Greetings from SS-AAEA Officers and Advisors

Greetings! First and foremost I would like to extend a warm welcome to all from your SS-AAEA Officers and Advisors. Hope everyone has had a great start this Fall semester. We all look forward to reconnecting with current Academic Bowl students as well the new faces we will see in Washington D.C. this coming summer. As 2013 nears us, it is time to start thinking about the 2013 SS-AAEA Academic Bowl, Undergraduate Paper, Creative Club, and Outstanding Chapter competitions. Also, don’t forget to like and add us on Facebook to tune into regular updates and other agricultural and applied economic related matters.

Message from our SS-AAEA President

Greetings Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

A sunny Florida welcome from Gainesville, home of the Gators! My name is Thomas Samant, a third year Food and Resource Economics and Statistics double major at the University of Florida, and I have the proud honor of serving the SS-AAEA as President. The Student Section’s main goal is to promote student collaboration and competition throughout our annual Academic Bowl and Undergraduate Paper competition, during the AAEA Annual Meeting. By being held in concurrence with the AAEA Annual Meeting, we promote all levels of collaboration and association. The 2013 AAEA Annual Meeting will be held in Washington D.C from August 4th-6th. Both Student Section Officers and Advisors have been working diligently and meticulously to put together an excellent and new program of events for all undergraduate students attending. In light of that, I would like to extend a special thank you to all Student Section Officers and Advisors, because without their commitment and help the SS-AAEA would not be as remarkable as it is today. In addition we have taken previous attendees comments to heart and are preparing a modified schedule to years past to ensure an efficient competition to better accommodate all participants.
We are pleased to announce that the competition, awards, and activities that will be hosted by the SS-AAEA at the 2013 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. include:

- Research Paper Competition
- Academic Bowl
- Business Meeting
- Creative Club
- Undergraduate Recruitment Fair (Both Academic and Industry)
- Student-Section Mixer
- Outstanding Chapter

- Much More!

We would like to encourage you and your chapter members to participate in this year’s events during the Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. I hope all schools enter in multiple competitions this summer. As we continue to grow I would advise everyone to like us on Facebook to spread awareness to others in the agribusiness sectors.

If anyone has any questions, comments, or news please feel free to contact myself or any of the Student Section Officers or Advisors. Finally, I would like to wish everyone the best of luck with your programs this year. I look forward to seeing you all in Washington D.C this summer!

Warmest Regards,

Thomas Samant
SS-AAEA President

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 Thomas Samant. The Academic Bowl competition requires the help of faculty members to act as judges, moderator, and software operator. Tell your advisor to contact Corey Miller and volunteer today.