

IAAE-Purdue

“Like snowflakes, the human pattern is never cast twice. We are uncommonly and marvelously intricate in thought and action.”

-Alice Childress

A Great Day for Purdue Ag: The College of Agriculture Alumni Fish Fry

By: Ashley Kirtman

On February 1, 2014 there was a cold persistent rain, but that didn't stop the amazing turnout that the Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry had. The Fish Fry is a tradition that goes back to during the World War II and is gaining in popularity. Over 1,000 loyal Purdue alumni travelled to the event. It was held in Indianapolis at the State Fair-

grounds in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. People from all over came to attend the annual meeting and to hear the CEO and President of McDonald's, Don Thompson, speak.

In addition to alumni, many current Purdue students from various agriculture disciplines attended the event. The students both presented and helped serve the dinner.

Ag Ed was well represented by Jacob Mattox, the College of Agriculture's senator, who helped give the invocation. Many booths were set up showcasing the many agricultural clubs that Purdue is home to.



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College of Agriculture: Hot Chocolate Social

By: Matt Summerlot

On January 29, 2014, the Ag Council hosted their annual hot chocolate social in the Lilly Lobby from 5:30-7. There was hot chocolate served by the Ag Council and all the clubs had candy or a treat that you could add to your hot chocolate. Students were able to go around and talk to the

different clubs that were at the social and talk to their representatives about what their does. This was a great way to get information for joining these different clubs. This year the Ag Council was also selling College of Ag T-shirts. Overall it was a great event where students of all grade levels were able to either meet new

friends and catch up with old ones, while learning about all the different clubs that are available through the College of Ag.



Steve Hickey speaks to AgEd Students

By: Mallarie Stookey

Hearing from someone with such a wide variety of knowledge is always a treat, but getting to hear from the one and only Mr. Hickey makes it even better. When Mr. Hickey began he opened the floor up to questions from us. He then shared with us his passion for what he does. He is working a job where he is making less than he was before while working at Shenandoah which means he must love what he is doing. If he didn't love it there is no way that he would still be doing it. He has a passion for FFA, and the impact that the

organization has on student's lives! He talked about how outside of a good church, and family FFA will do more for students and individuals' leadership skills. When he shared this with us it just proved how much he believes in what FFA does for students. It truly opens new doors and opportunities that would never be imagined otherwise for those who participate in it. He talked about how teacher must see the good in students even when they don't want to. We all know that during our time of teaching there will be students that don't want to cooperate and we must see

the good in them because if we don't, who will? We could be the only ones who believe in those students, the only ones who care about them. He talked about how we must expect more from the students then they expect out of themselves. The short amount of time that Mr. Hickey had to share with us was not enough time to let him share even a portion of his knowledge. He just barely got to scratch the surface but we were all still very appreciative of him coming onto campus to share his jokes, sense of humor and all his talents.

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Member Spotlight: Skylar Campbell

By: Robin Foutch

Purdue, as with the world, is filled with many different types of people. One of these people, Skylar Campbell, is one all his own though. Skylar grew up in Ligonier, Indiana and is currently a sophomore here at Purdue. Like most Purdue students he enjoys eating at Pappy's, would call Superman his favorite hero, calls himself a sports fanatic, and is more than happy to unwrap Indianapolis Colts tickets on Christmas morning. If Skylar could bring one item to a deserted island he would bring a much needed and smartly answered life raft.



Skylar is an example though of responsibility and potential. That might have something to do with the fact Skylar is currently studying Agricultural Education. And everyone knows Ag Ed majors are a breed all their own too. After all, Skylar considers his proudest accomplishment choosing AgEd as his major, as well as becoming the person he is today. He re-

fers to his favorite class as AG-RY 350 taught by Dr. Lee Schweitzer. In ten years, Skylar sees himself teaching agriculture in an Indiana high school. Skylar has an ability to understand others. This probably explains why he holds the position of Vice President of the IAAE as well as being a representative of the Block and Bridle Club. Skylar is an AgEd student through and through, whether it is his responsibility when dealing with clubs and offices or just his strong commitment to Ag.



Even Making Sandwich Making is Fun with the AgEd Family

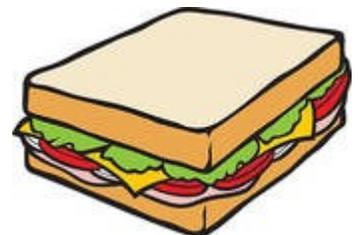
By: Mallarie Stookey

No matter what us Ag Ed students are doing we always have a good time. A group of us got together to make sandwiches for the FFA Career Development Events. The event was cancelled before Christmas break due to weather, so it was planned to combine the events that were to take place be-

fore Christmas with the Dairy Foods and Meats contest. Therefore the contest would be made up of students competing in State Crops, Entomology, Forestry, Dairy Foods and Meats. That night before the contest we made over 100 sandwiches for the FFA members, but that was not even the best part. The fact that we were able to relieve a

little stress and spend some time with our friends is what made the night so much fun. Getting the chance to see your friends and just have a good time are the memories that we will remember long after we get that piece of paper with our name on it. We will always be able to cherish the last- ing friends that we have

made here at college and I know firsthand that the friendships that I have made in the Ag Ed family will forever be a part of my life.



Learning From the Wisest

By: Jill Dirksen

The Agriculture Education students had the opportunity to ask our very own advisors questions pertaining to agriculture education and anything else that came to mind. Below is just one of the several questions our anxious students asked. Overall we all learned lots of new things and had our eyes opened to opportunities that we did not see before.

What are the benefits of getting a Master's or Ph. D.?

Dr. Talbert & Dr. Peters

“It depends on your goals. If you want to be in a professor's shoes you need to receive a

higher degree. If you are going for your Master's Degree you have to find a committee of 3 people to help you through your time of study. One of those members being outside of the college you are studying and two being in the college of Agriculture. Although, if you are working on your Ph.D., you need a committee of 4 people with one of those being outside of your college and normally good at research because studying for your Ph. D. is a lot of research. Also by receiving your Master's or Ph. D., doors are opened to more opportunities.”

The 2014 IAAE-Purdue Officer Team

By: Matt Summerlot

Last December, 10 potential candidates applied for IAAE-Purdue office. As part of the Nomination Committee, I along with a select group of other representatives had the task of deciding where all of these candidates would fit in with the offices that we have within IAAE-Purdue. In fact we had such a worthy slate of applicants that we decided to add offices to be able to utilize all of the different skills and personalities that are present. We only have one officer that will be a senior by the end of their term, while the other nine are either current sophomores or freshmen. Overall we have a great officer slate and I am excited to see where our organization is going to go under our new leadership. The officers are as follows:

President: Andy Helming, junior

Vice President: Skylar Campbell, sophomore

Secretary: Olivia Steckler, sophomore

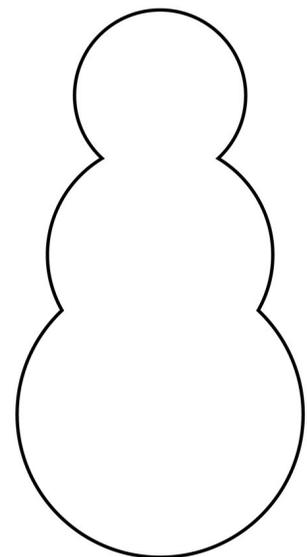
Treasurer: Emily Overs, sophomore

Assistant Treasurer: Kay Box, freshman

Co-Reporters: Laura Crosby and Kristie Neighbors, freshmen

Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising: Natasha King & Taylor Glaser, freshmen

Ag Council Representative: Jordan Paine, freshman



Decorate your own snowman!