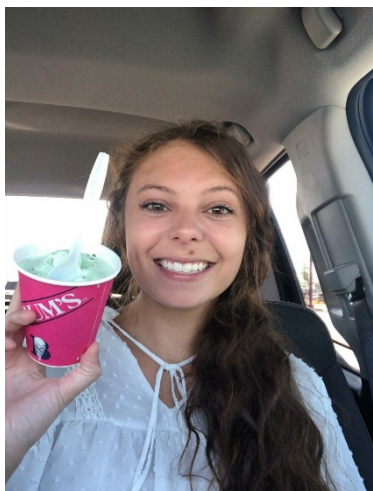




BUFF BRIEF

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

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](#).



Megan Miller
Graduate Assistant



Dr. Lal Almas
Regents Professor and Associate Dean



Mr. Paul Engler

Megan Miller
Graduate Assistant

What is your favorite flavor?

Mint Chocolate chip!

What is your favorite ice cream shop?

Scoopy's in Corpus Christi

What is your favorite topping?

Pecans!

If you had to choose an ice cream flavor to describe your personality.... what would it be and why?

Confetti, because it is fun and looks like a party!

Dr. Lal Almas
Regents Professor and Associate Dean

What is your favorite flavor?

Strawberry Tutti Fruity!

What is your favorite ice cream shop?

Baskin Robbins

What is your favorite topping?

Mixed Nuts!

If you had to choose an ice cream flavor to describe your personality.... what would it be and why?

Natural Strawberry, because it's soft and sweet!

Mr. Paul Engler

What is your favorite flavor?

Pistachio!

What is your favorite ice cream shop?

Braums

What is your favorite topping?

Chocolate!

If you had to choose an ice cream flavor to describe your personality.... what would it be and why?

Chocolate Chip Pecan, because I am multi-faceted!



Stellar Students

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Joselyn Gutierrez Gains Wildlife Experience



Joselyn Gutierrez, A recent 2020 graduate with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology, and M.S. Biology student tells about her internship with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Where did you complete your internship?

I interned for the Wildlife Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. I was an Urban Wildlife Intern in El Paso, TX.

How did your internship help prepare you post-graduation?

The internship program provided me with a realistic view of what a career with TPWD really entails. It gave me an opportunity to gain practical experience, knowledge, and skills within a natural resource field, which will make me a competitive candidate and serve as a catalyst in future endeavors to enhance both the economy and the environment.

Describe briefly what you did for your internship.

Under the direction of the Urban Wildlife Biologist in El Paso, I participated in multiple components of the El Paso Urban Wildlife Program. I served as a field technician working with a biologist to conduct wildlife surveys such as dove trapping and banding in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to determine harvest regulations, distribution trends and longevity of doves. I also assisted with monitoring, trapping, and banding burrowing owls to determine the most successful artificial nest site design to increase maximum reproductive output and owl survivorship of the Western Burrowing Owl.

Excellent Educators

Miss Janine Johnson



West Texas A&M Alumna Janine Johnson graduated in 2017 with her B.S. in Agriculture Education and 2019 with an M.S. in Agricultural Education. She completed her student teaching in Florence, TX at Florence High School.

She just completed her first year at Parma High School, in Parma, ID where she teaches Agricultural Science to grades 7-12. This last year, she taught two 7th/8th grade classes: Introduction to Agriculture. In the high school, she teaches Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Ag Welding; Ornamental Horticulture; Botany; and Zoology.

Miss Johnson says her favorite thing about teaching so far has been seeing students learn to overcome. "Through all the challenges this year, it has been tremendously humbling to see students decide to persevere rather than accept defeat." - Janine Johnson



Words of Welcome

Department Heads Welcome you to WT!





Fantastic Faculty

Canyon Rotary Club Recognizes WT Faculty

Rotary Club is the largest civic organization, that is made up of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change in the world, in our communities, and in themselves.



On June 30, 2020 Dr. Bonnie Pendleton, Professor of Entomology at West Texas A&M University and an active member of Canyon Rotary Club, was installed as District Governor for the 2020-21 year of Rotary District 5730. This district includes 51 rotary clubs that serve the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and Permian Basin area.

Congratulations, Dr. Pendleton, on your new leadership role in Rotary District 5730!

Dr. Lal Almas, Professor of Agriculture Business and Economics and Associate Dean of the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences is an active member of Canyon Rotary Club who serves as Assistant Governor for Area 6 (Canyon, Dimmitt, Hereford, and Muleshoe) of the Rotary District 5730. He was recently honored for his outstanding devotion and commitment to community service. Congratulations, Dr. Almas!



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PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum featured Dr. Ty Lawrence, Professor of Animal Science, for their #FromFlowersToFoodWeek. Dr. Lawrence talked about the day-to-day activities of the students at the WTAMU Meat Laboratory. The Caviness Meat Science and Innovation Center consists of 4,550 square feet housing a harvest floor, a hot carcass cooler, an aging cooler, a fabrication floor, a test kitchen, a smokehouse, and a retail sales area. This location serves as a teaching and research facility dedicated to the transfer of knowledge in the conversion of muscle to meat. Students are allowed opportunities to harvest, fabricate, and produce further-processed and value-added beef products.



Calendar



	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
• 08/01 December Graduation Application Deadline							
• 08/01 Application for Undergraduate Admission Deadline							1
• 08/13 Summer 2: Finals	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
• 08/14 Summer 2: Grades due by 5:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• 08/18 Fall Payment Due if Registered by 8/16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
• 08/20 Residence Halls Open	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• 08/24 Day/Night Classes Begin!	30	31					

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“Things do not happen. Things are made to happen.”

John F. Kennedy

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