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**Center of Excellence Hosts State FFA CDEs**

The Arkansas FFA State Career Development Events (CDE) were held April 13-14, with the Poultry CDEs taking place on the 14th at the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science's Research Farm.

According to the Arkansas FFA website, career opportunities abound within today's agriculture industry and CDEs help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

Arkansas FFA members have the opportunity to participate in 19 CDEs, ranging from floriculture to mechanics. Some events allow students to compete as individuals, while others allow them to compete in teams.

The state poultry CDE contest format consists of: live poultry, ready-to-cook poultry, shell eggs and further-processed poultry.

Lincoln High School was this year's winning team in poultry.



Poultry Science Students Recognized at Honors and Awards Banquet

Three students from Poultry Science were recognized for 2016-17 academic achievement at the recent Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Honors and Awards Banquet.

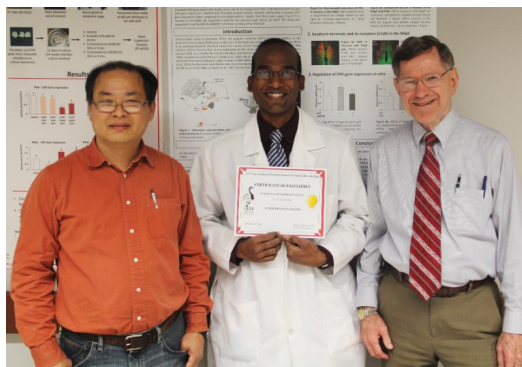


Lesleigh Beer (left), Poultry Science Outstanding Senior Student

In addition to being on the Chancellor's List all four years, this year Lesleigh received the Frank Perdue Student of the Year Scholarship which signifies her as the number one Poultry Science student in the United States. Lesleigh has served as a Bumper's College ambassador for the last two years and has been president of the Poultry Science Club. Her undergraduate honors thesis was in the area of avian coccidiosis under the direction of Billy Hargis, where she was trained on laboratory techniques at Ohio State University and returned to Fayetteville to complete her thesis in the Poultry Health Laboratory.

Samantha Cox (right), Poultry Science Outstanding Masters Student

Samantha is completing the requirements for her MS under the direction of Dr. Susan Watkins. Her research area with Dr. Watkins is in the area of water quality and she is also the coordinator of Dr. Watkins' water quality lab. Samantha has published three peer review manuscripts and six abstracts. In addition to her assistantship she has also received a graduate school scholarship from the poultry federation and has served as vice president of the Poultry Science Graduate Student Association.



Guru Nagarajan, Poultry Science's Outstanding Doctoral Student

Guru completed the requirements for his PhD this month under the direction of Dr. Wayne Kuenzel in neuroendocrinology. He has published six peer review manuscripts in the journals: Neuroscience Letters, Journal of Neuroendocrinology, Brain Research & General and Comparative Endocrinology; and 17 abstracts. Most notably his last abstract was at the

International Symposium on Avian Endocrinology in Canada where he received the first place poster award (pictured).

Poultry Science Professors Receive Promotions



Dr. Casey Owens
Promoted to the academic rank of
Professor



Dr. Billy Hargis
Promoted to the academic rank of
Distinguished Professor

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