

PARTNERS

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# UA Department of Poultry Science receives funding from USPOULTRY Foundation



The USPoultry Foundation check is presented to the poultry science department. Pictured (L to R) are Katie Ann Sievert, Hannah Feuerborn and Renee Cude, poultry science students; Dr.

David Caldwell, department head for the Department of Poultry Science and director for the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science; Monty and Margo Henderson of the Monty and Margot Henderson Student Recruiting Fund; Payton McGinnis and Hannah Sherman, poultry science students.

The University of Arkansas Department of Poultry Science recently received a grant in the amount of \$33,309.00 from the USPOULTRY Harold E. Ford Foundation, through a gift given in part by the Monty and Margot Henderson Student Recruiting Fund.

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## Poultry science department students receive awards and honors during annual IPSF and IPPE meetings



*U* of A Poultry Science students swept the student of the year awards by winning first, second and third place. Pictured are, *L* to *R*: second Place: Iris Wormington; first Place: Guillermo Tellez, Jr. and third Place: Savannah Wells

Students and faculty of the University of Arkansas Department of Poultry Science received prestigious awards at the 2020 International Poultry Scientific Forum and the International Production & Processing Expo held January 27-30 in Atlanta, GA.

IPSF, held January 27-28 at the Georgia World Congress Center, had 1556 attendees. IPSF is sponsored by the Southern Poultry Science Society, the Southern Conference on Avian Diseases, and U.S. Poultry & Egg Association. The forum presents information on industry topics such as environmental management, nutrition, physiology, pathology, processing and products, and avian diseases. Abstracts were presented by 350 students, graduate student presentations totaled 112 and 23 undergraduate students

gave oral or poster presentations. Two University of Arkansas poultry science students won awards.

## Student receiving award from SPSS for Oral Presentation:

Lucas Graham under the direction of Billy Hargis for presenting in the Nutrition category.

## Student receiving award from SCAD for Poster Presentation:

• Aaron Forga under the direction of Billy Hargis.

IPPE, held January 28-30 at the Georgia World Congress Center, is hailed as the largest annual trade show for the poultry, meat and feed industries.

Over 50 students combined from the Poultry Science Department, the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, Crowder College in Neosho, MO, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff made the trip and participated in the College Student Career Program that is held in conjunction with IPPE. The College Student Career Program allows seniors and graduate students to interview with potential employers and underclass students to interview for internships. In addition to interviews, students had the opportunity to learn about the many career opportunities in the poultry industry and allied industries around the world.

Hundreds of students and student clubs from numerous universities competed in the categories of Scrapbook of the Year, Club of the Year (based on a 1000-word essay describing the club activities) and Student of the Year.

### Students receiving Student of the Year awards:

- Guillermo Tellez, Jr., first place
- Iris Wormington, second place
- Savannah Wells, third place

In addition, the Poultry Science Club placed third in the scrap book category.

# Researcher tackles problem of toughness in white meat chicken



## **The Problem**

As the popularity of white meat chicken has risen, so have instances of tough, flaky and hard filets known as "woody" breast meat. Why that happens and how to detect and process the meat is a puzzle Casey Owens is working to solve.

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## **Faculty Spotlight**

Dr. Adnan Alrubaye is a Research Assistant Professor of Poultry Science and the



Associate Director of the Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Program. He received the Dr. John and Mrs. Lois Imhoff Award for Outstanding Teaching and Student Mentorship. Most recently, Dr. Alrubaye received the Collis Geren Award for excellence in graduate and international education, and the UA Most Outstanding Faculty Member from the ASG. He was also inducted into the University of Arkansas Teaching Academy, the highest teaching honor on campus. He enjoys his research, teaching, and student mentorship. Dr. Alrubaye's main research interest is studying bacterial chondronecrosis with osteomyelitis in broiler chickens.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The 2020 Poultry Science Scholarship Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, April 15 at Stonebridge Meadows Golf Club in Fayetteville, AR.

Emails will go out as soon as Registration is open.



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