finalist, and Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Science Education; Abby Marten, Warren K. Wessels Achievement Award Recipient and Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Leadership Education; and Tim Callahan, College of ACES James Scholar. Congratulations to all!

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**
- Bethany Ash
- Sara Elizabeth Barton
- Chandler Christine Elizabeth Bruns
- Katie Helen Burns
- Timothy Augustin Callahan
- Morgan Adeline Doggett
- Taylor Reese Friedrich
- Taylor Anne Hardy
- Logan Jolea Honegger
- Sarah Elizabeth Jones
- Hayden W. Kinkade
- Elizabeth Danielle Kueker
- Rebecca Marie Livingston
- Amy Lynn Loschen
- Katherine Rose Mammoser
- Abby Michelle Marten
- Samantha Louise McCann
- Molly Kay Novotney
- Alexa Paige Scampini
- Treavor Glenn Taylor

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**
- John Patrick Andress
- Blaze Kelton Currie
- William Davis Haas
- Rachel Frasher Hazen
- Nicole E. Nelson
- Sarah Peterson
- Joseph Cook Walker III
- Taylor Michelle Wilkinson

“"It is such an honor to achieve the goal of being named a Bronze Tablet Scholar and have my name listed with some of the highest caliber students throughout the University of Illinois.”

Amy Loschen

Congratulations to all Agricultural Education graduates!
STUDENTS ORGANIZE AND TEACH

Workshops Outside the Classroom

Agricultural Leadership and Science Education students participate in numerous experiential learning opportunities in real-world environments outside the university classroom. As part of their required coursework, Agricultural Leadership Education students facilitated workshops during the Illinois Association of Home and Community Education (IAHCE) State Conference and ExploreACES. Agricultural Science Education students presented workshops to junior high students from Dennis Lab School in Decatur, Illinois.

Seven Students Inducted During ATA Membership Ceremony

Seven Agricultural Leadership and Science Education students were inducted into Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA). ATA is a nationally recognized professional honorary agricultural education organization whose purpose is to promote the highest standards of agricultural education. Students inducted during the ceremony were (left to right): Kaity Spangler, Willow Krumwiede, Jerry Brockett, Adam Rosentreter, Rachel Recker, and Morgan Doggett. (Jordan Johns, not pictured.)

Congratulations to Dr. David Rosch, Agricultural Leadership Education professor, who has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Illinois!

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AG EDUCATION PROGRAM HOSTS

2nd Annual Ag Ed Day

U of I Ag Education hosted the 2nd annual Ag Ed Day in April. The purpose of the event was to introduce high school students to career opportunities in agricultural education. Attendees heard from students, faculty, and alumni of the program to learn more about financial aid, scholarships, housing, clubs and study abroad.

SPANGLER SELECTED FOR

Big 10 “On the Hill” Experience

From April 23-25, Kaity Spangler participated in the Big Ten on the Hill conference held by the Association of Big Ten Schools in Washington, DC. Kaity, along with five other University of Illinois students, traveled to Washington to lobby on behalf of college students on issues such as FAFSA and the RISE (Respond, Innovate, Support, and Empower) Act. Students met with staff members from their respective Congressional districts, and attended meetings with the Department of Education and the House Education and Workforce Committee staff.

AG LEADERSHIP STUDENTS ATTEND

Ag Chat Collegiate Congress

Logan Honegger and Molly Novotney, Agricultural Leadership Education seniors, attended the National AgChat Collegiate Congress in Indianapolis, IN. Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, the intent of the conference was to allow college students to network with top-tier agricultural communicators, farmers, and influencers in the agriculture industry. From crafting the perfect Letter to the Editor to connecting with people from different backgrounds and beliefs, Molly and Logan learned many new strategies to “ag-vocate” in today’s world.

“By listening to keynote speakers and attending breakout sessions at the AgChat Collegiate Congress, we learned about personal branding, communicating, and advocating.”

Logan Honegger
Ag Leadership Education

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