As an invited speaker at MSU’s Pre-Veterinary Club, **Dr. Erdoğan Memili** promoted his favorite topic “Harnessing the power of research to advance animal science and technology” on Wednesday evening March 23, 2016.

Dr. Memili encouraged the Club members to search out undergraduate research opportunities among the research projects in the laboratories of MSU faculty as well as in national programs across the US, and to explore research internship opportunities.

He outlined the value of hands-on research for development in students’ critical research skills, scientific and independent thinking, problem solving, and manual dexterity skills.

He also highlighted the special value of researchers already equipped with skills and a background in animal science to solve fundamental medical problems of both human and veterinary medicine.

Mr. Travis Noto, current president of the Pre-Vet Club, said that through this program of inviting distinguished speakers, the Club is committed to offering its pre-veterinary students the opportunity to learn about many exciting fields of veterinary medicine.

Drs. Derris Burnett, S. Grace, and M. Seitz, faculty advisors to the Club, said that Dr. Memili's lecture helped students to understand the integral role of research in advancing the field of animal health as well as becoming a well-rounded veterinarian who is scientifically literate and thus better prepared to serve the profession.
Cobie Rutherford reports that Preliminary data from the evaluations show that all participants "gained knowledge" in at least 2 categories.

The program received many good comments! One that stood out, "Great program. Well planned. All speakers were excellent. I really appreciate the respect all speakers have for each other & their working relationships."

Thank you to everyone who made this class a great success, Dr. Brandi Karisch, Cobie Rutherford, Dr. Thu Dinh, Dr. Derris Burnett, Tim Armstrong, James Cannon and Anuraj Sukumaran.
Beef 101 Participants
In foreground, l-r: Anuraj Sukumaran, Dr. Derris Burnett and Dr. Thu Dinh
Over the past two weeks the ADS Extension team, consisting of Dr. Brandi Karisch, Dr. Mark Crenshaw, Dr. Clay Cavinder, and Cobie Rutherford have trained over 75 members of the law enforcement community and animal control officers at Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Verona, Raymond, Brookhaven, and Coffeeville.

The training on Farm Animal Welfare helped establish the MSU Animal and Dairy Science Department and the MSU Extension Service as the state experts on farm animal welfare. We hope that attendees will utilize our department as a resource to help Mississippi livestock producers avoid charges of animal neglect and reach out to us to provide best management practices to assist struggling producers.

Congratulations to Dr. Brandi Karisch who was selected as the 2016 Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award of Merit honoree.

She will be recognized at the Annual Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Awards Reception on April, 6, 2016.
On March 17th, Dr. Brandi Karisch hosted 35 producers from Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, and New Jersey for (Artificial Insemination) A.I. School at the Mississippi State University Department of Animal & Dairy Sciences in the Wise Center.
4-H Events:

- April 8th - **4-H Dairy Judging Contest** at the MSU Bearden Dairy.
- May 21st - **4-H Livestock Judging Contest** at the MSU Horse Park.
- For more events, go to [Mississippi 4-H Calendar of Events](#) or contact Dean Jousan dj230@msstate.edu

Beef Extension Events:

- Friday, April 8, 2016 - 9am to 3 pm, Beef Cattle Boot Camp, Prairie, MS
- Friday, April 15, 2016 - 9 am to 3 pm, Beef Cattle Boot Camp, Newton, MS

For more events go to [Beef Cattle Calendar of Events](#) or contact Brandi Karisch brandi.karisch@msstate.edu or Cobie Rutherford cobie.rutherford@msstate.edu

Riding Clinics:

- April 2, 2016 - **Ranch Riding Clinic** in Richton, MS.
- July 2016 - **Basic Horsemanship Clinics** at the county/district level. Agents have been asked to organize riding clinics in their areas to address topics such as making a more enjoyable horse, leads and lead departures, side passing and two tracking, speed control, bridling up, stopping, and much more! Clinicians from MSU will teach these clinics. Please contact your county agent to organize one of these clinics if you are interested.

The Mane Event:

The MSU Extension Service is proud to introduce a new informational video series! The Mane Event is a monthly “how-to” video series concerning horse management, nutrition concerns, and training tips. These short informative videos provide a source of information to all who are interested in horse care, use, and riding.

- Neck Reining - February (newest video)
- Link to Video web page: [The Mane Event](#)

For more info, go to [Horse Production in Mississippi](#) or contact Clay Cavinder clay.cavinder@msstate.edu
Jessica Graves and Cobie Rutherford attended the Magnolia Beef and Poultry Expo in Raleigh, MS on April 7th to recruit potential students and promote beef extension programs.

Save the Date!
ADS Annual Awards Banquet
Thursday, April 14
6 o'clock pm
Bost Building B

More details to follow!
Tickets, although free, will be required and available beginning March 21
2016 Refereed Publications:


