

IAAE-PURDUE

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Non-Chicken Chicken BBQ

By: Alexis Pearson

This year's Non-Chicken Chicken BBQ was held on September 15th at Happy Hallow Park. The fun-filled evening started with pizza and an assortment of other snacks, desserts, and drinks. We sat around eating until everybody was done then headed over to the volleyball area for the annual volleyball tournament. The seniors took on the sophomores in the first game of the evening. The closing of that game, which had the seniors winning, led to the Junior and freshmen game. Although a close game, the juniors pulled through in the end and moved on to the final game with the seniors. Before the championship game was played, everybody took a group picture for the National Teach Ag photo contest, as well as the picture cards that were sent out to all of the Indiana ag programs in honor of National Teach Ag Day. Once the group picture was done, the final game was played which had the seniors defeating the juniors. Everybody had a great night, and it was awesome for everybody to get to know each other more with some friendly competition!



The "AgEd Family"

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The wonderful car parking group at the soils invitational

Diggin' Deep Into Soils

By: Lindsey Wietlisbach and
Rebecca McDole

The Purdue Soils Invitational was held Saturday, September 6th, at the Beck's research farm. Although it was really wet and muddy the contestants improved their soil knowledge. There were many chapters with dedicated members that came to compete. The contest consisted of four different pits in various locations. After the contestants were done they were able to go back through and discuss the characteristics of the pits. Along with judging different types of soil, the members gained new friendships along the way.

Ice Cream Social

By: Taylor Sabens and
Wesley Powell

The College of Agriculture kicked off the school year with the annual Ice Cream Social hosted on the front lawn of Lilly Hall on Wednesday, [September 3, 2014](#). Many of the option clubs in the College of Agriculture had a presence at the fair. The ice cream flowed freely and fun and merriment were abundant. Students were



able to top their ice cream with the toppings provided by the different clubs at their tables, allowing students to learn more about all of the different opportunities available. The ice cream social has been occurring annually for the past 31 years.

And the Survey Says!

By: Jennifer Reed

Beth Theobald spoke with the YDAE 240 class on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Beth is the newest staff member of the Agricultural Education team and everybody is excited to have her with us. During the class Beth told us a bit more about herself, including her family, hobbies, and that she co-owns a floral shop! Beth shared and discussed the results of the social media survey that was previously taken by AgEd. As a class, Beth also conducted a brainstorming session for ideas and opportunities that the students would like to see happen in class or within the IAAE-Purdue program. Many great ideas were suggested and noted! Beth has already begun putting some of the ideas in action.



The Mike G. Jones

By: Jestine Furness

On September 9, 2014 we had a speaker come into our class by the name of Mike Glenn Jones. He is the agriculture teacher at Argos High School. Jones followed in the footsteps of his father when it came to choosing a career. He taught us many different things about his daily routine as an agriculture teacher and opened our eyes to what it takes to build a program. When Mr. Jones first started going to Purdue, he was not in Agricultural Education. He switched into this major after his freshman year on campus. After he graduated from Purdue, he applied at many different high schools before he got the job at Argos. When he got there, the ag program was barely existent as class sizes averaged 5 kids and there were about 6 FFA members. Now he has about 100 students a day and a total of 30 FFA members. Since he teaches the 8th graders, he can get them involved early. By the time the 8th graders are in high school, they already have a feel for the agriculture program and know how everything works. Mr. Jones taught us a lot of useful information that we can use in our future careers.



The newest members of the "AgEd Family"

Mentor/Mentee Night

By: Whitney Cross

On September 4, mentors and mentee's alike gathered in the Horticulture building here on Purdue's beautiful campus to form connections that will be sure to last a lifetime. Each member of the freshman class was assigned an upperclassmen to call their mentor. All students introduced themselves to allow everyone to learn just a little bit more about them. After the introductions were made and pizza boxes considerably emptied the mentors found their mentee's and began conversing. Once most of the pizza was devoured, mentees were counted off into groups to compete in a scavenger hunt. The object of the scavenger hunt was to find locations pertaining to agriculture on the South side of State Street. Students searched high and low for the Bug Barn, the FFA Memorial, the oldest classroom south of State Street, bark from Indiana's state tree, and other locations. The object of the game was to take a selfie proving you were actually there and you only had fifteen minutes to do so! There ended up being a tie, which of course resulted in a tie-breaker. One representative from each team was taken to a location and told to go to the prettiest place south of State Street and find some of the mentors. It was a mad dash, but Cameron Frazier showed everyone up and found them first! Everyone had a blast at Mentor/Mentee Night!



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