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TAMU Livestock Judging Team wins the American Royal

KANSAS CITY, MO – The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team brought home another first place win after competing in the American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City on Oct. 31.

Texas A&M scored a total of 4,762 points to take top honors, while Texas Tech finished second, Oklahoma State, third, and Kansas State, fourth. A&M team members are Ryan Malone, Chris Cassidy, Jake Thorne, Brenden Benson and Dustin Keith.

Cassidy lead the individual competition with first place high and Malone finished fourth high individual.

Blake Bloomberg and Zach Rambo, both animal science graduate students, coach the team, which is coordinated by Dr. Chris Skaggs and Jake Franke.

TAMU Horse Judging Team ties for first, wins fourth at Arabian Horse Judging Contest

TULSA, OKLA. – The Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team was named Reserve Champions at the Arabian Horse Judging Contest in Tulsa on Oct. 31.

The Texas A&M maroon team tied for first with Rocky Mountain AHA but was defeated during the tie-breaker. Both teams scored 2585 points with Oklahoma State University finishing third (2573), the Texas A&M white team fourth (2540) and the Canada AHA team fifth (2503), out of the 20 teams competing.

A&M maroon team members are Ari Sear, Kat Dehaan, Erin Grace, Leslie Wagner and Amy Stewart, and A&M white team members are Amy Heartfield, Lauren Fulce, Amanda Zuniga, Brooke Byrd and Adrienne Pacquette.

Team member Erin Grace earned a third place finish in the overall individual competition while Kat Dehaan was seventh and Ari Sear, ninth.

“I am extremely encouraged by our performance,” said Dr. Clay Cavinder, assistant professor and horse judging team coach. “We are a very young team, competing in only our third competition against some very respected and seasoned teams like OSU, CSU and Michigan State. We are on the right track moving through the season.”

Other results include: Halter division - (Team) A&M maroon, third; and A&M white, fourth. (Individual) Grace, tenth.

Performance division - (Team) A&M maroon, first; and A&M white, fourth. (Individual) Grace, third; Sear, fourth; Wagner, sixth; Dehaan, eighth; and Zuniga, tenth.

Reasons division - (Team) A&M maroon, fourth; and A&M white, fifth. (Individual) Sear, third; and Heartfield, tenth.

The team heads next to the National Reining Horse Association Futurity in Oklahoma City the first week of December.



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Haneklaus awarded Z.L. Carpenter Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Ashley Haneklaus was named the recipient of the 2009 Z.L. Carpenter Outstanding Graduate Student Award on Oct. 30, 2009. Haneklaus is a doctoral student working under the direction of Dr. Kerri Harris and Dr. Jeff Savell. This award is presented annually to a graduate student in the meat science section who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and has contributed significantly to the section's teaching, research and extension activities.

Photo: Ashley Haneklaus accepts the Z.L. Carpenter Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Dr. Zerle Carpenter, right, and Dr. Jeff Savell, left.



TAMU Meat Judging Team earns fourth place finish

PLAINVIEW – The TAMU Meat Judging Team finished in fourth place at the Cargill Meat Solutions High Plains Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest held in Plainview, Texas, on Nov. 1.

A&M team members are Jae Ebling (Plainview), Gatlin Gray (Weatherford), Melanie Moore (Meyersville), and Bryan Weaver (Center Point).

In team competition, A&M finished fourth in beef grading; third in pork judging; and third in specifications.

In the individual competition, Gray finished first in pork judging, Weaver place fifth in specifications, and Moore finished fourth in pork judging and fourth in specifications to garner first place high individual overall. Weaver finished seventh high overall.

The team is coached by Scott Langley (Round Rock), meat science graduate student.

Cross, Skaggs named to Athletic Task Force

COLLEGE STATION – Dr. H. Russell Cross, professor in animal science, has been selected to chair the Athletic Task Force, formed by Texas A&M University Interim President Dr. R. Bowen Loftin as part of Vision 2020 to encompass Texas A&M University's intercollegiate athletics program. Dr. Chris Skaggs, professor and associate dean for undergraduate development, also has been named as a member of the task force.

The task force will evaluate the role of the student-athlete at Texas A&M; compare the A&M athletic programs with those of the top ten public universities in the country; recommend fundamental parameters for a long-range financial plan for Athletics; and establish an appropriate vision for creating a culture of excellence for Texas A&M Athletics by 2020, according to a letter written by Loftin.

Horse Sale scheduled for December 12

The Department of Animal Science Equine Science Program will host the annual Horse Sale on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at Freeman Arena. Viewing and demonstration of the horses begins at 10 a.m. with the sale scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. For more information contact Dave Golden at the Horse Center at (979) 845-4320 or to view a list of horses for sale please visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/horse-center/sale-horses/index.htm>.

Date set for livestock judging team reunion

The first annual TAMU livestock judging team reunion has been scheduled for August 27-28, 2010 at the TAMU Beef Center. The main event will occur on Saturday night and will include a steak dinner, introduction of the 2009 and 2010 judging teams and recognition of several previous livestock judging teams. A silent auction and live auction will be part of the evening's program, with proceeds benefitting the team's travel expenses. All former team members along with their spouses and children are invited to attend. Please contact Jake Franke at (979) 845-7616 or at <jfranke@tamu.edu> if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE -- Animal Science Department Holiday Luncheon

The Animal Science Department Holiday Luncheon and Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for Dec. 9 in the Kleberg Atrium at 11:30 a.m. Faculty, staff, retired employees, graduate students and student workers are invited to attend. In addition to the luncheon and awards ceremony, a team-based canned food drive competition will be held. More details regarding the competition and the day's events will be provided soon.

Recent publication

Kim, Y.H., J.T. Keeton, M.C. Hunt, and J.W. Savell. 2010. Effects of L- and D-lactate-enhancement on the internal cooked colour development and biochemical characteristics of beef steaks in high-oxygen modified atmosphere. *Food Chem.* 119: 119-122.

Upcoming events

Coffee Break hosted by Animal Science Graduate Student Association (November 13, 2009 - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge).

Equine Reproductive Management Short Course (December 8-10, 2009 and January 13-25, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Martha Vogelsang <m-vogelsang@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7731.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Finals Kick-off Party (December 9, 2009 - 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge). Open to all graduate students.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Meeting (December 9, 2009 - 5:15 p.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge).

Fit to Finish Show Cattle Camp (December 12 and 13, 2009) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby <beefcenter@tamu.edu> at 979-862-4736.

Mare/Foal Workshop (February 24, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Horse Management 101 (February 25, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.



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