Greetings from the SS-AAEA Officers and Advisors:

First off I hope everyone has had a great start to this school year. We are looking forward to all you brilliant students returning for next summer’s Quiz Bowl action, as well as seeing some new faces in Seattle!

As students return from their fall break, and settle in for the end of the semester it is time to start thinking about the 2012 SS-AAEA Quiz Bowl and Undergraduate Paper competition! Also do not forget the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Chapter competition, we encourage everyone to get their chapters to apply!

A note from our SS-AAEA President:

October 30, 2011

Dear Chapter President and Advisors,

Howdy from Aggieland, home of the Fightin’ Texas Aggies! My name is Jake Riley, a junior Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics double-major in the Department of Agricultural Economics, and I have the honor of serving as this year’s SS-AAEA President.

As you may already know, the Student Section’s main events each year are held in conjunction with the AAEA Annual Meeting and are the primary reason for my correspondence with you today. The 2012 AAEA Annual Meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington this upcoming August, and the Student Section Officers and Advisors have been working diligently to put together an exciting new program of events for the undergraduate students who will be attending. Not only will we be offering competitions as seen at previous conventions, but we have also have a modified the Student Section schedule to better accommodate participants.

The competitions, awards, and activities that will be hosted by the SS-AAEA at the 2012 AAEA Annual Meeting in Seattle include:

- Research Paper Competition
- Academic Bowl
- Outstanding Chapter Award
- Creative Chapter Award
- Business Meeting
- Undergraduate Recruitment Fair
- Student-Section Mixer
The Officers and Advisors would like to encourage you and your members to participate in this year’s events during the Annual Meeting. We hope your chapter will begin preparing now to enter one or more of the competitions this summer. If you have any questions or interesting news to share please feel free to contact us. We would like to wish you all the best of luck with your programs this year and look forward to seeing you in Seattle this summer!

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More information about the meetings schedule will be available later, and posted on the AAEA webpage (www.aaea.org). The SS-AAEA is always looking for next year’s faculty advisor. Please nominate your favorite professor by contacting Jake Riley. Remember, the Quiz Bowl competition requires the help of faculty members to act as judges, moderator, and software operator. Tell your advisor to contact Michael Gunderson and volunteer today!