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Congratulations to Erica Carroll on passing the Mississippi Veterinary Technician State Board exams. This is an excellent achievement.

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TIM ARMSTRONG TO RETIRE FROM ADS

Mr. Tim Armstrong has announced his retirement as Meat Lab Manager effective at the end of June 2020. Tim has been a huge part of Animal and Dairy Sciences for over 40 years. He has impacted many former and current ADS students. This is quite evident, as each time we have an ADS alumni event or when Tim is cooking at Dixie Nationals or the State Fair, our alumni enjoy updating him on their lives, careers and reminisce about their time in the ADS Meats Lab. The impact Tim has had on thousands of our students is evident every day. His influence will be felt for many generations.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot give Tim the sendoff that he deserves. However, we will plan something for him this fall.

Based on email from Dr. John Blanton
PHOTOS DEPICTING THE POSITIVE WAYS TIM HAS IMPACTED ADS STUDENTS AND CLIENTELE
Tim: Congratulations on your retirement. Your influence on ADS over the years is immeasurable. Best wishes for you in the woods, on the water, and wherever life takes you.
DR. STONE RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM ESP

Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional. Dr. Amanda Stone, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal and Dairy Science, is a member of the PROMISE Grant Team that is focused on farm stress/mental health/opioid misuse. Team members include Dr. David Buys (Nutrition, Food Science, and Health Promotion), Dr. Holli Seitz (Communications), and Dr. Alisha Hardman (Human Sciences).

Recently the team received the ESP’s Southern Distinguished Team Award. Congratulations to Dr. Stone and the PROMISE Team.
Congratulations to Dr. Thu Dinh on the recent announcement of his promotion to Associate Professor and for being granted tenure by the Mississippi Institute of Higher Learning. Dr. Dinh earned his B.E. degree at HCMC University of Technology, Vietnam, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Texas Tech University.

Dr. Dinh is the Instructor for ADS 3314 - Intro to Meat Science and ADS 8423 - Meat Science. From a research perspective, Dr. Dinh focuses on 1) meat quality: the oxidation, packaging, and preservation of meat; meat tenderness, flavor, flavor precursors, and composition; and 2) analytical methodology for meat and food research: LC, LC/MS, GC, GC/MS, AA, NIR; method development and validation. Congratulations to Dr. Dinh for this accomplishment.

Announced by Dr. John Blanton and created by Dr. Dean Jousan.
PHOTO CONTRIBUTION FROM SAMMY BLOSSOM

Sammy Blossom is an alumnus of ADS and captured many photos during his 16-year career with the Mississippi Cattlemen’s Association. Enjoy the photo.

Photo courtesy of Sammy Blossom Photography: https://www.sammyblossomphotography.com/.
IMPORTANCE OF UNDERGRADUATE EQUINE RESEARCH IN TEACHING STUDENTS

Over the past twenty years, the equine program in the Department of Animal & Dairy Science (ADS) has grown both in research activities and in offering new equine-related classes. Part of these improvements is due to innovative research by equine faculty who desire to better educate and prepare students for a career in the equine industry.

In the spring, two ADS seniors, Ms. Avery Walters and Ms. Samantha Lee, conducted research on the continued improvement of equine undergraduate education. They focused on the value of community engagement programs for equine students and on assessment methods of students in determining improvements in equine handling skills. Ms. Walters and Ms. Lee worked alongside Dr. Molly Nicodemus and Animal Physiology Graduate Student Mrs. Katie Cagle-Holtcamp in conducting their research.

Both studies were published in the Proceedings of the Spring 2020 MSU Undergraduate Research Symposium. In addition, their work was accepted for poster presentation at the 2020 American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting, which will be a virtual conference in July. Both seniors plan to graduate this upcoming fall. For more information about this research in equine teaching, contact Dr. Nicodemus at mcn16@msstate.edu.

Submitted by Dr. Molly Nicodemus.
2020 REFEREEED PUBLICATIONS


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