Outstanding Young Scientist - Dr. Caleb Lemley

Submitted by Dr. John Blanton

Dr. Caleb Lemley will receive the American Society of Animal Science Southern Section's Outstanding Young Scientist award at the Southern Section meeting. If you are attending this year, please join us at the awards ceremony. The meeting is February 4-7, 2017 in Franklin, TN.
Six milk quality awards were awarded in Tifton, Georgia on November 16 as part of the Southeast Quality Milk Initiative project. The Southeast Quality Milk Initiative is a five year, six state, USDA-funded project targeted at finding ways to help southeastern dairy producers improve milk quality through cost-effective mastitis prevention and control strategies.

The winner of the Mississippi award was the Beason Family Farm in Philadelphia, owned by Shelby and Marlo Beason. The Beasons milk a grazing herd of 32 Jerseys with a rolling herd average of over 12,000 pounds of milk. Their average somatic cell count for the year preceding this award was 126,000 cells/ mL. The Beasons process their own milk and sell unhomogenized whole, reduced fat, and chocolate milk on-farm, and in several grocery stores and restaurants.

Shelby is a third generation farmer and Marlo has a background in marketing, allowing them to provide a great agri-tourism and educational facility to the local community. The Beasons represent the Mississippi dairy industry well and the award was well-deserved.
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Upcoming Extension Events

**Beef Extension – Dr. Brandi Karisch Cobie Rutherford**


**Equine Events – Dr. Clay Cavinder**

- **Cow Horse and Ranch Handling Clinic**—prepare for competing in 2 new classes at the 2017 State 4H Show. $30 fee, Lunch is provided.
  - March 17, 2017; 9 am - 3 pm; Montgomery Co. Coliseum, Winona, MS
  - March 18, 2017; 9 am - 3 pm; Lincoln Co. Multipurpose Center, Brookhaven, MS
  - April 1, 2017; 9 am - 3 pm; Chickasaw Co. Agri-Center, Houston, MS
  - May 13, 2017; 9 am - 3 pm; Forrest Co. Multipurpose Center, Hattiesburg, MS
- For more info, contact Dr. Cavinder at clay.cavinder@msstate.edu

**4-H Events – Dr. Dean Jousan**

- **Dixie National Junior Round-Up**, Feb. 2-9, 2017, Jackson, MS
- **Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions**, Feb. 9, 2017, Jackson, MS

**Dairy Events – Dr. Amanda Stone**

- **Dairy Science Field Day**: March 17, 2017, Starkville
- **Bearden Dairy Research Center Open House**: May 20, 2017
Animal Agriculture in China

Program Description:
Stationed at China Agricultural University in Beijing, the capital of the world’s second-largest economy (after the US), for 3 weeks, students will learn a great deal of China’s animal agricultural practices, animal product consumption patterns, and its veterinary service. Fantastic lectures will be delivered by the top Chinese faculty members and industry leaders in the fields. Experts in the allied American companies in China will also come to the sites to give seminars on their foreign business development and management. Several excursions will be arranged to explore Chinese livestock and poultry farms. In addition, students will be escorted by their Chinese counterparts to experience the country's culture, cuisine, language, and several very attractive sights during this program. In short, this program will provide students with informative, educational, valuable, enjoyable, and memorable international experiences to well prepare them ahead of time for their careers related to animals and animal products.

Program Dates:
May 8 – May 31, 2017

Course:
ADS 4990/6990 Special Topics in Animal and Dairy Sciences (3 credit hours)

Requirements:
All undergraduate and graduate students with at least a 2.5 GPA are welcome to participate in this program, which is especially a great option for those students with animal-related interests not only in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences but also in the College of Veterinary Medicine. For ADS students this course can be used to meet their major requirement for “Experiential Learning”.

Application Deadline:
March 3, 2017

Price: $1,950 *
March 3, 2017 - $150 (non-refundable)
March 17, 2017 - Payment #1: $900
March 31, 2017 - Payment #2: $900
*All program fees are charged to MSU student accounts. Once each payment deadline has passed and the student's account has been charged, the fee is non-refundable.

Program cost includes:
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• Lodging
• Some meals
• In-country travel
• Entrance Fees
• 4 Excursions

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