

From the Chair -- Dr. John Greathouse

Now that we are halfway into the academic year I am more convinced than ever that time is passing by at an increasingly rapid rate. Wasn't it just a few weeks ago that we started the semester?

This is a perception experienced by almost everyone as we become immersed with activities associated with busy careers, growing families, and active lifestyles. The beginning university student, and those who near graduation in preparation for entrance into the workforce, are no exception.

Think back to the time when you first came to Fort Hays. When presented with the curriculum requirements and credit hours required to graduate, did you have the feeling that it would take forever to complete your degree? I'll wager that in looking back, you'll realize that time seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. And what has happened in your lives since then?

Just in this past year we have seen significant growth in the number of students within the department. Current enrollment statistics show there are 240 majors. The largest increase occurred in the agricultural business program which now exceeds 100 students. The beef cattle man-

agement program continues to grow, as well, and enrollment in our remaining programs remains relatively stable.

Programmatically, our vacant agricultural business faculty position permanently was filled with the hiring of Dr. Craig Smith. His instructional responsibilities include core marketing and capstone classes in the curriculum. He also has developed a new course focused on the evaluation of new technologies available to the agricultural industry. Precision agriculture applications are emphasized in this class and examination of the economic viability of this technology is a critical component of Dr. Smith's research interests.

By the time you gain access to this newsletter, a change will have been made in oversight of the university beef cattle operation. After more than 30 years of a very successful career as beef division manager at the University Farm, Gary Rolland made a

decision to retire early and pursue other professional and personal interests.

Brady Richards has been hired to fill the vacant beef division manager position. Brady is an Oberlin, KS native who has a diverse background of experience in the beef industry. He will be working directly with Mick Glaze who has assumed responsibility for the coordination of operational and instructional activities at the beef division. Mick also has taken the role of facilitator for the department's Beef Cattle Management program.

We have a number of activities taking place within the department and we are anxious to share some of these with you through this edition of our departmental newsletter.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you would like to visit. I wish you the best for the upcoming year!

Habitat for Humanity

Twenty students in the Home Horticulture course at Fort Hays State University participated in a Habitat for Humanity service-learning project. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable

housing in partnership with people in need. Service-learning is a method of teaching and learning that integrates community service activities into academic curricula and expands the learning of students from the classroom to the community.



Students in the Home Horticulture class plant a tree at a Habitat for Humanity home in Hays. (Photo courtesy of Raymond Hillegas – Hays Daily News)

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New Faculty -- Dr. Craig Smith



Craig Smith became the newest faculty member last fall as an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Business.

Craig grew up in rural south-

central Kansas, near Yoder, and spent much of his time working on the farm and construction. He holds a B.S. in Agricultural Technology Management (2003), an M.S. in Agricultural Economics (2004), and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (2011) - all from Kansas State University. During the time period between finishing his Master's and beginning work on his Ph.D., Craig worked as an Agricultural and

Natural Resource Engineering Specialist in northwest Missouri for MU Extension and as an Extension Watershed Economist for K-State.

Craig teaches courses in agricultural marketing, understanding and utilizing agricultural technologies, advanced farm management, and quantitative methods of analysis for decision-making. He serves as a co-advisor to the Agribusiness Club at FHSU.

Much of Craig's research activities and interests are related to the economics of precision agricultural technologies, farm machinery economics, and analyzing water resource issues (both quality and quantity) from an economic perspective.

Outside of work, Craig spends much of his time and energy with his family. Craig and his wife, Cari,

live on a small farm about 16 miles southwest of Hays. Cari was originally raised on a farm in southeastern Colorado (Fowler) and is now a registered dental hygienist working part-time in Hays. They currently have two boys, Jett (3 yrs. old) and Colt (15 mos. old), with another one on the way (sometime in February 2012)! The boys are loving life in the country, and Jett is likely to wander just about anywhere on his little battery-powered John Deere tractor and two dogs by his side!

Craig's other interests include: church, sports, remodeling houses, and pretty much any and all farm and construction work. The students in his classes would probably add "Excel Spreadsheets" to the list, as Craig is often heard saying that Excel is the single, most important tool for agribusiness professionals to learn!

New Staff -- Mr. Brady Richards



Brady Richards assumed the role as manager of the Beef Cattle Division on the University Farm this past fall. Brady is a native of

Oberlin, KS where he and his father were actively involved in various facets of the beef cattle industry. In addition to working on the family farm and livestock operation, he

worked for Decatur County Feed Yard.

After graduation from Colby Community College and Kansas State University, Brady was employed as a firefighter and EMT for the City of Great Bend. He eventually transferred to Hays as an EMT with the Ellis County EMS. Most recently, Brady served as a police officer with the FHSU Police Department.

Brady's wife, Jamie, works for Hays Medical Center. They have two children, Owen and Lyla, who help Brady with his part-time saddle and tack business.

Habitat

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Students planted trees, ornamental grasses and shrubs at two homes on East 17th in Hays. The students installed landscape edging and finished the beds with river rock. Assistance for the low-maintenance design and plant selection was provided by Susan Eaton, a FHSU Grounds and Biological Sciences Department employee.

Funding was provided by a Kansas Department of Health and Environment WaterLink grant applied for by Stacie Minson, Kansas State University watershed specialist.

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Mr. Bronc Rumford - Rodeo Coach
Mr. Ross Russell - Asst. Rodeo Coach
Dr. Craig Smith - Agricultural Business
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Agriculture Scholarships

Departmental scholarships were awarded this year to freshmen, transfers, and continuing students majoring in agriculture. Scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of academic achievement and interest in agriculture.

Congratulations to each scholarship recipient, and a special thank you to the scholarship sponsors.

Ark River Bend Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society

Travis Panek – Cunningham

Base Camp Leasing

Candee VonLehe – Ness City

Department of Agriculture Endowed

Chandra Devine – Seward

Edward and Carolyn Scanlon Fund

Nathan Felder – Brownell
William Poland – Ellis
Curtis Satran – Ogallah
Cole Werner – Plainville
Lindsey Wilson – Colby
Kirk Woodruff – Ashland

High Plains Farm Credit

Aaron Roach – St. John
Kyle Zimmerman – Schoenchen

Kansas Farm Bureau

Bruce Figger – Hudson
Audrey Werth – Hays

Midland Marketing

Audrey Werth – Hays
Kyle Zimmerman – Schoenchen

Kansas Farm Credit

Curtis Satran – Ogallah

Norvan and Dorothy Harris Endowed

Cassadie Copeland – Ford
Alisha Markle – Rozel
Erik Pracht – Council Grove

Roemer Family

Jared Cook – Gove
Benjamin Eilert – Quinter
Samantha Tenpenny – Topeka

Anthony R. Legleiter Memorial

Ashley Montgomery – Hays

Bill and Deniece Roth Family

Ryan Hoffman – Hoisington

Charles and Lura Stuzman Memorial

Erik Pracht – Council Grove
Bruce Figger – Hudson

Herbert L. Fought Fund

Joseph Aker – Abilene
Samuel Carlson – Lindsborg
Tayla Cannella – Calhan, CO
Cassadie Copeland – Ford
Jennifer Daffer – Danbury, NE
Amber Elrod – Colorado Springs, CO
John Godsey – Gaylord
Lincoln Griffin – Natoma
Ryan Hoffman – Hoisington
Kayla Jarvis – Phillipsburg
Garrett Kahrs – Franklin, NE
Brittany Kammer – Brewster
Rachel Klein – Fort Collins, CO
Riley Klitzke – Ransom
Dylan Kuhn – Victoria
Rebekah Martin – Hastings, NE
Macy McCurry – Burrton
Jade Meinzer – Yoder, CO
Erin Montgomery – Guide Rock, NE
Katey Nash – Cimarron
Jay Ostmeyer – Oakley
Travis Panek – Cunningham
Paige Rebman – Republican City, NE
Jared Reiman – Lawrence, NE
Cody Scheck – Victoria
Cammie Schmidtberger – Victoria
Randy Sheffield – Farnam, NE
Tye Smith – Bartley, NE
Aranda Stolz – Burlington, CO
Luke Terrell – Kirk, CO
Lane Underwood – Esbon
Courtney Urbanec – Pender, NE
David Welch – Garfield

Clifford and Rebecca Shauf Foundation

Chandra Devine – Seward
Bo Ferrell – Rolla
Madison Holland – Lacygne
Corey Moomaw – Dighton
Cole Pearson – Clearwater
Luke Schroeder – Colby
Samantha Tenpenny – Topeka
Candee VonLehe – Ness City

Gross Family

Bryn Benoit – Damar

Carl and Caroline Wheeler Book/Grassland Study

Jacob Fanshier – St. John

R. Guy Bemis Memorial

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Paul W. Boxberger Memorial

Jay Ostmeyer – Oakley

Ag Credit

Curtis Satran – Ogallah
Lindsey Wilson – Colby

Dean's Honor Roll

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll at FHSU a student must complete 12 or more credit hours with a GPA for that academic term of at least 3.6.

Congratulations to the following agriculture and agricultural business majors for obtaining such an honor.

Spring 2011

Bryce Allen – Argonia
Kelsey Bonifas – Blue Hill, NE
Jared Cook – Gove
Bruce Figger – Hudson
Amber Friedrichs – Bremen
Anna Friedrichs – Bremen
Jeremy Hacker – Wilson
Garrett Kahrs – Franklin, NE
Travis Kuhn – Clarks, NE
Corey Moomaw – Dighton
Erik Pracht – Council Grove
Paige Rebman – Republican City, NE
Christine Roehrman – Dodge City
Samantha Tenpenny – Topeka
Courtney Urbanec – Pender, NE
Andrew Wiechman – Scott City
Lindsey Wilson – Colby
Eric Woodside – Prairie View
Kyle Zimmerman – Schoenchen

Fall 2011

Joseph Aker – Abilene
Chandra Devine – Seward
Amber Elrod – Hays
Nathan Felder – Brownell
Bruce Figger – Hudson
Hannah Gates – Yuma, CO
Jeremy Hacker – Wilson
Jared Helfrich – Wright
Stephen Hornung – Stratton, CO
Kayla Jarvis – Phillipsburg
Katelyn Keller – Ellis
Ashley Montgomery – Hays
Corey Moomaw – Dighton
William Poland – Ellis
Erik Pracht – Council Grove
Aaron Roach – St. John
Curtis Satran – Ogallah
Cody Scheck – Victoria
Cammie Schmidtberger – Victoria
Emily Schneewis – Dodge City
Katherine Turner – Larned
Candee Vonlehe – Ness City
Lindsey Wilson – Colby
Lauren Wright – Hays
Kyle Zimmerman – Schoenchen

Livestock Judging Team -- Mr. Buddy Curry

The 2011 Senior Livestock Team traveled to the National Western, Fort Worth, Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, Dixieland Beef Judging Contest, Houston, Flint Hills Classic, Mid-America Judging Contest, American Royal livestock judging contests, and the Colorado State

University Mock Contest. The team represented Fort Hays State University very well in their performances and were in the top ten at Dixie, Fort Worth and Nebraska Cattlemen's contests.

The 2012 Senior Team will be traveling to the National Western,

Fort Worth, Dixieland Nationals, Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, National Barrow, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, NACTA, Flint Hills Classic, Mid-America, American Royal, and NAILE livestock judging contests and the Colorado State University Mock Contest.



2011 Senior Livestock Judging Team

– **Front Row (L to R):** Jake Renner (Pratt) and Stephen McIntyre (Elbert, CO). **Back Row (L to R):** Evan Schluntz (Republican City, NE), Grady McMahon (Ayr, NE), Dani Kirby (Cimmaron) and Joseph Penning (Atchinson). Not pictured: Sara Fox (Stratton, CO), Travis Panek (Cunningham) and Buddy Curry, Coach.



2012 Senior Livestock Judging Team

– **Front Row (L to R):** Vanessa Bentley (Miller, NE), Kilee Hutchinson (Lakin, KS), and Aranda Stolz (Burlington, CO). **Back Row (L to R):** Cassadie Copeland (Ford), Jake Duncan (Phillipsburg) and Frank Ringleman (Imperial, NE). Not shown: Buddy Curry, Coach.

Swine Show Team -- Mr. Brian Lockman

The last year for the Fort Hays State University Swine Show Team was the most successful and continues to be the most exciting year we've had. At the Southwest Type Conference we exhibited two Yorkshire gilts, two Yorkshire boars and two crossbred boars. In this show everything placed very well in their respective classes. At the sale it was very exciting because we had one of the highest selling crossbred boars for \$7200 that sold to Southern Advantage Sires and Steve Cobb Family.

We attended the World Pork Expo in Des Moines, IA. This is one of the biggest shows in the United States with people from all over the world attending. There were exhibits, booths and new innovative ideas that were presented at the World Pork Expo along with the show. The Show Team did very well, winning Reserve Champion Landrace boar and having one of the highly talked about crossbred boars in the barn that sold for \$2500 to one of our own alumni, Val Reiss of Reiss Livestock.

The first show we attended last fall was the National Barrow Show in Austin, MN where we took three Yorkshire gilts, two Hampshire gilts, and two Yorkshire boars. This was a great trip and everyone bonded, had a good time, and were successful showing and selling seven out of seven. After returning, we geared up for the Fall Classic in Oklahoma.

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Rodeo Club -- Ms. Kara Hackney

The Fort Hays State University Rodeo Club has been busy at home and on the road as its competing team has been traveling throughout the states of Kansas and Oklahoma representing the university at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's rodeos. Four rodeos into the season, the team has six left before the College National Finals Rodeo in June, which takes the top cowboys and cowgirls in each of the association's 11 regions.

The team currently has one member ranked in the Central Plains Region, in which it competes. Cody Hamm, freshman, is 11th in the saddle bronc riding standings. Hamm, along with his identical twin brother Ty, are the first bronc riders that the team has had in a few years.

Cody Hamm placed 4th at the season's opening rodeo in Colby and 9th at the last fall rodeo in Alva, OK.

In September, the club assisted with a cowboy-style working retreat for an international delegation of managers from Siemens Energy, Inc., at The Oasis Ranch and Retreat in Plevna. There, club members met people from all across the world and introduced them to the western way of life.

Rodeo club members took on a variety of jobs at the retreat, including team leaders, event judges, ranch rodeo contestants and the announcer.

"I enjoyed showing them how to do various things and being competitive against the other teams," said Dakota Milner, junior, who was a team leader. "I learned that what I take for granted, other people wish they could do, too, and they find it very interesting."

The club has also participated in community service and fundraiser events this semester.

Bronc Rumford, head rodeo coach, was chosen for his first-ever job as the timed-event chute boss of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, the "Superbowl of Rodeo," December 1-10 in Las Vegas, NV.

As chute boss, Rumford was in charge of all the calves and steers and the execution of all four timed events at the biggest and highest-paying rodeo in America.

"The thing that I most look forward to is the honor of having any position at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo," Rumford said. "Just to be considered and chosen for a position at that level is quite an honor. When you get to work and be around that caliber and that level of competitors -- you're working with the absolute best in rodeo -- there's so much you can learn. Then I have the ability to pass that knowledge and information on to students at FHSU. The NFR is the best rodeo there is, bar none."

Also in Las Vegas, Kara Hackney, junior and rodeo club president, sang the national anthem at the Miss Rodeo America horsemanship competition on December 5.

This year will mark the 46th annual FHSU rodeo, which will be April 20-22.

The club is currently working to raise money and gain sponsorship for its rodeo. If interested in doing so, contact Rumford at 785-628-4689 or e-mail him at cbrumford@fhsu.edu; or Ross Russell, assistant coach, at 785-628-4689 or e-mail him at rdrussell@fhsu.edu.



2011-2012 Rodeo Club Officers (L to R): Lacey Ward (Superior, NE), Treasurer; Samantha Tenpenney (Topeka), Historian; Kylenea Hager (Hoxie), Vice-President; and Kara Hackney (Hays), President. Not Shown Bronc Rumford, Coach and Ross Russell, Assistant Coach.

Swine Show Team

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2011-2012 Swine Show Team -- Front Row (L to R): Jake Renner (Pratt), Tayla Cannella (Calhan, CO), Kate Huschka (Garden City) and Mr. Brian Lockman, Coach. **Back Row (L to R):** Kirk Woodruff (Ashland), Matt Railsback (Osage City), and Joe Penning (Atchinson). Not shown: Erik Pracht (Council Grove) and Rebekah Martin (Hastings, NE).

Agronomy Club -- Dr. Bob Stephenson

The Agronomy Club has been busy this year and have several activities planned for the spring 2012 semester. In October the club entered the annual FHSU Homecoming Banner Contest. They held a fund raiser at the mall in Hays during the children's Malloween event. Members toured the Kansas Underground Salt Museum and Kaufman Seed Company in Hutchinson.

The club teamed up with DTA (Agricultural Honor Society) this fall for their annual Adopt-a-Mile highway cleanup. They will be helping the K-State Research and Extension Service clean up a park area in Hays. Members helped with Toys for Tots in December and they rang the bell for the Salvation Army as community service projects. They sponsored an informational night and had the NRCS (Natural Resources and Conservation Service) talk about



2011-2012 Agronomy Club Officers (L to R): Tyler Sauvage (Oberlin), Vice-President; Courtney Schweizer (Valley Center), President; Jerdan Schweizer (Langdon), Treasurer; Ashley Montgomery (Hays), Secretary; and Dr. Bob Stephenson, Advisor.

internships and career opportunities with the agency.

In January the club attended the Cover Your Acres Conference in Oberlin. The club will be helping with the annual Big Creek cleanup in the spring and will have another highway

cleanup event with DTA. The club also has fun and is planning a putt-putt event, they will be going bowling, and will have a barbecue in the spring. The club ordered shirts to help identify the hard working members.

Block & Bridle Club -- Dr. Brittany Howell

The 2010-2011 school year was full of activity again for the FHSU Block and Bridle Club. The 2010-2011 officers were President, Kyla Bishop, Vice President, Amelia Nickelson, Secretary, Candice Wagstrom and Treasurer, Katie Sharp.

The year's activities included serving food for the annual FHSU Back to School Picnic, assisting with the Northwest District FFA Dairy Judging Contest, providing demonstrations and information for children at Ag Awareness Day and helping the Rodeo Club during the FHSU Rodeo. We also had fun creating a float for the Homecoming parade and successfully sold a 'thought provoking' T-shirt at Oktoberfest.

Block and Bridle again hosted their Little International competition in the fall on November 13th. Fun and competition for all, with Kasandra Huser, a sophomore and daughter of alumni Kevin and Kathy Huser, winning the Overall Showman buckle for the second year. Little I Chairpersons in 2010 were

Stephen McIntyre and Brad Talkington. We really appreciate the participation and support that our alumni gives us as we continue the Little I tradition, particularly Kevin and Kathy Huser for providing the beef heifers and Leonard & Toni Bristow and Kirk & Colleen Dickinson for providing lambs.

A big highlight is always attending the National Block and Bridle Convention, which was held in Lansing, Michigan on October 14-17, 2010. Traveling north was an unusual direction for the convention, but it

allowed the club to experience agriculture in a state they were very unfamiliar with. Tours included operations such as Northville Downs race track, a fruit orchard, a turkey farm, a specialty cheese operation, Green Meadow Farms Dairy, Zeilinger Wool Company and many unique restaurants and shops. A part of this convention was the unique opportunity to attend the largest draft horse show in the United States, the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show and Pull.



2011-2012 Block & Bridle Club Officers (L to R): Dr. Brittany Howell, Advisor; Jennifer Meyers (Wichita), Vice-President; Kate Kuschka, (Garden City), President; and William Poland (Ellis), Secretary/Treasurer.

Delta Tau Alpha - Agriculture Honor Society -- Dr. Jean Gleichsner —

Over the past year, Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) has been very active both on- and off-campus. The chapter participated in a variety of activities including: the Adopt-A-Highway Program, Homecoming Banner Contest, and Christmas Angel Tree.

Last spring the chapter held the 18th annual Ag Quiz Bowl. Participating teams tested their knowledge in the areas of agribusiness/economics, agronomy/horticulture, animal science, and general agriculture knowledge. The team of Amber

Friedrichs (Bremen), Anna Friedrichs (Bremen) and Andrew Wiechman (Scott City) was victorious.

The DTA chapter attended the 52nd National DTA Convention held in the spring at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. Attendees toured Stone's River National Battlefield, and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Grounds. They were entertained by a trip down the Cumberland River on the General Jackson Showboat. The chapter competed in Ag Olympics, Ag Quiz Bowl and the Corbus Book Competition - a book of the chapter's activities. Our chapter received honorable mention in the Corbus Book Competition and received a plaque with an accompanying \$50 award.

Dr. Jean Gleichsner has served as National Advisor in this role since spring 2003.



2011-2012 DTA Club Officers (L to R): Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Advisor; Courtney Urbanec (Pender, NE), Secretary; Erin Montgomery (Guide Rock, NE), President; Alisha Markle (Rozel), Vice-President; and Rebekah Martin (Hastings, NE), Treasurer.

Agribusiness Club -- Mr. Mick Glaze and Dr. Craig Smith —

This year the Agribusiness Club expanded its opportunities to other members of the Agriculture Department. Currently, the club has 19 active members. The club's purpose is to educate, promote, and actively support the agricultural industry.

The club is active in the Hays community. Each member works to achieve 5 hours of community service toward our goal of 100 hours of community service for the whole club. Many members do community service hours on their own time, but we have also done several community service hours as a club. In the last few years the club has picked up trash along the highway, played bingo with a local nursing home, and helped at Carrico Implement events held through the holiday time. This year many club members volunteered at St. Jude's Up Til' Dawn fundraiser.

By participating in service projects throughout the year, members transform from college students to active members in their communities. Everyone is encouraged to participate in club activities to build strong skills in leadership and teamwork.

In spring 2011, the club took two

different trips touring agricultural based businesses in southwestern Kansas. The club visited with potential employers and other successful agricultural companies. Businesses visited include Roto-Mix, Forget-Me-Not Farms, Blattner Feedlot Construction, Montezuma Flour Mill, Bert & Wetta Alfalfa, Ward Feed Yard, FPL Windmill Farms, and R & P calf farm. This was a great way for club members to network with agricultural companies and see how many businesses are successful.

Last year, the club had guest speakers come to meetings and speak about potential job opportunities or internships which can be very beneficial. Guest speakers last year included Ag Valley Cooperative, NRCS, and various other speakers. This year the club invited Jeff McReynolds to talk about commodity brokering and McReynolds Marketing and Investing business at their November meeting. The club plans on having guest speakers come to future meetings.



2011-2012 Agribusiness Club Officers (L to R): Sara Winkel (Glen Elder), Secretary; Lindsey Wilson (Colby), Vice-President; Elizabeth Koch (Abilene), President; Eric Woodside (Prairie View), Treasurer; Mr. Mick Glaze, Co-Advisor; and Dr. Craig Smith, Co-Advisor.

Agriculture Management Practicum -- Dr. John Greathouse

AGRI 316 – Agriculture Management Practicum is a course in which students participate in a supervised agricultural “internship” experience. A majority of our students enroll in the Practicum course during the summer semester with positions that typically offer full-time employment opportunities. Other students obtain part- or full-time employment positions during

the fall or spring academic terms and complete the Practicum during the traditional school year. The experiences typically are mutually beneficial to the cooperating employer, who may be seeking an individual to train for future employment needs, and to the students who gain valuable experience working in a chosen career field.

We welcome the interest and support of the cooperators and agencies who employ our Practicum students. Students and their respective employers who participated in a 2011 summer Practicum experience are pictured on the next several pages. Not pictured is Mark Juenemann who interned with Adam Ryan with L&R Ranch in Menlo, KS).



Cortney Jeffery assisted with office operations for Cargill Inc. out of Maynard, MN. She is pictured (left) with her supervisor Rebecca Urlacher.



Jared Cook field scouted for Crop Quest out of Garden City, KS. He is pictured (left) with his supervisor Eric Konrade.



Ashley Montgomery (left) was employed with NRCS as a conservation assistant in Washington, KS. She is pictured with her supervisor, Dee Minge.



Amanda Brungardt (left) was supervised by Todd Ostmeier at the Radke Implement equipment dealership south of Russell, KS.

Practicum

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Travis Kuhn (middle) worked with Jesse (left) and Arden (right) Oleen at Oleen Brothers Ranch in Dwight, KS.



Logan Flower assisted with cattle and farming operations at Hrabé Farms in Stockton, KS. Logan is pictured (right) with his supervisor Dean Hrabé.



Cody Simmons interned as a fabrication floor production supervisor for Cargill Meat Solutions out of Schuyler, NE. Cody (right) is pictured with his internship supervisor J. T. Hopkins.



Kylena Hager (right) interned at the Lazy E. Quarter Horse racing and breeding facility out of Guthrie, OK. She is pictured with her supervisor Christina Quintiliani-Wuchner.



Madison Holland worked for DeBruce Grain as a merchandising intern in Abilene, KS. She is pictured (left) with her supervisor Nathan Jacobs.

Kilee Hutchison (left) interned for JBS Five Rivers Feedyard in Lamar, CO. Her supervisor was J. T. Whitted.



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Brittany Kammer (right) worked as a regional agronomist trainee in Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado with Winfield Solutions (a division of Land-O-Lakes) out of St. Paul, MN. She is pictured with her supervisor Mark Herz.



Bryn Benoit scouted crops and worked with customers at Ag Valley Coop in Arapahoe, NE. Bryn (right) is pictured with her supervisor, Eldon Kroemer.



Corey Moomaw (left) worked as an agronomist scouting fields and making crop production recommendations for Crop Production Services in Garden City and Dighton, KS. Corey is pictured with his supervisor Steve Hoffman.

Chris Mader interned with Midland Marketing, Hays, KS, out of their Toulon elevator facility. Chris (right) is pictured with his supervisor Adam Lay.



John Godsey (right) interned as a technical service/sales associate with Osborne Industries in Osborne, KS. His supervisor was Dallas Lehmann.



Travis Panek interned near Sun City, KS as a ranch hand for the Alexander Ranch. He is pictured with his supervisor Ted Alexander (right).



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Practicum

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Chance Remington (left) interned as a central area rover for Midland Marketing of Hays, KS. Chance's supervisor was Kevin Royer.



Christine Roehrman trained horses and helped teach students at the Urban Riding Academy near Dodge City, KS. She is pictured (left) with her supervisor Sheila Urban.



Jordan Stroup (left) interned with the 4th largest cattle ranch in the U.S., Lykes Brothers Ranch, in Okeechobee, FL. He is pictured with his supervisor Travis Brown.

Tyler Sauvage (left) pictured with his supervisor, J. J. Denny, worked as a crop scout with Crop Production Services out of Oakley, KS.



Courtney Schweizer (right) worked as a veterinary assistant at the Kansas Humane Society in Wichita, KS. She is pictured with her supervisor Dr. Michelle Townsley.



Erin Montgomery worked as an officer manager assistant for Maverick Feeders out of Dodge City, KS. She is pictured with her supervisor Dawna Youngers (left).



From the College Dean -- Dr. Jeff Briggs

It has been an exciting and challenging fall at Fort Hays State University and the college is bursting with students!



The University continues to grow, enrolling nearly 13,000 students through on-campus, virtual college, and international partnership programming. The College of Health and Life Sciences has grown as well, serving as home to nearly 1,900 majors across six departments and multiple academic programs. This growth is an important aspect of

institutional sustainability in times of economic challenge across the state. Recruitment continues to be a focus and a significant challenge for all of our programs is to increase our retention and persistence rates. We want to not only get students to campus, we want them to continue in their chosen academic programs and earn a degree in a timely fashion. Many retention initiatives have been launched and we hope to see an increase in student success.

In addition, student learning outcomes is a central theme for our academic units this year. It is important that we verify student learning and assure that students develop the skills necessary for success in the varied professional positions they may assume upon graduation. One of the critical components to student success has proven to be meaningful intern-

ship opportunities. I encourage alumni and friends of the program to assist the department in securing meaningful experiences for our students that extend beyond the classroom. It takes the support of faculty and staff, current students, alumni, and other friends of the program to continue to meet the needs of our students and the region that we serve.

As usual, thank you for your continued support of our academic programs. For regular updates on accomplishments and activities within the college, please consider following the College of Health and Life Sciences on Facebook at <http://www.fhsu.edu/chls/>. Just click on the Facebook link and become a fan.

Thank you all for your support of the Department of Agriculture and Fort Hays State University!

