



## SAVE THE DATE

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- 3/15-20 [Tarleton Homecoming](#)
- 3/20 [Annual COAES Alumni Homecoming Breakfast](#)
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Spring is coming! I realize that I may seem a little optimistic after the unprecedented deep freeze weather we just suffered through. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all Texans who suffered through Winter Storm Uri and who are still suffering the aftermath. But, daffodils are beginning to bloom and trees have been spotted budding. Another sign that spring is here is the upcoming FFA Contests held at Tarleton. Be sure to look at the Save the Date section on this page and see announcements throughout the newsletter for those and other Spring happenings. But, if there is any doubt, according to the *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, "In 2021, the March equinox happens on Saturday, March 20, at 5:37 A.M. EDT. In the Northern Hemisphere, this date marks the start of the spring season." It just so happens that is the same day as this year's Annual COAES Alumni Homecoming Breakfast. We hope to see you there. We will be taking appropriate COVID precautions and look to have a wonderful time.

A big shout out to Michelle Damerau for a yeoman's work preparing for the FFA contests. Nothing is the same this year except the quality of the contests that will happen. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, and students who make this possible. We will have contests and they will be conducted in a COVID safe manner.

We showcase work on the new Horticultural Gardens in our *At the Ag Center* segment. We are making rapid progress putting in place the Horticultural facilities to support our new Horticultural degree. If you know a potential Horticulture student, please let them know we would really like to talk to them about our new degree and our facilities. Texan Tour, Texan Orientation, and Registration dates are all shown in the *Campus Life* section of this newsletter. And, we are still quite happy to speak to potential students individually.

Please be sure to check out the faculty award sections of this newsletter. Our faculty continue to be recognized at the national, regional and local levels. We are very proud of Dr. Smith, Dr. Poe, Dr. Osei, Dr. Ford, Dr. Tarpley, Dr. Runyan and Dr. Frazier.



DEAN'S CORNER

Student activities are highlighted in this month's newsletter as always. The Stock Horse Team was Reserve Champion at the National Reined Cow Horse Association completion on February 12th. Pictures are included below. We especially appreciate President Hurley being in attendance for the win. Our students, staff, and faculty are helping create and are taking part in diverse events and activities. The solid set of programs of service and education are a credit to all in our college and university. Plus, we have a lot of fun at the same time.

Becky and I hope your spring continues to get better and better. Hold on to your hats! The best is yet to come!

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SAVE THE DATE

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Alumni Breakfast

Saturday, March 20th, 2021

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Tarleton Agriculture Center - Equine Center



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT Q&A



J. WYLIE HAILE

**Q: What degree did you earn?**

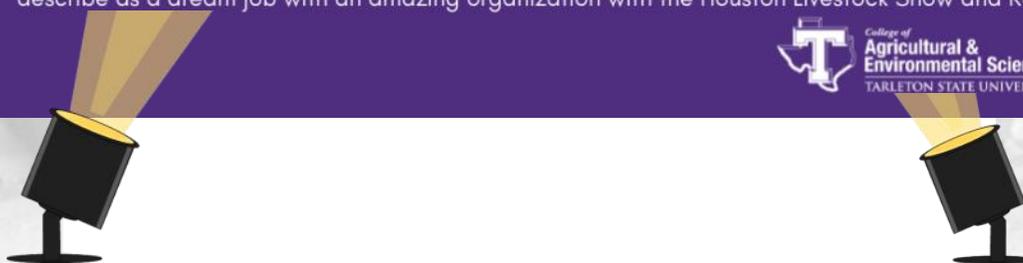
*A: 2018 Agricultural Services and Development*

**Q: What is your job description?**

*A: I am a Sports and Event Presentation Coordinator at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. I oversee rodeo operations, serve as a liaison to the PRCA, WPRA and other special interest groups, and manage purchasing and contestant hospitality. I assist our stock contractor and studio team with the performance production. I also serve as the staff coordinator for 3 committees including Rodeo Contestant Services, Sports Medicine and Grand Entry. I am very proud to help present the world's biggest rodeo and bring the Western Heritage pillar of our mission to one of the largest and most diverse cities in the country.*

**Q: If you could give any advice to current college students, what would it be?**

*A: Don't be in a hurry. Take chances. Apply for the once in a lifetime internships, jobs and experiences. When I went out of my comfort zone, it led me to an internship with The Walt Disney Company, a job at the Four Seasons Resort in Lanai City, Hawaii and now to what I can truly describe as a dream job with an amazing organization with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.*



**Excellence in Student Success  
Award**



**Dr. Brant Poe**

**Excellence in Scholarship  
Award**



**Dr. Edward Osei**

**O. A. Grant Excellence in  
Teaching Award**



**Dr. Ted Ford**

**Engaged Faculty Award**



**Dr. Rudy Tarpley**

**Outstanding Junior Faculty  
Award**



**Dr. Cheyenne Runyan**

**Barry B. Thompson Service  
Award**



**Dr. David Frazier**

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Research on all ruminants available. Interests include any suspected genetic anomalies.



Dr. W. Brandon Smith will be the recipient of the 2021 Southern Section Outstanding Early Career Animal Scientist Award: Education at the Southern Section ASAS annual meeting this summer. Congratulations Dr. Smith.

**SPRING 2021**  
**GRADUATION**

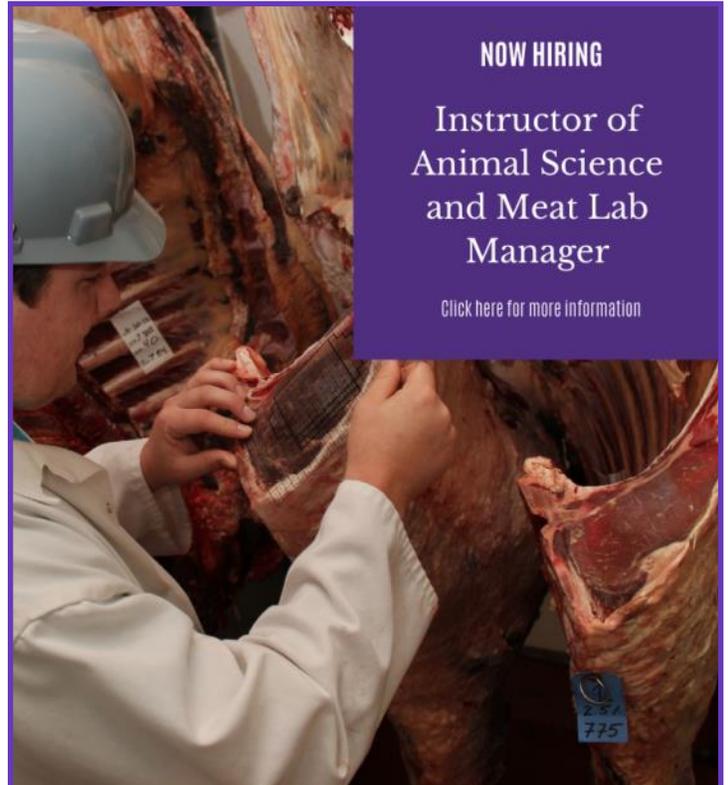
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## Upcoming Texan Orientation Dates

May 22, 29

June 10, 11, 18, 19

July 15, 16

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## Registration Dates

Registration is available online through [myGateway](#), according to the dates listed below.

### Summer and Fall 2021 Registration

**i** Registration will only be available from 6:00 am-11:59 pm each day.

Priority registration is based on a student's current classification at the time of registration. In progress courses are not included when determining classification for registration purposes. Students who are eligible to register may do so anytime on or after the date has passed for their classification group.

#### Registration dates

Classification	Priority Registration Dates
Honors, Texan Reps, NCAA Athletes, Veterans, Doctoral, Graduate, and Post-Bacc	Monday, March 15
Seniors	Wednesday, March 17
Juniors	Friday, March 19
Sophomores	Monday, March 22
Freshmen	Wednesday, March 24

## Tarleton Stock Horse Team Competes at NRCHA Show

Three members of the Stock Horse Team competed at the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Celebration of Champions Collegiate Challenge in Fort Worth on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The team was Reserve Champion and individually; Clay Kinnison - 3<sup>rd</sup> Non-Pro Division, Shadee Tye – 3<sup>rd</sup> Limited Non-Pro Division and Emily Hamilton 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice Division. President Dr. James Hurley was in attendance at the competition to cheer on and support the team along with several of their teammates.



## Students Complete Internships at Southwest Regional Dairy Center

Allison Allee is a senior in the Animal Science and Veterinary Technology department and is originally from Sasche, TX. This semester, Allison is interning at the Southwest Regional Dairy Center, assisting with a nutrition research project. The Block semester provides a learning experience through supervised work within the agricultural field during which students expand upon their knowledge gained at Tarleton State University.



A senior Agricultural Services and Development major, Jordanne Stetter is completing her final semester at Tarleton in the Block Program. Originally from northern Ohio, Boerne, Texas became home for nine years where she was an active member within 4-H, livestock shows and the agricultural community. In 2019, she transferred to Tarleton to pursue a degree within agriculture. With a minor in Animal Science, Jordanne is interning at Southwest Regional Dairy Center in Stephenville as an Undergraduate Research Assistant for 11 weeks.

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## Horticultural Gardens Receive Additions

Students enrolled in Sustainable Food Systems currently taught by Assistant Professor, Dr. Stuart Weiss of Wildlife, Sustainability, and Ecosystem Science, learned how to properly plant fruit trees and the important role perennial fruit orchards play in local food systems. The newly designed teaching orchard is part of the Horticultural Gardens and is being used in experiential learning laboratories for students



enrolled in Horticulture and WSES courses. Six fruit trees (pear, plum, and nectarine), procured by donation from the Stephenville H.E.B grocery store, have been planted so far by students in Dr. Weiss's Plant Propagation, Organic Agriculture, and Sustainable Food Systems classes. The demonstration orchard will provide long-term opportunities to teach COAES students applied agricultural management practices and agroecological principles for years to come!



## Outstanding Fall Vegetable Crop

The Fall 2020 vegetable gardens yielded a bountiful harvest for students enrolled in Dr. Stuart Weiss's Horticulture classes. The gardens provided students applied, experiential learning opportunities in horticultural science, but also the importance of adding cool-season vegetables like Pak Choi and Swiss Chard to your diet and how to prepare these tasty vegetables. Instruction also included the importance of soil health and plant science fundamentals.



**GIVING DAY**  
APRIL 13, 2021

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*Thank You*



# Thank you,

*On behalf of the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, we would like to commend the Tarleton Agriculture Center Faculty, Staff, and Students for their dedication and hard work during the recent winter storm.*

*Thank You*



Spring is right around the corner, be sure the follow The Purple Tractor, to be the first to know about new products!



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