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PAUL ENGLER COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES



BUFF BRIEF

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

Welcome to the weekly newsletter of the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences! As always, this communication will share successes, news, and calendar information of the college faculty, staff, and students. This will also simultaneously be shared on Facebook and Twitter. Please contribute news, events, and calendar items for the "Buff Brief".

Happy Reading!

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News Update

**WTAMU Ranch Horse Team
Division II World Champions!**





The WT Ranch Horse Team competed in Abilene, TX at the Stock Horse of Texas World Show and came home as 2019 Division II World Champions! Each student competed in four events consisting of Reining, Pleasure, Trail, and Cow Work. Help us in congratulating the WT Ranch Horse Team on their success!

Members:

Lyndsey Siedhoff: Animal Science; Beaufort, MO

Brenna Braddock: Animal Science; Gainesville, TX

Keely Lane: Animal Science; Amarillo, TX

Peyton Wayland: Ag Business & Economics; Gage, OK

Jennay Terrell: Animal Science; Kirk, CO

Lacy Petty: Ag Media & Communication; Adrian, TX

Lauren Waymire: Equine Industry & Business; Castle Rock, CO

Jasmine Schock: Equine Industry & Business; Chiloquin, OR

Wyatt Dushay: Bachelor of Applied Arts & Science; Lelia Lake, TX

The Future of Cattle Feeding: Texas Cattle Feeders Feedyard Technician Program Comes to WTAMU!



The TCFA Feedyard Technician program is hosted by the WT Department of Agricultural Sciences at the Stanley Schaeffer Agricultural Education Learning Lab. October 22-24, around 150 students from across Texas came and competed. Students participated in six criteria of the certification program. These criteria consist of an interview with industry leaders, a multiple choice test, a walk-through demonstration of a lock-out/tag-out scenario, an oxy-fuel cutting demonstration, oxy-fuel heating/bending demonstration, and an arc welding

demonstration. Students were tested on their comprehension and ability to perform each demonstration.

The objective of the TCFA Feedyard Technician Program is to enlist the support of Agricultural Science teachers in identifying high school juniors and seniors and to offer educational experiences needed to provide students with knowledge and skills needed to prepare them for a potential career in the fed-cattle industry.

WT Agriculture is always excited to help industry leaders prepare students for the agriculture work force!

Red Steagall Honored





On October 26, a life-size bronze statue was unveiled at the 29th Annual Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering. “Red Steagall, Always Ridin’ For the Brand, Ft. Worth, Texas, Where the West Begins.” by Bruce Greene, Cowboy Artists of America, depicts Red Steagall on horseback and stands 8’ tall atop a 2’ base on the east lawn of the Cowtown Coliseum. The statue celebrates the 29th year of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering by honoring the man who started it all.

Pictured in front of the statue are Dr. Johnny Trotter and Red Steagall.

[Read the Article Here](#)

Do you have what it takes to be

Bucky?



*Complete an application through **Handshake**

*Write an essay describing how your strengths will contribute to serving as Bucky

*Submit essay to the Admissions Office, OM 125

Student Resources Corner

Looking for Nationally Competitive Scholarships and Research Opportunities?



The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation.

[For more info about NSF, Click Here](#)



The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program encourages undergraduate students and recent graduates to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers by providing research experiences at the Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories.

[For more info about DOE, Click Here](#)

Thank you to the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships for sharing these opportunities. For more information, contact Laura Seals at lseals@wtamu.edu or visit CC 115B.

Week at a Glance

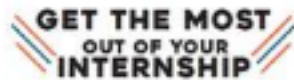
INTERNSHIP WEEK

Monday, November 4



Chips, Dips & Internships
12:15pm to 1:15pm in JBK Buff Branding

Tuesday, November 5



Get the Most Out of Your Internship
12:15pm to 1:15pm in JBK Thunder

Turning Your Student Worker
Position into an Internship
3:00pm in JBK White Room



Wednesday, November 6

Internship Management Breakfast For Employers with
Dr. Robert Shindell
7:30am- 11:00am, Harrington Academic Hall, Amarillo Center

Thursday, November 7

Career Services Internship Coffee
Break 8:00am to 11:00am, Career
Services



WT Intern of the Year Reception
1:30pm in the
Happy State Bank Ag Building

Come and meet your
representatives
in Student Government!



NSB: Monday, November 4th
10AM-2PM

AGS: Tuesday, November 5th
10AM-2PM

Wear **MAROON** on Wednesdays and SAVE at your favorite Canyon hotspots!

Palace Coffee- 15% off

Buff's- 10% off combo and \$1 off burrito

Saukormaur'n's- 10% off

Hero Nutrition- (Nov 6) Buy 1 get 1 50% off

Alumni Achievements



Luke Smith is a recent graduate who attributes his success in being accepted into Oxford University to West Texas A&M University faculty. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in professional chemistry in May from West Texas A&M University, and four months and 5,000 miles later, he was back in his home country at what many say is the foremost collegiate research university in the world.

“I honestly never expected that I would get here,” Smith said. “But if I didn’t apply, I would never know. Obviously, there are a number of colleges known throughout the world. Being from England, Oxford was the one I always thought about. Never did I think I’d ever get here though.”

Smith is enrolled in the master's program at Oxford. At the end of the academic year, he will undergo a “transfer of status,” where he will learn if he's suitable to continue on for his doctorate. If so, he will pursue a doctorate over about four years in physical and

theoretical chemistry. The surprise of acceptance has worn off in place of the road ahead. Smith's work is primarily research-based on protein interactions and structural conformations.

[Learn More about Luke's Story Here](#)

Stellar Students

University's ACS Student Chapter Receives 2019 Honorable Mention Award

For the fourth year in a row West Texas A&M University's American Chemical Society Student Affiliate chapter has been recognized for the activities it organized during the 2018-2019 academic year by receiving an Honorable Mention Award. The awards are classified as outstanding, commendable and honorable mention. Chapters that do not qualify for one of these designations receive a certificate of achievement for meritorious service.

“Our officers continue to impress us with their dedication to Chemistry as well as WT. This Award is recognition for their hard work and time that they put into the Chapter.”

-Dr. Nick Flynn, Chapter Advisor and Biochemistry Professor.

The group meets at 12:30 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month in Room 103 of the Natural Sciences Building. Students interested in joining the group or learning more about the American Chemical Society are encouraged to contact Dr. Flynn at 806-651-2542 or at nflynn@wtamu.edu.

Click the Image for the Press Release



Welcome



Please help us in welcoming Kylie Scott to the "Dean's Team" as a new student assistant for the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences! Kylie is a Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences major with a minor in Biology from Fort Worth, Texas. After graduating in May 2021, she aspires to go to graduate school and pursue a career in field research. "I aim to develop more

sustainable food systems for a world that will need to double its food supply in three decades. Pushing for genetic technologies and global farmer education on efficient conservation methods is what is going to get us there." In her free time, Kylie loves to go camping, watch movies, and volunteer at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens!

SAVE THE DATE

- Registration for Spring 2020 is Now Available!
 - November 1 @ 8am: All Graduates
 - November 4 @ 8am: All Seniors & Students w/ Early Registration Privileges
 - November 6 @ 8am: All Juniors
 - November 11 @ 8am: All Sophomores
 - November 18 @ 8am: All Freshman
 - 11/7 - Fourth payment plan payment due
 - 11/27 - 11/29 - Thanksgiving break. No classes.
 - 12/9 - 12/13 Finals Week
 - 12/14 Class of 2019 Sunrise Brunch & Commencement Ceremony. Details to come!
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Calendar of Events

WEEK 01

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY

4

#NationalCandyDay



TUESDAY

5

American Chemical Society Meeting

12:30PM @ NSB 103



Block & Bridle Meeting

7:00PM @ AGS 101



Agronomy Club Meeting

12:15PM @ AGS 246



WEDNESDAY

6

Horsemen's Association Meeting

6:00PM @ AGS 207



THURSDAY

7

FRIDAY

8

NOTES



Intern of the Year Reception
1:00PM-5:00PM
Stan & Gerry Sigman Grand Lobby

Pre-Vet Club Meeting



5:30PM @ AGS 102



Transfer Student Orientation

Registration is OPEN for Spring 2020!



*If you would like your organization's meetings or events included in the "Buff Brief," please send an email including the name of your organization, meeting dates, times, and locations to buffbrief@wtamu.edu *

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Someday is not a day of the week!

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