



# AAEA

Agricultural & Applied  
Economics Association

Undergraduate Student Section

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER – MAY 2018

### GREETINGS FROM SS-AAEA OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

Welcome back to another year with SS-AAEA! We want to welcome our new and returning participants of the Academic Bowl this summer. The Chicago meeting was great, and we want to thank you for your participation.

As we end our school year, it is time to begin thinking about our next competition in Washington D.C. We hope your applications for Outstanding and Creative Chapter in, and your paper and spreadsheet for the competition are almost complete. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, and meet new participants over the course of an enjoyable week.



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*"The world needs different kinds of minds to work together."  
~Temple Grandin*

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### SCHEDULE:

#### **Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EOHDS Spreadsheet Competition

Room: Virginia C

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Student Section Paper Competition

Room: Wilson C

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. SS-AAEA Undergraduate Mixer/ Orientation

Room: Maryland A & B

#### **Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SS-AAEA Academic Bowl

Room: Massiott Balcony A & B, McKinley

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Millennial College Students: Learning Styles and Classroom Engagement*

Room: Roosevelt Room Two

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. SS-AAEA Academic Bowl Finals

Room: Salon Two

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Student Section Business Meeting

Room: Maryland A

## 2018 SS-AAEA ANNUAL MEETING

Are you ready for another great meeting with SS-AAEA? We are, yet again, excited to send a warm welcome and invitation to the 2018 SS-AAEA annual meeting at the Marriott Wardman Park. The meeting this year falls over August 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We hope everyone had a chance to turn in their Outstanding and Creative Chapter in, and your paper and poster for the competition are almost complete.

We look forward to seeing all members, new and returning come August!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### WASHINGTON MARRIOT WARDMAN PARK

2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington D.C. 20008  
Phone: 202-328-2000

\*Rooms are available at group rate until Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>\*

## GET MEETING UPDATES RIGHT TO YOUR PHONE?

You betcha! Download the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting Mobile App by visiting the Apple Store or Google Play and search "AAEA 2018".

There are many new features that will help you track who is presenting, in which rooms, personalize your schedule as well and learn more about what to do and where to eat in Washington D.C.!



## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

### **President: Ben Rietmann**

I'm a senior at Oregon State University where I'm double majoring in Agricultural Business Management and Agricultural Science with a minor in Spanish. I grew up on a wheat and cattle ranch outside of Condon, Oregon, and was heavily involved in 4-H throughout middle school and high school. With my background in agriculture and my interests in economics and science, my degrees at OSU were a natural fit. I've been involved in several different student organizations, including the International Agriculture Club, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and Agriculture Future of America. I've studied and worked abroad in Chile, and I've served as an officer in the USA Chapter of the International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences. I also work as a campus tour guide and have begun research to complete an undergraduate thesis. I spent last summer working in Washington, D.C. at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, where I assisted the Office of the Director with congressional and stakeholder affairs. There I gained insight into the legislative process as well as the value of research in agriculture, nutrition, and natural resources. After graduating, I hope to serve in the Peace Corps before beginning a graduate degree in applied economics. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to my senior year and to serving the AAEA Student Section. We'll be working to advance the student section and to create an amazing event at the 2018 Annual Meeting!



### **Vice President: Matt Kunerth**



Hello! My name is Matt Kunerth and I am a senior Agricultural Business major with an Agricultural Marketing minor at South Dakota State University. I grew up on a crop farm near Fulda, Minnesota. Growing up on the family farm and having various internships each summer for different agricultural companies, I have realized my passion for the grain side of agriculture relating specifically to commodity marketing; the field I hope to work in upon my graduation this December. At South Dakota State I am the president of the Delta Chi fraternity, vice president of the Economics Club, and an Ambassador for the College of Ag & Bio. An interesting thing about me is I spent the fall semester of my junior year studying abroad in Ecuador participating in a Spanish Immersion Program focused on learning the language, culture, and simply experiencing another way of life. I am eager to see all at the conference this summer in Washington D.C. Go Jacks!



## Secretary: Samantha Payne

Hello Everyone! I am Samantha Payne and I am a junior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. I am pursuing a double major in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Engineering Technology (AET) with a minor in Crop Science. I was raised on a corn, soybean and sugar beet farm in Western Minnesota. I am active in multiple organizations on campus. I currently represent our Agricultural Business and Marketing Society as their secretary and our Alpha Zeta Chapter as their vice president. I work part time on campus as a tutor and teacher's aide. This past January, I enjoyed an AET study abroad trip to India. In my free time, I enjoy hunting, helping on the farm, spending time at the lake, showing miniature horses, and visiting family and friends.



## Treasurer: Jordan Hill

My name is Jordan Hill. I am a Senior Agricultural Business student at South Dakota State University. I am the Treasurer on our great executive team this year! I am involved in student government, NAMA, Econ. Club, and a few other activities. I am a passionate Chicago Cubs fan. Passionate may be an understatement! I am excited to be a part of this team, and can't wait to see our results at the national conference!



## Personal Relations: Cassie Dietz

Hey everyone! I am Cassie and I am attending the University of Wisconsin- River Falls pursuing an Agribusiness major with a Marketing minor. I am from a small town in Minnesota and was raised on a crop farm including corn and soybeans. I am involved in multiple clubs such as Agriculture Business and Marketing Society as their fundraiser chair as well as a participant at the IFOMA case study. In my free time, I enjoy trail riding, four-wheeling up north at our cabin, helping out on the farm, and catching up with friends and family.



## Become a Student Officer!

Every year, a new team of officers gets to represent the student section. This is a great opportunity for you to voice your opinion and add some of your energy and ideas, learn more about this organization, and of-course network with professionals and peers.

Officer elections take place at the Business Meeting (August 6, 2018) so plan to be there and run for a position! All you need is an energetic and speech and relating how you can make the SS-AAEA even greater!

Want to learn more? Simply attend our mixer, talk to the officers and the advisers. See you there.

Maria Bampasidou—Senior Advisor

# Fun Facts about Washington D.C.!

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- Two American Presidents kept pet alligators in the White House; Herbert Hoover and John Quincy Adams
- Jimmy Carter watched 480 movies in the White House movie theatre making him the president to watch the most movies
- In 1859, the Capital Building installed marble bathtubs for the Senators to bathe since there was no running water within their boarding homes
- Washington D.C.'s metro system is the second busiest subway system in the U.S. making New York City the first
- All roads in the city lead to the Capital Building
- John Adams was the first president to live in the White House
- There is only one President buried in Washington D.C.; Woodrow Wilson who is buried in the Washington National Cathedral