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Three Animal Science graduate students selected to receive Tom Slick Graduate Research Fellowship Award

COLLEGE STATION -- Amber Adams, Shannon Garey and Aimee Hafla, all graduate students in the Department of Animal Science, have been selected to receive the Tom Slick Graduate Research Fellowship Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

This prestigious fellowship is awarded to outstanding students and provides them support while working on dissertation research. The fellowship takes effect September 1.

Adams and Garey are each pursuing a doctorate degree in animal science - applied ethology, working under the direction of Dr. Ted Friend, faculty fellow and professor of animal behavior and wellbeing.

"My research focuses on evaluating transit stress in dairy calves using an integrative approach. The objectives of my research are to determine if dairy calves acclimate to repeated transit stress, how endocrine and immune systems responds to the duration of transport, how repeated transit stress alters the expression of innate immune system components in calves and how calves react behaviorally to repeated transit stress," said Adams.

Adams is scheduled to complete her doctorate in May 2012. She received a bachelor of science degree in animal science from University of Wisconsin-River Falls and a master of science in zoology from Oklahoma State University.

Garey's research "focuses on differences in gene expression and stress-related hormone concentrations in horses that are undergoing common equine industry stressors, specifically, weaning and stall-isolated housing, and how those differences impact innate immune function in an effort to identify difference between beneficial and detrimental stress," she said.

Garey is projected to finish her degree in August 2012. She received a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a master's degree from Texas A&M University, both in animal science.

Hafla is working towards a doctorate degree in animal science - beef cattle nutrition, under the direction of Dr. Gordon Carstens, associate professor of animal nutrition, and plans to graduate in August 2012.

"I study potential biological mechanisms responsible for the variations in feed efficiency in beef cattle," Hafla said.

She received a bachelor of science and a master's degree in Animal Science and a bachelor of science in Biotechnology from Montana State University.



Adams



Garey



Hafla



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Congratulations

2011

CLASS OF

2011

Animal Science Graduates



The Department of Animal Science congratulates the May 2011 graduates! Earning a master of science in animal science were Theresa Marie Chavez, Viviana Victoria Cordero, Holly Danielle Edwards, Jacob Lynn Lemmons, Jeannette Diane Mawyer, Carl Thomas Muntean, Catherine Pomeroy Payne, Kyle Matthew Segner, William Al Wiederhold and Whitney Lynn Williams. Shane Lee Morgan earned a master of science in physiology of reproduction. 97 students received bachelor of science degrees in animal science and one student graduated with a degree in dairy science. In addition, Krystin Leigh Deason graduated with Foundation Honors and Caitlin C. Vanasse graduated with Foundation and University Honors. John David Luck and Greta Renee Monson each completed the University Undergraduate Research Fellows Program. We wish you all much success in your future careers and educational pursuits.

Students become first Animal Science members of Phi Beta Kappa

COLLEGE STATION -- Animal Science students Anne Leach and John Luck became the first students from the Department of Animal Science to be inducted into the Texas A&M University chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society during a ceremony held May 12, 2011 in College Station. Phi Beta Kappa is an academic honor society with the mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in undergraduate liberal arts and sciences and is considered to be the most selective and prestigious of all college honor societies. Members come from across the campus and must have excelled in an extensive range of challenging courses in the humanities, performing and visual arts, mathematics, natural science, and social and behavioral science. Leach and Luck both graduated with bachelor of science degrees in animal science on May 13, 2011.

TAMU Meat Judging Team Reunion Information

*The TAMU Meat Judging Team Reunion is
scheduled for September 16-18, 2011.*

Football Saturday, Sept. 17 is the TAMU vs. University of Idaho football game currently scheduled for 6 p.m. The 12th Man Foundation has recently installed a new feature in their system to allow groups such as ours an opportunity to purchase football tickets online. If you are planning on coming to the reunion and want to purchase football tickets in our block, this is your opportunity! Go to <http://www.12thmanfoundation.com/ticket-center/football/meat-judging.aspx>. The tickets are \$50 each with a \$5 handling charge. We will not have a method to purchase tickets along with reunion activities, so go ahead and purchase those now.



Hotel There are several area hotels that still have rooms available for the reunion weekend. We are finalizing plans for a hotel block with Super 8 on Texas Avenue. Call (979-846-8800) and make reservations now. (Rate \$135.)

More to come More detailed information about reunion activities will be forthcoming as the date approaches, but please take care of tickets and hotel rooms before they are gone!

Upcoming events ☆ Upcoming events ☆ Upcoming events

Animal Science Graduate Student Association 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil (May 26, 2011 - 2 p.m.) - Tickets on sale now. Cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Open to all faculty, staff, students and family. Contact Shannon Garey at sgarey@tamu.edu or (515) 290-8275.

Texas A&M Livestock Judging Camp (May 27-29, 2011 & June 24-26, 2011) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke at (979) 845-7616 or visit http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm.

Texas A&M University's Club Lamb Sale (May 29, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Colt Sharpton at (979) 862-5099 or cmsharpton@tamu.edu or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/sheep-goats/lamb-sale-2011.pdf>. Viewing begins at 10 a.m. with sale beginning at 1 p.m.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Picnic and Brazos Valley Bombers (June 9, 2011) - Join ASGSA members for an evening picnic and watch the Brazos Valley Bombers baseball game. Tickets are \$15 and includes the picnic and game. Open to all Animal Science faculty, staff, students and family.

Grassfed Beef Conference (June 8-9, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Rick Machen at rmachen@ag.tamu.edu or 830-278-9151 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/beef/Grassfed%20Conference%20Program%20Flyer.pdf>.

Texas A&M Show Cattle Camp (June 10-12, 2011 & June 17-19, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or email beefcenter@tamu.edu or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm>.

Texas A&M Horse Judging Camp (June 22-24, 2011 & July 6-8, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or email cac@tamu.edu or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm>.

Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camps (July 15-17, 2011 & July 22-24, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Katie Fritz or Kelsey Willberg at (979) 845-7616 or email aggielandlambandgoatcamp@gmail.com or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm>.

TAMU Steer, Heifer and Pig Futurity & Lamb Booster Futurity (July 29-31, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/saddle-sirloin/futurity%20ad.pdf>.

57th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (August 1-3, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Beef Cattle Extension at (979) 845-6931, email extansc@ag.tamu.edu or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/BCSC/index.html>.

Rosenthal Lecture Series (Sept. 15, 2011 - College Station) - Dr. Temple Grandin will be the speaker at the Rosenthal Lecture Series to be held at the Annenberg Conference Center at the George Bush Presidential Library. For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Savell at j-savell@tamu.edu.



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