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“Why We’re Thankful”

By: Alexis Pearson

Thanksgiving is the best time to think about what you are thankful for. Upon asking some Agricultural Education students, one said that they were thankful to be attending a *nationally* ranked university and another student said she was thankful for all the opportunities and experiences that attending Purdue University has given her. Almost everybody I asked said that they were thankful for their supportive families especially their family away from home, our AgEd family. Being college students these are all common things to be thankful for, but there are other things to be thankful for

such as the opportunity to travel home to visit family this upcoming week since some of our fellow students do not have that luxury. Individually, we each are thankful for different areas of our lives (personally I’m thankful for my wonderful family and dining court food). As we all go our separate ways this week for Thanksgiving, I encourage you to think about what you are thankful for and why each of these things are important to you.

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National FFA Convention

By: Shelbi Louck

National FFA Convention was once again held in Louisville, KY. During National Convention a group of students from Dr. Talbert's YDAE 318 class was able to go and help out with the Career Development Events (CDE). It was very exciting to experience convention from a new perspective. The students' jobs consisted of helping with CDE tours, where they stood by each contest room and as groups went by, answered any questions the FFA members might have about it. This was a very good experience for all involved. A special congratulations also goes out to the following Agriculture Education majors for getting their American degree during convention; Laura Crosby, Caroline Kuhn, Lucinda Phares, and Skylar Campbell, and Cameron Frazier.



Ag Ed Recruitment Day

By: Jestine Furness

At the Agricultural Education Recruitment day, high school students from all over the state ventured to Purdue to see the opportunities that this major has to offer. Those students were able to get to know the AgEd students here at Purdue and even ask questions to a discussion panel. Each year there is a guest speaker who shares why they have chosen Ag Education as a career. This year, we were all honored to listen to Mrs. Kate Skirvin speak about her personal experiences while teaching agriculture. She graduated 18 years ago from Purdue and now teaches at North Putnam High School. She is the FFA advisor there with 97 members in her chapter. There are also over 300 students involved in the agriculture program at North Putnam and they have a total of two AgEd teachers. She shared a lot of insight on her views of agriculture. Skirvin taught us that ignorance should never be an excuse to misunderstand something. Some people really don't know where their food comes from and it is our job as future agriculture teachers to educate the future generations to be advocates for agriculture. Isn't that what we are here for though, to make a difference in the future by sharing our passion for agriculture?

Fall Frolic

By: Laura Crosby

In October, Ag Ed students gathered at Happy Hollow Park for the annual Fall Frolic. Students were able to fellowship with one another and eat some delicious hamburgers and hot dogs along with other tasty snacks that were brought. It certainly is not an Ag Ed gathering if there isn't food! Later some members enjoyed walking along the trails at the park and simply soaking in the beauty of nature. Others however, took a more adventurous walk through the dried up creek and had a blast doing so. Although going for a walk may not be for everyone, it was nice to see members growing closer to each other

and spending time getting to know each other more. After everyone finished eating it was time for a classic game of kickball. Students kicked and cheered for their team hoping they would rack up the most points. As Fall Frolic came to a close, students left with a smile on their face and ready tackle another week at Purdue until the next IAAE-Purdue event.



Student Spotlight-Nate Lenig

1. Why did you want to major in Agriculture Education?

Working with kids is one of the greatest things I've experienced in my lifetime.

2. What is your favorite thing about student teaching?

The students. They make you realize so much about yourself that you never knew before spending time in that atmosphere.

3. Is there anything that you have learned or experienced that you do not learn in class?

Teacher evaluations by administrators within the school district.

4. What is your favorite contest in FFA?

Livestock judging

5. What is your background (town/ involvement in organizations)?

Just a little about yourself

I am from a small town in north central, Indiana called Wakarusa. I was on the wrestling and baseball teams in high school and also served as District II FFA President. At Purdue I was on the Livestock Judging Team and the Purdue University Bass Fishing Team.



Adopt an Ag Class

By: Taylor Sabens

Several students have been given the opportunity to 'Adopt an Ag Classroom.' With these classrooms they are responsible for Face Timing/Skyping with their assigned classrooms at least once a week. Some of the things they are asked to share include: experiences they have had during their week in class, what a typical day as a college student is like, and of course current events in agriculture. This is a really unique opportunity because some of the students may never have the chance to visit Purdue, so maybe the experience they get through their adopted college student will help them get to know campus better and maybe even convince them to be a boilermaker one day!

Gold Light Special Pictures



"Pinterest in AgEd"



"Learning Styles"



"Technology for Adopt an Ag Class"





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HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. THANKSGIVING | 5. THANKFUL | 9. STUFFING | 13. PUMPKIN |
| 2. HOLIDAY | 6. FOOD | 10. SALAD | 14. PIE |
| 3. FAMILY | 7. TURKEY | 11. BREAD | 15. VEGETABLES |
| 4. FRIENDS | 8. POTATOES | 12. YAM | 16. HAM |

