



## PARTNERS

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# Campus Update: COVID-19

I hope this finds you safe and well. Clearly, these are unprecedented times for all of us as we continue to follow all recommended practices and procedures to limit the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Beginning on Monday, March 16, as directed by the administration for the University of Arkansas, we began offering all remaining lectures for our current courses to our students through on-line or distance delivery. This conversion was challenging for our teaching faculty since it was such a significant change to the face to face format in which lectures and laboratories were previously being delivered; clearly, it was the right thing to do for the safety of our students. Being forced to scramble and convert lectures and labs to an on-line format will actually be a benefit to our academic program moving forward, as it has put us in a better position to deliver our undergraduate and graduate curriculum to students and prospective students at a distance. An effective distance education platform could allow us to provide new opportunities for education and professional development to individuals who are unable to attend formal face to face lectures on campus.

On Friday, March 19, all employees of the Department of Poultry Science and Center of Excellence for Poultry Science, except for those individuals considered to be essential personnel, began telecommuting or working from home. We have been informed by the administration that we will remain in telecommuting mode until

further notice. At the time of distribution of this edition of Partners, approximately 90% of POSC/CEPS personnel are isolated and working from home. This action was implemented by the University of Arkansas and the U of A System Division of Agriculture in an attempt to “flatten the curve” of COVID-19 spread in our community and state. Essential activities and functions, including animal care or husbandry at our research farm, have continued since March 19 without interruption. All faculty, staff, and students involved are strictly following all CDC guidelines for social distancing in the workplace. We feel our faculty, staff, and students are taking all necessary precautions to keep themselves and their families safe during these challenging times. I will continue to provide updates with each edition of Partners we distribute.

Until next time, stay safe, and stay well.

Kindest regards,  
David J. Caldwell, Ph.D.

## **Poultry Science students recognized as Bumpers College outstanding students**

Each year Bumpers College holds an Honors and Awards reception to recognize Bumpers College’s outstanding students.

Unfortunately, due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, the college was not able to host a reception this year.

Regardless, students are still being recognized and will receive an electronic copy of the awards program and will be mailed a framed certificate recognizing their honor to their home.

The outstanding students in Poultry Science are:



**Katie Hilton**  
**Outstanding Ph.D.**  
**Graduate Student,**  
**Department of Poultry**  
**Science**

Katie Hilton was born and raised in Haysville, KS. After high school, she attended Butler Community College on a journalism scholarship and then transferred to Oklahoma State University to study Animal Science. After completing her bachelors degree, she pursued her master's degree under the direction of Dr. Robert Teeter, researching the carbon footprint of broiler chickens through indirect calorimetry. Katie then moved to the University of Arkansas to work on her PhD under Dr. Craig Coon, researching and developing the Arkansas Net Energy Equation (US. Patent no. 20200015457). Katie



**Trevor Lee**  
**Outstanding Masters**  
**Graduate Student,**  
**Department of Poultry**  
**Science**

Trevor Lee was born and raised in Moulton, AL. After high school, he attended Wallace State Community College and then transferred to Auburn University to study Poultry Science through the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association's 2 + 2 Program. Trevor is now pursuing a master's degree under the direction of Dr. Samuel Rochell researching the effects of supplementing individual feed-grade amino acids in broiler diets as an approach to reducing dietary protein. The impact of this work would reduce diet cost while maintaining broiler performance and meat yield and have additional



**Guillermo Tellez**  
**Outstanding Senior**  
**Student,**  
**Department of Poultry**  
**Science**

Guillermo Tellez (Memo) grew up in Fayetteville, Arkansas and graduated from Fayetteville High School. The decision to attend the University of Arkansas was any easy one for him as he had close connections and knew the campus well. He chose Poultry Science as his major because he knew the U of A had one of the best programs in the country and because of all the amazing research he saw being conducted. During his time as an undergraduate, he has focused extensively on research. Memo started his work in Dr. Sami Dridi's lab as a freshman and he conducted his

completed her PhD in January 2020 and currently works as a technical service manager for DuPont animal nutrition and biosciences.

potential to improve bird welfare and environmental sustainability. Trevor plans to continue amino acid research with Dr. Rochell as he starts his Ph.D. this summer. Currently, Trevor's career aspirations are to either seek an extension/research appointment at a university or a nutritionist role at an integrator or allied company.

undergraduate honors thesis from there, Memo went on to complete three more research projects. After graduating from the University of Arkansas, he will pursue a PhD in Developmental Biology under Dr. Mike McGrew at the Roslin Institute.

## **Adisseo endows professorship for U of A System Division of Agriculture; company funds 3 poultry science research projects**



**PROFESSORSHIP** — *Michael Kidd has been named to the Adisseo Endowed Professorship in Global Sustainable Poultry Nutrition. (UA System Division of Agriculture photo by Fred Miller)*

Adisseo, a France-based company and a world leader in animal nutrition, has endowed a professorship and funded three poultry science research projects for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

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# The 2020 Department of Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament has been cancelled.

We thank you for your golf tournament registration and your support of our Poultry Science Department Scholarship Fund.

Due to the cancellation of The Poultry Federation's Spring Symposium, we will also be cancelling the 2020 Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament. This is a cancellation, not a postponement.

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The Poultry Federation traveled to campus on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 to interact with Department of Poultry Science undergraduate and graduate students. Representing TPF were President Marvin Childers and Director of Marketing and Business Development Holly Rogers. Approximately 50 undergraduate and graduate students, and approximately 10 faculty members, attended the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to provide our students relevant information about scholarship opportunities that exist within TPF on an annual basis. For the 2019-2020 academic year, TPF and its members awarded \$237,000 in scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students at universities in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma pursuing

degrees that could lead to careers in the poultry and egg industry. Of this total amount, undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas were recipients of \$215,000 of scholarship assistance for the 2019-2020 school year. Scholarships our students receive annually are absolutely essential to our goal to recruit, retain, and graduate those seeking careers in the commercial poultry industry. We are tremendously appreciative for the financial support our students receive from TPF and its members each year.



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