



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



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COVID-19 INFORMATION

https://www.wtamu.edu/about/coronavirus-information.aspx

Encouraging Words from Each Department



<u>Dr. Tanner Robertson – Department of Agriculture</u>



<u>Dr. Carolyn Bouma – Department of Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences</u>

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<u>Dr. Gregory McGovern – Department of Chemistry & Physics</u>

Fantastic Faculty



Dr. Joy Recognized by Students!

Each year the Student Government Association selects a faculty member to honor as Faculty Member of the Year. The Student Senate nominates faculty members from across campus and then elects the finalist. Dr. Joy Sukcharoen, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Business and Economics, was named as Faculty Member of the Year for 2019-2020!

In a resolution recognizing Dr. Joy, the Senators noted, "Dr. Joy goes above and beyond in everything she does to make sure that her students are successful in and out of the class, finding different ways to teach concepts so that every style of learner is able to grasp the concepts taught."

Dr. Joy will formally be recognized at the University Honors Banquet to be held in the fall.

Congratulations, Dr. Joy!

Dr. Kunlapath Sukcharoen - Bio

Stellar Students



Burks Named Senator of the Year

Hannah Burks, student senator for the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, has been elected by her peers as Senator of the Year. Every year the Student Government Association recognizes a senator that that has gone above and beyond their general duties.

Hannah is a senior double majoring in Biology and Corporate Communications. Over the past year, Hannah has served as the chairwoman for the Public Relations Committee and helped to completely reinvigorate SGA's social media, establish a connection with the student body, and revamp the West Texas Wednesday program.



Rogers LEAD WT Names New Cohort

The Rogers LEAD WT program has announced its class of 2022.

The Cohort is made up of 24 students. This year, ten of those students are in the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences:

Dylan Cole, Fr, PSES
Mia Dais, So.BIOL
Reilly Dhaliwal, Jr. EQUINE.IND.BUS
Frey Diaz, So, PSES
Aubrey Freese, Fr. BIOL
Tess Gore, So. AGRI
Ustina Gurguis, So. ANIMAL.SCI
Tell Ingersoll, Jr. ANIMAL.SCI
Hannah McLochlin, So. EQUINE.IND.BUS
Kelsey Shields, Jr. ANIMAL.SCI

Students in this program agree to complete the following requirements over two years:

- Complete four, one hour Leadership Courses with the other Rogers LEAD WT Scholars.
 One course will be offered each long semester.
- Complete eight additional credit hours of approved leadership coursework. These courses may be offered as a part of a student's degree requirements, or students may take courses outside of their major to complete the requirements when necessary.
- 3. Complete an approved internship experience.
- Participate in six approved program events, including orientation/training, an etiquette dinner, a networking event, a graduation reception, and two other events assigned by the Rogers LEAD WT staff.
- Work with a group to complete a significant service project, and make a presentation about the experience.
- 6. Serve as a President's Ambassador as a Senior Scholar

About Rogers LEAD WT

https://www.wtamu.edu/student-life/lead-wt-about.aspx



Meat Science Program Sets Record

On April 22, the WT Meat Science Program set a personal record for quantity and weight of beef harvested in a single day. The team, which was made up of seven undergraduate students, five graduate students, and three faculty, harvested 35 steers and heifers. 47,517.5 pounds walked into the facility and 30,122.5 pounds were put into the hot box. This yields approximately 104,000 servings of beef!

You can support these students and get quality beef by shopping at Doc's Prime Cuts, located on the first floor of the Happy State Bank Academic and Research Building. Doc's is open on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Credit Cards only at this time.

Follow Doc's on Facebook for the latest information

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Dr. Tommy Perkins Associate Professor of Animal Science

What is the title of your research project?

Investigation of a Possible novel Genetic Mutation in Brangus Calves with Proportionate Dwarfism

Who is involved?

Dr. Tommy Perkins

Dr. Jessica Petersen, Universtiy of Nebraska, Lincoln

Description of Research Project

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was contacted in May 2018 with reports of calves born with proportionate dwarfism, and, in at least one case, mild scoliosis. The calves share the same sire and pedigree relationships observed between the sire and dams of the affected calves, suggesting a genetic basis of the condition. The purpose of this study was to use genomic tools to attempt to identify genomic variant(s) causative of small size and skeletal deformities in these Brangus calves.

Why is this Type of Research Important for the Region?

The Panhandle Cow/Calf producers continually face challenges from the environment and/or genetic components which may lead to calves being born with some type of defect. This kind of investigative research is necessary for its prevention in the future.

Expected Publication of the Research Results

The publication of findings will be published in the Brangus Journal.



SAVE THE DATE

4/29 - Last Class Day

4/30 - Dead Day

5/1 - August Graduation Application Deadline

5/1 - 5/7 - Final Exams

5/9 - Virtual Commencement

5/11 - May Intersession begins

5/28 - May Intersession Finals



Department of Agricultural Sciences

Presents

Zoom Student Visits

When: Wednesday and Friday

11:00 am and 1:00 pm

Contact: Micah Davidson - mdavidson@wtamu.edu

Whitney Mount - wmount@wtamu.edu

This opportunity will allow prospective students to virtually meet with a professor and get to know what WT Agriculture is really about. As a prospective student, this online meeting will help answer questions you might have about WT, The Ag Department, advising, and majors.

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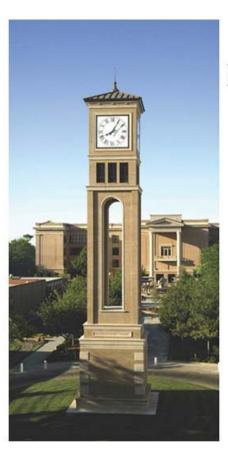
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