

# IAAE-Purdue

## College of Ag Hog Roast

By: Jessica Mars

To kick off the start of fall, Ag Council hosted their annual hog roast for students in the College of Ag. The hog roast was held on the lawn in front of the horticulture building from 5:30-7 pm on October 18. The evening consists of free BBQ, fun, fellowship, and



Farmer Olympics. Farmer Olympics gives clubs in the college of ag a chance to compete against each other in physical contests such as a wheelbarrow race, while entertaining the audience. This event is fun for everyone, and students are very thankful for the free meal. The College of Ag Hog roast was created to create a sense of unity in the College of Ag.

## Fall Frolic

By: Grace Klopfenstein

On a chilly October 29th night, members of IAAE met at Pickett Park for fun, fellowship, and food. Barbecue pulled pork and lots of cookies were eaten as members



conversed and played games. Kylei Klein started the night with a welcome and directed members to food. After the members ate, a game of circle volleyball was initiated and members showed their sports skills. The night was ended in laughs and all of the cookies were gone.



## Upcoming Events

### December 16

Last Day of Semester

### January 8

First Day Back

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**Merry Christmas & Happy  
New Year from IAAE-  
Purdue!**



## More Important News

### 90<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention

By: Leah Hefty

October 25th through the 28th, blue jackets flooded Downtown Indianapolis during the 90th National FFA Convention and Expo. Indiana was well represented by members competing in contests and by College of Agriculture students and faculty talking to perspective students in the Expo Center. Additionally, Junior and Senior Ag Ed students had the chance to explain Career Development Events through CDE Tours. Many Purdue students, even Agricultural Education students took the next step in their FFA Career by receiving their American FFA Degree. We are proud of the YDAE students who received that honor, especially as many prepare for their future career working with the organization day-to-day.

### Ag Ed Recruitment Day

By: Bailey Crowder

Every year, IAAE-Purdue hosts an Agricultural Education Recruitment Day in November. This consists of Agricultural education students gathering in Stewart Center and learning more about what it means to be an agricultural education student here at Purdue University. The day consists of hearing speakers from the college, the department, and most importantly Ag Ed Students themselves. We set up booths to inform the students about housing, finances, majors and minors, clubs, Greek life, and more. Our goal is to give the students a glimpse into what it is like to be a college student. This year was a success and hopefully we reap the benefits of this event next year by having a large freshman class excited to study Agricultural Education!



### IAAE-Purdue Holiday Party

By: Aiden McCain

On November 29<sup>th</sup> we were able to celebrate the holidays with our annual Holiday Party. The seniors gathered together having this be their last IAAE Christmas party and last event before student teaching. Everyone dressed in ugly Christmas sweaters in hopes of winning the contest later in the meeting. The party started with catered Fazoli's. Slate of the new officer team was presented and voted on. Then in a less official manner the members voted on who had the ugliest sweater with the winner being Danielle Madison. For the remainder of the event we all participated in a gift exchange game where people were able to receive and steal gifts from one another. The party came to a close as member picked up the gift wrapping strewn across the room and left with new gifts in hand.



## **Ag Teacher Spotlight: Pursuing Passion & Taking Action**

Brittany Young interviewed Mrs. Aleesa Dickerson, the agricultural educator at Hauser Jr.-Sr. High School and FFA Advisor of the Hope FFA Chapter. This District XI FFA Advisor returned to the county she was raised in to teach in the classroom. She often can be found passionately educating her students, loving her family whole heartedly, and talking her students into signing up for contests and events that they never would have dreamed of. Check out a glimpse about Mrs. Aleesa Dickerson's teaching experiences below!

### **1. How long have you been teaching?**

I am in my 7th year of teaching.

### **2. What made you want to pursue agricultural education?**

I've always had a love for teaching and wanted to be a teacher since I was 12 or 13. In high school, I realized I could combine my passion for agriculture (I grew up showing cattle) and education by being an ag teacher. I also had an awesome ag teacher and I wanted to be just like her!

### **3. What was the most beneficial thing that you learned while student teaching?**

It's ok to not always have the answer. While student teaching, I would feel defensive if a student challenged me on something, now we learn together!

### **4. What has been a highlight of your time as an ag teacher?**

I've had a lot of really cool experiences as an ag teacher so it doesn't seem fair to choose one. The interaction I get to have with students in the classroom brings me back every day.

### **5. What advice would you give to a new agricultural educator and FFA advisor?**

Just keep swimming. At first, only do what you can do and grow from there. No one expects you to walk in to the classroom and operate as a seasoned veteran, don't expect that of yourself. Give 100% every day and you'll be just fine.

### **6. What is your favorite FFA activity, CDE and class to teach?**

My favorite FFA activity is leadership contests because it allows some of our non-traditional members to shine. Livestock judging is my favorite CDE, but crops is a close second. My favorite class to teach is animal science because it is the most familiar.

### **7. What would you tell someone who is considering becoming an agriculture teacher?**

If you have passion for agriculture and a love for teaching students or helping others, there is no better profession for you.

Thank you Mrs. Dickerson for your passion and dedication to Indiana Agricultural Education and Indiana FFA, we appreciate you!



# Scrambled Christmas



How many of these Christmas words can you unscramble?

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| 1. nStaa _____      | 11. der _____        |
| 2. rsM. sClu _____  | 12. oospwhkr _____   |
| 3. nkgsciot _____   | 13. rtNho loeP _____ |
| 4. glhist _____     | 14. lsbel _____      |
| 5. edrnerie _____   | 15. okicose _____    |
| 6. ncday cnae _____ | 16. enreg _____      |
| 7. niehcym _____    | 17. sfitg _____      |
| 8. cebmeDer _____   | 18. irwetn _____     |
| 9. lseev _____      | 19. rnetmsoan _____  |
| 10. laoscr _____    | 20. rhcGni _____     |



How many words did you unscramble?

- 1 - 5 words - Even the Grinch could do better!
- 6 - 10 words - Bah-humbug! Scrooge scored higher.
- 11 - 15 words - Excellent elf!
- 16 - 19 words - Rockin' with Rudolph!
- 20 words - Santa's Super Star!