



# AAEA

Agricultural & Applied  
Economics Association

Undergraduate Student Section

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## FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

### **GREETINGS FROM SS-AAEA OFFICERS AND ADVISORS**

Hello everyone! The Student Section officers and advisors are so excited to begin another awesome year with AAEA. This past summer, we had a great conference in Austin with some excellent competitions and networking opportunities for students. We are already looking forward to next summer's conference and competition in Anaheim, California!

The officers and advisors are working hard to plan some fun outings for the Student Section as well as some conference sessions. We hope to stimulate interest, increase participation, and promote awareness of our competitions for this coming year. If there is anything our team can do for you or any ideas you might want to share with us, feel free to reach out!

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*“Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful,  
and most noble employment to man.”*  
– George Washington

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### **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

Thank you for joining us at the 2021 Annual Meeting in Austin. We had a great turnout with many universities attending this year and are so grateful to be able to meet in person again.

Although summer is months away, the officer team and I have begun planning for the 2022 meeting. We hope to provide all the student contestants with a fun experience and a chance to explore some unique attractions and delicious restaurants within Anaheim, California.

Please feel free to contact myself or any of the other officers with any ideas, comments, or questions that you may have. We would love to receive any feedback you have to offer to help us create the best possible experience and value for all attendees. I wish you all the best in this coming school year and look forward to seeing you in Anaheim!

Kind Regards,  
Julia Daniel

## COMPETITIONS

Now is a great time to start working on different competitions held at the SS-AAEA meeting such as the Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet, Student Paper Competition, Outstanding Chapter Competitions, Academic Bowl, and Creative Club Competition. For more information, please go to <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>

### AUSTIN 2021 AWARDS

**Outstanding Paper Competition:** The student paper competition gives a student the opportunity to submit a paper that highlights the results of an original research project that the student planned and implemented under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

**First Place:** *Beatrice Maule, Iowa State*

**Second Place:** *Erin Matherne, Louisiana State University*

**Academic Bowl Awards:** The academic bowl competition allows students to showcase their agricultural knowledge and work as a team to represent their school.

**First Place (\$500):** Louisiana State University: Colt Hardee, Erin Matherne, Michael Younis

**Second Place (\$300):** Louisiana State University: Janie Chapin, Westin Cobb, Mimi Rivette

**Third Place (\$100):** Florida: Sam Snyder, Liam Frank, and Juan Pachon.

**Outstanding Chapter Award (\$200):** The outstanding chapter competition offers agribusiness and ag economics clubs the chance to show off their organization and highlight the ways they serve their department, their university, and their community.

*Clemson University; Advisor: Michael Vassalos*

**Creative Chapter Award (\$200):** The creative club competition offers agribusiness and ag economics clubs the chance to highlight a specific project that the organization's students planned and implemented during the past year.

*Iowa State University; Advisors: Amy Brandau and Ron Deiter*

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## 2022 AAEA ANNUAL MEETING

Are you ready to celebrate the 104th year with AAEA? We are excited to send a warm welcome and invitation to the 2022 AAEA annual meeting in Anaheim, California. The meeting this year falls on July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at the Marriott Anaheim in Anaheim.

We look forward to seeing all new and returning members in Anaheim this summer!

- Undergraduate Student Section Officers



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## Meet your Officers!

### **President: Julia Daniel**

Hey y'all! My name is Julia Daniel and I have the honor to serve as your president this year. I am a senior at Clemson University where I am majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Travel and Tourism. I am originally from Nesmith, South Carolina, a very small town in the Pee Dee region of the state. Growing up on a farm, agriculture had always been a part of my life and I am blessed to be able to pursue these interests at Clemson. On campus, I serve as the president of our Agribusiness Association, a College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences Ambassador, and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. I am so thankful for all the friendships and memories I've made within my collegiate career. I am looking forward to seeing what this year will bring!



### **Vice President: Westin Cobb**

Hey everyone, my name is Westin Cobb, and I am currently a junior at Louisiana State University. I am majoring in Agribusiness with a focus in Rural Development. I grew up on my family's beef ranch in Pine Grove, Louisiana. I showed beef cattle through 4-H and FFA all the way through high school. I am so thankful for the skills I learned through those programs. While I am not in school, you can usually find me working on saddle in my saddle shop or at my bench tooling out a belt for a customer. I currently own and operate WC Custom Leather. When I graduate in 2023, I hope to open a shop with a proper store front, as well as have a strong presence in E-Commerce. I am so thankful and eager to serve you all this year as the AAEE Student Vice President, and I look forward to helping better this amazing organization!

## **Secretary: Maggie Chaffin**

Howdy! My name is Maggie Chaffin. I am currently a junior Agribusiness major with a minor in Agricultural Communications and Journalism and a certificate in International Trade in Agriculture at Texas A&M University. I grew in central Texas on a large Hereford ranch which is where my love for agriculture began. At Texas A&M, I am involved in various student organizations within the department of Agricultural Economics. In my free time, I enjoy attending Aggie sporting events or spending time with my family and friends. After I graduate, I hope to start my career in the agricultural marketing field. I am excited to get the opportunity to serve on the AAEA Student Board. Being a part of this organization has helped me further appreciate agriculture and its importance in our economy. I cannot wait to see what this next year holds!



## **Public Relations: Morgan Hinz**

I'm Morgan Hinz, a sophomore studying Agricultural Economics with minors in Horticulture and Political Science in addition to a Public Policy Certification at Purdue University. Being raised on a cattle farm in Southwest Michigan has fortified my passion in production agriculture. However, my education has identified my passions in environmental economics with a goal of pursuing a law degree to increase representation of individualized farmers and ranchers. My involvement with the department includes serving as a Freshman Class Mentor and Teaching Assistant for microeconomics, as well as the chapter secretary for Alpha Omicron Pi. With limited free time, I spend it mostly playing golf, skiing, and ranch riding. I'm greatly looking forward to serving as a Media Relations Director to highlight the opportunities and advancement of the universities involved and of the association.

## **Public Relations: Mimi Rivette**

My name is Mimi Grace Rivette. I am originally from the small town of Leonville, Louisiana. I am an agribusiness major with a concentration in finance at Louisiana State University. My projected graduation date is May 2022. After graduation, I am planning to continue my education and pursue a master's degree in economics. I am currently working on an environmental economics project studying the effects of nudge on recycling contamination rates for the Office of Sustainability internship here at LSU, in the hopes of using my project as my master's thesis. In my free time I compete in beach volleyball, spend lots of time outdoors, and travel. My volleyball team is called 'Just Happy to be Here' and we have won the last two championships in our division. My favorite places that I have traveled so far include Croatia and Canada, and I am planning my first ever Disney trip this winter.

