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BUFF BRIEF

A WEEKLY NEWS & EVENT UPDATE FOR THE PAUL ENGLER COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

IS NOW A

SMOKE - FREE
& VAPE - FREE
CAMPUS

NO TOBACCO OR
SMOKELESS TOBACCO
PRODUCTS ALLOWED
ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS.



News Update

Jon Mark Beilue: Doing much more with less



While the campus of West Texas A&M University has been mostly quiet and hollow since spring break, there is one small pocket on the east edge of Russell Long Boulevard that has been anything but.

“The kids that are here, they are working their tails off,” said Dr. Ty Lawrence. “We’re not a traditional labor force. Since the COVID outbreak, the other faculty and I are working side by side to make this happen.”

[See the Story](#)

Regional Advances in Food Animal Production Update



The new Center for Advancing Food Animal Production in the Panhandle (CAFAP) was made possible by the allocation of \$4 million for a two-year period by the 86th Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott. Of that, \$2 million was designated for WT's Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, and an additional \$2 million was set aside for Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Education, Research and Outreach (VERO). The major funding initiative also includes monies for seven new faculty members, 10 graduate student assistants and six support staff positions. Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp has committed more than \$6 million to support the hiring of faculty, and The Texas A&M University System has committed more than \$20 million from the Permanent University Fund to complete the construction of the VERO facilities that will support the Center and the 2+2 CVM program.

[Read more](#)

Pictured above is Representative Mr. John Smithee, District 86
Photo courtesy by Mr. Rik Andersen



Stellar Students

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Hank Scofield discovers the life of an agronomist

Hank Scofield, a 2019 Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences graduate, discusses his internship experience at Rita Blanca Agronomy Service.

Where did you complete your internship?

I interned with Rita Blanca Agronomy Service in Dalhart, TX.

How did your internship help prepare you for post-graduation?

My internship prepared me for post-graduation in a lot of ways. I was able to see what life would look like as an independent agronomist. Fortunately, I was able to be put right to work in the field, even though I had little to no experience. This helped me become more familiar with the different types of practices, crops, insects, and weeds in the area.

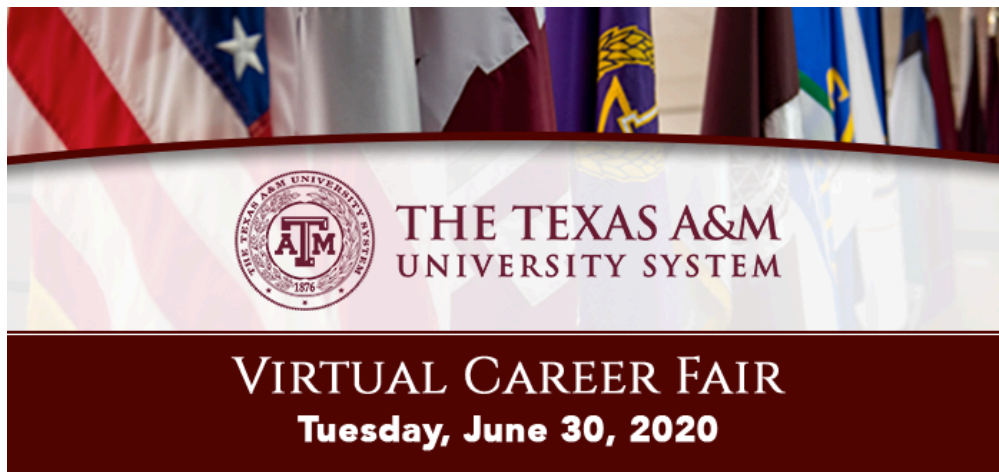
Describe what you did during your internship.

I interned as an agronomist. I was responsible for checking crops such as: wheat, corn, milo, sunflowers, and other summer crops that are grown in the Dalhart area. I was also responsible for identifying weeds, pests and health issues that existed in the fields.

Thank you to all our friends in Career Services for all they do for students!

A graphic for Employer Information Sessions. The background features a white laptop, a white coffee cup, and an orange spiral notebook with white earbuds. The text is arranged as follows:

- Employer Information Sessions
- ~~MAY 26TH | 3 PM~~
- ~~FIVE RIVERS CATTLE FEEDING COMPANY~~
- JUNE 18TH | 3 PM
- HAPPY STATE BANK
- ~~JUNE 4TH | 3 PM~~
- ~~CACTUS FEEDERS~~



An efficient way to meet with Recruiters

- Save time and meet with recruiters online
- Event is open to Texas A&M System students and alumni
- Internship/Co-op, Full-time, & Part-time jobs

Register at CareerEco.com/Events/TAMUS
For details: 770.980.0088 | TAMUS@CareerEco.com



CLASS OF 2020

Due to COVID-19, the diplomas are delayed longer than anticipated.
Check your Buff email regularly for updates.

Thank you
for your patience!

For the most up to date information from West Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System about COVID-19, visit the University's [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

Pond's Ponder

**"Accept responsibility for your life.
Know that it is you who will get you to where you want to go, no one else."
- Les Brown**

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Go Buffs!
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