

2009 College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Annual Alumni Banquet



Many gathered Sept. 25 at the Classic Center in downtown Athens for the 55th Annual CAES Alumni Awards Banquet. Each year the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences accepts nominations to present to a board who then choose who will receive each award. The winners for each award are listed below:

Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame
Wallace Beggs, Clarkesville, Ga.
Johnny Crawford, Chula, Ga.

Alumni Award of Excellence
Kristin McWhorter, Sharpsburg, Ga.
Dixie Truelove, Clermont, Ga.
John K. Wilkinson, Toccoa, Ga.

Young Alumni Achievement Award
Beth Bland, LaGrange, Ga.
Carrie Lynn Fowler, Maysville, Ga.
Clint Tolbert, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
Rachel M. Walters, Punta Gorda, Fla.

College of Agricultural and Environmental Science Clubs Get Involved!

Ag Hill Council
AgEcon-Graduate
Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
AGHON
Agricultural & Environmental Economics
Agronomy
Alpha Tau Alpha
Alpha Zeta
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineering
Biological and Agricultural Engineering Graduate Club
Block and Bridle
Brass Gavel
CAES Ambassadors
Cattlemen's Association
Collegiate 4-H
Collegiate FFA (Athens Campus)
Collegiate FFA (Tifton Campus)
Dairy Science
Engineering
Engineers Without Borders

Entomology
Food Science
Graduate Student Association
Horseman's Association
Horticulture
Landscape Club
MANRRS
Pi Alpha Xi
Poultry Science
Pre-Vet Club
Eric Mueller
Rodeo Club
Sigma Alpha Sorority
Society of Women Engineers
Student Government Association
Turf Club
Young Farmers
----- JUDGING TEAMS -----
Dairy Judging Team
Horse Judging Team
Livestock Judging Team
Meat Animal Evaluation Team
Soil Judging Team

For more information on these clubs visit www.caes.uga.edu/academics/organizations.html.

Visit the Topper online at www.uga.edu/alec/topper.html.



Ag Hill Topper

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF SOUTH CAMPUS

September/October 2009

South Campus Tailgate -
pg.1

Why Choose College
of Ag? - p.2

Sigma Alpha Celebrates
Nine Years at UGA - p.2

Welcome Back - p.2

Study Abroad : Three Easy
Steps To Get Where You
Want To Be - p.3

2009 College of
Agricultural and
Environmental Sciences
Annual Alumni
Banquet - p.4

CAES Clubs - p.4



Visit the Topper online at
www.uga.edu/alec/topper.html.



South Campus Tailgate 2009

The College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences and the College of Family & Consumer Sciences are hosting the annual South Campus Tailgate on November 21st on Legion Field. The event will start three hours before kickoff for the UGA vs. Kentucky game.

Alumni and friends are encouraged to come enjoy interactive exhibits and delicious BBQ. It promises to be a great festival.

Registration can be done online at www.tailgate.caes.uga.edu/. The deadline is November 13th. Registration is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 8-years old. Tickets purchased online will be available for pickup at the event. You can also purchase a South Campus Tailgate T-shirt for \$13 when you register. However, only a limited quantity is available! Pick up your shirt at the registration table on Tailgate day or a shipping charge of \$3 will apply. T-shirts will not be shipped prior to the event.

All Tailgate ticket purchases are final and the Tailgate is held rain or shine! Tailgate tickets at the door will be \$25. For more information call 706-542-3390.

-Andrea Gonzalez

Sigma Alpha Celebrates Nine Years at UGA

On September 19th Sigma Alpha held its ninth annual Founders' Banquet. This annual banquet not only acknowledges the founding members, but recognizes the accomplishments of the past year and the supporters of the organization.

Since the Alpha Omicron Chapter was chartered on September 30, 2001, over 175 members have been activated. Most recently, the chapter initiated 32 membership candidates, its biggest pledge class yet.

The highlights of the night included Dean Angle bringing greetings from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the keynote speaker, Deborah Dietzler, speaking on leadership, and the recognition of this year's scholarship winner, Kathryn Leigh Buford.

Overall, everyone enjoyed mingling throughout the silent auction and dinner. The banquet was coordinated by this year's social chair, Kayla Calhoun.

-Andrea Gonzalez

CAES Welcome Back Party!!

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences welcomed back its students and faculty at its annual Welcome Back Party on Sept. 1. More than 350 gathered and enjoyed food donated from Kroger, fellowship and a few giveaways. CAES Clubs set up displays to encourage students to get involved. CAES departments also had exhibits, the most popular being the Entomology Department's bugs and the Poultry Science Department's chickens. An iPod shuffle, Kroger gift cards and Visa gift cards, made possible by alumni volunteers and donors, were raffled off to attendees. If you missed the party this year, be sure to join in on the fun next fall.



-Kristy Sumner



Why choose College of Ag?

Students apply and are accepted to the University of Georgia each year. They attend orientation, see their advisors and start classes, several with an undeclared major. When students do decide what major they want, they often find that the schools and colleges within the university are very competitive and hard to get into. Similar degrees are available in the College of Agricultural and Envi-

“The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is a smaller college so you don't have to worry about being lost in the crowd.”

ronmental Sciences, with curriculum as rigorous as their counterparts in other colleges.

For example, students who have an interest in business can get a B.S.A. in Agribusiness taking typical core courses, agriculture courses, and courses for business like economics and accounting.

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is a smaller college so you don't have to worry about being lost in the crowd. Most of the teachers will learn your name and remember it through your college career. The advisors, who are also professors, are more personable and are willing to take the time to get to know you and your goals for your future so they can help you with your academics and career path. Check out www.caes.uga.edu/academics/undergraduate/index.html to see what the College of Ag can offer you.

-Kristy Sumner

Study Abroad: Three Easy Steps To Get Where You Want To Be

You've heard that it is a once in a lifetime opportunity, you get academic credit for it, and people throw money at you to do it. But let's be honest, is study abroad really all it's cracked up to be? Do you think I would have flown back another 10 hours to Brazil to do it all again if I weren't absolutely hooked?



First, pick something. Anything—A subject matter you're interested in, landmark you want to visit, food you've always wanted to sample. As a matter

of fact, just the idea that you might want to step outside the USA should lead you into a very important place on campus, The Hoke Smith Building. There lies the Office of Global Programs with some incredibly helpful people who will get you on your way.

Dr. Ed Kanemasu and Victoria McMaken are loaded with ideas on where to go, what to study, and how to fund it. They can help you find anything from a Maymester studying viticulture in Cortona, Italy, to a semester internship in New Zealand learning to manage a dairy farm. Feeling more edgy? Go swim with the piranhas in the Amazon River of Brazil.

Second, how do you pay for it? There are way too many options to list all of them here--so I'll just mention a few of the easy ones:

- CAES Dean's Promise (\$500-\$1000)
- UGA Office of International Education offers 4 scholarships (minimum of \$500 each)
- Global Programs Office International Agricultural Certificate Scholarship (\$500-\$1,000)
- Georgia HOPE Scholarship will pay for your tuition abroad (\$2,500-\$3,000)

If you are a CAES student with a 3.0 GPA or above, you are looking at a minimum of \$2,500 in scholarships plus HOPE to cover tuition. With many study abroad programs, it is cheaper to explore the world than it is to stay in Athens!

Third, stop by the UGA Office of International Education on the 3rd floor of the Bank of America Building and get the ball rolling with Colleen Larson. She'll have important information and, yes, the last thing between you and your getaway—that necessary paperwork.

So make a toast in Italy and ride a camel in Morocco. Explore the ancient Mayan ruins and dance Forro with the Brazilians. The world is just three steps away. For more information visit www.caes.uga.edu/academics/studyabroad/

-Mark A. Smith

The Ag Hill Topper is published as a service project by the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, located in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication, for the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. This issue's editor: Kristy Sumner



Advertise for your club or business here! Email aghilltopper@gmail.com for more information. Ads start at \$10.