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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 Washington D.C. with some excellent competitions and networking opportunities for students. We are already looking forward to next summer's conference and competition in New Orleans!

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!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

Thank you all for joining us at the 2023 Annual Meeting in D.C. We had a phenomenal turnout this year with over 30 teams from 20 universities – the highest numbers we’ve had since pre-COVID! I was thrilled to see so many familiar and new faces, and I hope to see you all back at the 2024 meeting in New Orleans! The SS-AAEA officer team, advisors, and I have already begun making plans for next year’s meeting, and we are so excited to implement the changes and improvements that we have been working towards. We are hoping to provide more opportunities for socializing and networking for all of the attendees at the meeting – please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any requests or recommendations for places to go as a group in New Orleans! Please feel free to contact me or any of the other officers if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Student Section contests and events! We’d love to hear from you and have more involvement from all of the students in order to make it the best possible experience for everyone! I hope that you all have a great school year, and I look forward to seeing you all in July!

All the best,
Shelby Sumner

OFFICER BIOS



Hi everyone! My name is Shelby Sumner, and I am so honored to be serving as your 2023-2024 SS-AAEA President! I am a senior at the University of Florida, majoring in Food & Resource Economics with minors in International Development & Humanitarian Assistance and Agricultural & Natural Resource Law. I am from a small town in

south Florida called Okeechobee, and I love all things music, food, travel, and cows! I am involved in several student organizations on campus, including Gator Collegiate Cattlewomen, UF Block & Bridle, and the Agricultural Economics Club. I am so grateful for all the friendships and memories that I have made in my time as an undergraduate, and I can't wait to see what this year has in store!



Hey y'all my name is Mallie Medlock and I get to serve as the 2023-2024 Vice President of the SS-AAEA. I am from Greenville, South Carolina and attend Clemson University as a senior in Agribusiness with a minor in Horticulture. I am involved on campus with our Clemson

Agribusiness Association and as a Teacher's Assistant for Dr. Michael Vassolos. Outside of school I work for my church organizing youth and young activities, I enjoy cooking and baking and spending time in nature with friends and family. I am honored to be your Vice President and work alongside these incredibly dedicated officers to provide more opportunities for our Association.



Howdy, my name is Dawson Raub, and I am so honored to be serving as your 2023-2024 SS-AAEA Secretary! I grew up in the small town of Lampasas, Texas. Since I was in the third grade, I exhibited market steers. Stemming from a young age I developed a passion for the agricultural industry. In high school I was

heavily involved with FFA and knew I wanted to do something in the agricultural industry. When I got to A&M I fell in love with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. My junior year I was blessed with the opportunity to intern for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. It was a great experience where I got to apply what I learned in my agriculture economics classes to the cattle industry. I realized there was a lot of networking and relationships involved in the agriculture lobbyist groups. That's my favorite part of AAEA is the networking and relationships you develop with fellow students that will one day be your colleagues.



Hey y'all! My name is Owen Gibson, and I am your 2023-2024 Student Social Media Manager. Currently, I am a junior Agricultural Economics Student at Texas A&M University. I have a focus in Policy and Economic Analysis and am getting a minor in Financial

Planning as well as a certificate in International Trade and Agriculture. I grew up on a small cattle farm in rural West Tennessee where I learned to love agriculture. When I'm not doing schoolwork, I am traveling and competing on the Texas Aggie Rodeo Team. I am also involved in several different agricultural economics student organizations. I am so excited to serve the students of AAEA and cannot wait to see the improvements to come!



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The background is a photograph of a multi-story brick building with ornate, dark metal balconies. Several large, lush green ferns are hanging from the balconies in wooden planters. The sky is clear and blue.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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CURRENT EVENTS



Compete with spreadsheets, research papers, academic bowls, and much more

July 28th-30th

NEW ORLEANS



<https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>



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A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in New Orleans, showing historic buildings with balconies and streetlights. A large, dark red rectangular overlay is centered on the image, containing the word 'Awards' in white, bold, sans-serif font. Above the red overlay is a smaller, light gray rectangular box.

Awards

AWARDS



Washington 2023 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.

1st Place: Daniel Harris, Louisiana State University

2nd Place: Audrey Holtkamp, Iowa State University

3rd Place: Jane Arnold, Clemson University

Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition:

The spreadsheet competition challenges students to develop a spreadsheet application that can be applied to a real-world problem in agriculture and applied economics.

1st Place : Elijah Weisensee, West Texas A&M University

AWARDS



Outstanding Chapter Award:

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.

Oklahoma State University; Advisor: Hannah Shear

Academic Bowl Awards:

The academic bowl competition allows students to showcase their agricultural knowledge and work as a team to represent their school.

1st Place (\$500): Louisiana State University: Daniel Harris, Samuel Camacho, and Andrew Meche.

2nd Place (\$300): Louisiana State University: Kristy Brodersen, Colin Raby, and Mattie Thrasher.

3rd Place (\$100): Clemson University: Grace Hassell, Caroline Mroz, and Jane Arnold.

Creative Chapter Award:

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.

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