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A Note From Dr. Robert Torres



Where are the agriculture industry leaders coming from? Recognizing the need for industry leaders and educators, the Department is adding a new option. In addition to the current teacher preparation and agriculture technology management options, a leadership and communication option will become available as early as spring 2012. The option is

structured such that students, who have a love for agriculture and related industries, will obtain broad technical coursework in various agriculture subjects, and get approximately 24-30 units of professional coursework that focuses on effective leadership and communication. We anticipate this option will generate interest among students who wish to become adult educators/leaders and who will ultimately become ambassadors or spokespersons for the agriculture industry.

Spotlight on Mrs. DeeDee Amber



The Department plans to “spotlight” one special person each newsletter. For this edition, Mrs. DeeDee Amber was chosen. She is a graduate student and works for the Department with plans to graduate with a Master of Science in Spring 2012.

DeeDee’s favorite person is her husband, Tom and they have one son named Richard. She owns two “lazy” hens named Lucy and Ethyl. DeeDee’s hobbies include organic gardening, protecting natural resources in the Sonoran desert, reading, mountain biking and camping, sewing, and “oh, and new ag teacher protection planning.” DeeDee’s favorite quote is “We make a Living by what we get; We make a Life by what we give.” Her favorite food is “anything with lots of calories” and her favorite music is “anything by Black Eyed Peas.” Her favorite show is *Project Runway*.

DeeDee’s research topic is *Leadership self-efficacy among Arizona Career and Technical Education administrators' in their*

ability to evaluate the quality of secondary agricultural education programs in Arizona.

DeeDee states that she “taught Ag Ed for four years and loved every minute with every student.” She is “passionate about CTE programs and what well-run programs do for kids.” Furthermore, she says, “I feel like we are at a major precipice in public education and want to be a part of the creative thinking and strong leadership that is going to be required in order to turn this big machine around.” DeeDee’s future goal is “to not have to use a walker across stage when I graduate” and become a CTE Administrator.



Graduate Teaching Assistants



The Department is very fortunate to have Graduate Teaching Assistants for Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. They are #1 in our book.

Name: Marisa Lester
Degree: Master of Science
Former High School: Chino Valley High School

Marisa's hobbies include reading, cooking, traveling, and anything outside. Her research topic is the *The professional development needs of agricultural mechanics educators*. Marisa would like "to teach at the community college level and possibly pursue a doctorate's degree."



Name: Amanda Zamudio
Degree: Master of Science
Former High School: Benson High School

Amanda's hobbies include livestock, friends, family, fishing, and anything outside. Her research addresses the question *What is the difference in the level of perceived life skill development between senior 4-H members who participate in animal projects and senior 4-H members who participate in non-animal projects?* Amanda would like to "work as a youth 4-H extension agent in Arizona."



Name: Brandon Watkins
Degree: Master of Science
Former High School: Millennium High School

Brandon likes hunting, fishing, country 2-Stepping, and of course, SCHOOL. His future goal includes being an agriculture teacher at a high school or college. Brandon enjoys other activities. He states, "I was on the CMT singing bee." CMT is the Country Music Television, and this was a fun event that he really enjoyed. His research topic is *The Utilization of Land Laboratories in Arizona Secondary Agricultural Education Programs to Promote Student Learning*.



Name: Kristen Kallash
Degree: Master of Science
High School: Taught two years at Monroe City High School in Missouri

Kristen enjoys reading and collecting books. She states, "I play piano, drums, and guitar. I like to be outdoors, either working or playing, as long as I have good company." Her research topic is *The affect induction programs have on the success rate of first and second year agricultural education teachers*. Kristen's future goal is "to never grow up :)."



Congratulations to Arizona FFA Members at 2011 National FFA Convention!



The Department would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the 2011 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

The following is a brief list of results.

Career Development Events

Ag Business Management – Chandler FFA – Bronze
Ag Issues – Elfrida FFA – Bronze
Ag Mechanics – Highland FFA – Silver
Ag Sales – Millennium FFA – Silver
Agronomy – Red Mountain FFA – Silver
Creed Speaking – Payson FFA – Bronze
Dairy – Buckeye FFA – Bronze
Dairy Foods – Desert View FFA – Bronze
Environmental and Natural Resources – Red Mountain FFA – Bronze
Extemporaneous Speaking – Millennium FFA – Bronze
Floriculture – Basha FFA – Bronze
Food Science – Gilbert FFA – Gold
Forestry – Gilbert FFA – Bronze
Horse – Pima JTED FFA - Bronze
Job Interview – AAEC-Paradise Valley FFA – Gold
Livestock – San Simon FFA – Gold
Marketing Plan – Buckeye FFA – Bronze
Meats Evaluation – Chandler FFA – Silver
Nursery/Landscape – Red Mountain FFA – Bronze
Parliamentary Procedure – Basha FFA – Silver
Poultry – Mingus Union FFA – Bronze
Prepared Public Speaking – Elfrida FFA – Bronze

Agriscience Fair

Zoology – Division Four National Winner – Lacey Peterson and Lilly Webb, Millennium FFA

National Chapter Finalists

Basha FFA
Casa Grande FFA
Elfrida FFA
Millennium FFA
Peoria FFA
Willcox FFA

National Officer Candidate

Jared Biciolis, Peoria FFA

National FFA Band

Ben Stapley, Dobson FFA

National FFA Chorus

Kaitlin Faires, AAEC-Paradise Valley FFA
Tanner Kamp, Paradise Valley FFA
Cheyanne Livingston, Gilbert FFA

National FFA Talent

Shantaya Begay, Monument Valley FFA
Tyrin Begay, Monument Valley FFA

American Degree Recipients

Colton Brown, Amphitheater FFA
Cheyanne Keith, Benson FFA
Jessica Zamudio, Benson FFA
Sylvalyn Simpson, Benson FFA
Ethan John Holt, Buckeye FFA
Mariah Kerr, Buckeye FFA
Kori King, Buckeye FFA
Wyatt L. Carpenter, Coolidge FFA
Heather Marie DeLeon Chumbley, Desert Ridge FFA
Steven E. Terrell, Elfrida FFA
Kylie Rose Davis, Mesquite FFA
Kayla Joy Colvin, Red Mountain FFA
Jenna Schulte, Red Mountain FFA
Kolt B. McKinney, Safford FFA
Luke Menges, Safford FFA
Kelli Porter, Safford FFA
Macey Wildermuth, Yuma FFA
Abigail Yepiz, Yuma FFA

Mid-Winter Conference

*December 2, 2011 at
ASU Polytechnic*

Great Job!

Current Events In Agriculture— Remembering Our Roots: The FFA

By Molly Van Dop (Student Writer)

We may be in college now, but it is still essential to remember what helped us get to the college realm, be it teachers, parents, organizations, or friends. For most in the Agricultural Education Department, the National FFA Organization probably had an impact on what we are doing today, and the steps that we took to get there. Here's a sampling of what's going on around the FFA today, and perhaps the events can help you relive the memories in past high school days, inspire you to get excited for the students you'll have someday, or even just help you remember the impact that this organization has on young lives.

This past month has been filled with incredible opportunities for students, especially the younger members. Greenhand Conferences were presented by our very own State FFA Officers in a program designed entirely by the Arizona Association FFA, which is a new direction taken by the State Association. As Angie Lowry, the State Secretary put it: "This set of six conferences was a huge success and got over 800 members involved in the big picture of the FFA. The members had a great time exploring their career opportunities, meeting new friends, and learning about the FFA." Furthermore, September also saw the development of another brand-new conference, designed especially for chapter officers to gain leadership experience, called the 360° Leadership Conference. The 360° Conference has been widely applied across the nation, and Arizona feels privileged to have started to incorporate this conference into the Association's curriculum.

National Convention is the premier event for the fall. From October 19-22nd, 55,000 blue jackets covered the streets of Indianapolis, Indiana. Within this massive convention, there were concerts, sessions in Conseco Field House, a career fair, countless CDE competitions, and so much more! It was the perfect way for a student to truly understand that the FFA is a vast organization that makes a difference in lives across this nation.

The next major state event to be held is the

Mid-Winter Conference, which combines several Career Development Events, followed by a Chapter Officer Leadership Training Experience, and even a golf tournament for those who are no longer students. Especially at the Mid-Winter Conference, there is a focus on promoting the younger members, and helping them shine in the years to come.

The National FFA Organization provides so many opportunities for youth leaders, and paves the way for future success in countless career fields. Those who have seen the impact and influence for themselves are the ones who can and will keep the tradition going strong. Although we are no longer members, we can help support those who are, while remembering that where we are today probably had something to do with the National FFA Organization and the opportunities we received while still in high school.



Trivia of the Day:

What year did the U of A obtain its first mascot and what was the mascot's name?

Answer

• 1915 – First mascot was "Rufus Arizona" named after then-UA President Rufus Von Kleinschmidt.

Jacobs-Cline Society History and News

By Tricia Schooler (Student Writer)

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) holds many wonderful opportunities for students. The CALs family prides itself on its caring teachers, stimulating courses, and exciting organizations. One organization that has resided within CALs for many years and continues to positively impact CALs students is the Jacobs-Cline Society.

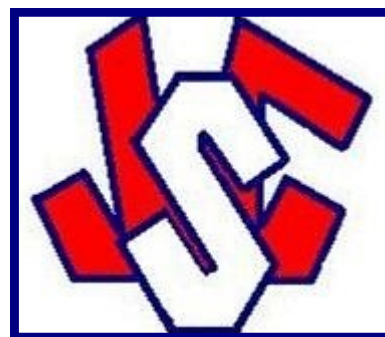
The Jacobs-Cline Society was established by Dr. Jim Knights' AED 301 class in the of Fall 1998. The creation of the organization allowed Agricultural Education and Agricultural and Technology Management (AGTM) students to take ownership of a student-run organization at the University of Arizona. When the Jacobs-Cline Society was first created, its mission was to help students gain skills for their future career, give students the opportunity to network throughout the college, and have fun while making new friends. The same values and principles of the Jacobs-Cline Society are still evident 13 years later. Even today, the Jacobs-Cline Society is dedicated to continuing professional development experiences, building strategic relationships, and creating a support system for students in agricultural majors. When asked what benefits the Jacobs-Cline Society provides to students, Seth Delapena, an Agricultural Education major, replied, "Members will be able to take advantage of the opportunity to network and build relationships with other people who have similar interests." The benefits of the Jacobs-Cline Society are endless and can continue even after a student has graduated.

While the Jacobs-Cline Society is always looking towards the future, we are always reminded of our past. Many people have asked why the organization is called the Jacobs-Cline Society. The Jacobs-Cline name was to honor two successful former Agricultural Education professors, Dr. Cline and Dr. Jacobs. Dr. Cline worked as a professor in the Agricultural Education program for over 30 years. Dr. Jacobs has been credited with creating the AGTM program at the University of Arizona.

The Jacobs-Cline Society has already had two very successful events. The first event was a Jacobs-Cline Society Icebreaker. The first break in the ice was done by the Agricultural Education Department Head, Dr. Torres. The icebreaker was followed by dinner and a fun activity, which allowed students to mingle and get to know each other. When asked about the Icebreaker, Jacobs-Cline Treasurer Caylie Handgis replied, "I feel that this first event was great and we also had a great turnout. I hope that we have a turnout like we did this first time or even better for future events." The second event was a Jacobs-Cline Society Bowling Night. Students and professors laced up their bowling shoes and had an exciting night of bowling, pizza and fun. Both events were extremely successful and the Jacobs-Cline Society is planning future events, which include business meetings, agricultural business and Industry tours, and other social events.

The future of the Jacobs-Cline Society is looking very promising. In the future the Jacobs-Cline Officers hope that this will be a well known organization where students are comfortable to attend events and develop skills useful to their future careers. The Jacobs-Cline Society hopes to grow the organization and positively impact the current and future members of the organization.

Remember to LIKE the Jacobs-Cline Society on facebook!



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VISION

To be a leader in Agricultural Education by providing a better quality of life through agricultural technology management and formal and non-formal education for our students, the people of Arizona, and society.



MISSION

To serve a diverse population through teaching, application, integration and discovery in agriculture, education and applied science and technology leading to successful careers in Agricultural Education, and related businesses and industries.



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In an effort to economize and redirect precious resources, the faculty voted to eliminate seldom used telephone lines in the Department. Where appropriate two lines were condensed to one cell phone. The following list of contact numbers should make contact with the faculty an easy matter:

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