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Fifteen Undergraduates Accepted for Fall Semester

Fall 2015 semester is quickly approaching, and new students are being accepted daily. According to Academic Programs Director, Dr. Jason Peake, “As of today, 15 undergraduate applicants have been accepted for admission (to the UGA Tifton Campus) for the Fall semester, and three applicants are pending acceptance.” The UGA Tifton Campus offers four undergraduate degrees: Agribusiness, Agricultural Education, Agriscience & Environmental Systems (AES), and Biological Science.

In order to be accepted, an applicant must have completed at least 60 hours of transferable credit and possess at least a 2.8 calculated transfer GPA.

The newly accepted students will visit the UGA Tifton Campus for New Student Orientation on Friday, August 14.

Congratulations to the following students who will be joining the Tifton Campus student body this fall: Kelcie Barnes, Emily Braswell, Kasey Cocke-fair, Stuart Cook, Kathryn Dupre, Callie Holloway, Timothy Holman, Jessica Lovell, Stuart Cook, Christina Garner, Lolita Munoz, Mary Ramsey, April Rich, Randall Stratton and Evelyn Saul.

MPPPM Cohort Kicks Off in the Fall of 2015

The Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management (MPPPM) Graduate Degree Program continues to prove itself as a major asset to the UGA Tifton Campus. According to the MPPPM Graduate Coordinator, Dr. David Riley (pictured right), there will be 11 students continuing the program from the Spring semester, nine new students have been accepted, and six are currently pending acceptance for a total of 26 total students to be enrolled in the program for the Fall 2015 semester.

The MPPPM is a professional Master’s degree program designed to produce graduates with comprehensive, multidisciplinary training in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) of insect, plant disease, and weed pests of agricultural, commercial, and home commodities.

The MPPPM New Student Orientation is set to take place Friday, August 14.
UGA Tifton Welcomes New Admissions Counselor

The UGA Tifton Campus Academic Programs team is proud to announce Breanna Coursey as the new Admissions Counselor.

Coursey will be joining the Academic Programs team in July 2015. She will be in charge of recruiting students, assisting with the application process, and leading the UGA Tifton Ambassadors.

Coursey is a Tifton Campus Alumnus of the Agricultural Education program in 2013. Upon graduation, she was employed by Malcolm Bridge Middle School in Bogart, GA where she taught Agricultural Education for two years.

The UGA Tifton Campus is excited to have Coursey on board for the coming year.

Student/Faculty Discount Program Continues to be a Success

The UGA Tifton Student/Faculty Discount Program partners UGA Tifton Campus Academic Programs with local business to provide discounts for students and faculty. The discount program was formed in June of 2014, and numerous business in the Tifton area participated during the 2014-2015 school year. This summer, memberships to the program are being renewed by local businesses, and new memberships are being formed.

New participants for the 2015-2016 school year are Dick’s Wings and Grill, Posh Salon, Yellow Monkey Frozen Yogurt, and Firehouse Subs.

Be on the lookout for more information relating to the Student/Faculty Discount Program as the Fall semester nears.

Young Scholars Take Over the UGA Tifton Campus

On June 1, twenty-two high school juniors and seniors began their first day of the Young Scholars Internship Program on the Tifton Campus.

The Young Scholars Program is a paid six-week summer internship for high school students interested in agricultural, food and environmental sciences. Selected students work 30 hours a week on the UGA Tifton campus, actively engaged in research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The participants have the opportunity to experience various work environments from laboratories and greenhouses to farm fields and turf plots. They participate in luncheons, community service events and field trips during their time as an intern.

Each week, the students have a “brown bag lunch” where they are able to enjoy lunch as a group with a guest speaker in the agriculture and research industries. On Monday, June 15, Dr. Jason Peake, Director of Academic Programs, had the opportunity to speak with the students about the UGA Tifton Campus’s academic offerings at the weekly lunch.

The participants in the Young Scholars program could very likely be the future students of the UGA Tifton Campus.
Course Spotlight
ENTO 4350/6350– Crop Specific Insect Management

Dr. David Riley, Dr. Phillip Roberts, and Dr. Mark Abney of the UGA Tifton Campus are currently partnering with Dr. Will Hudson of the UGA Athens Campus to teach the Crop and Specific Insect Management Course during the 2015 Summer semester at UGA Tifton.

According to the course syllabus, ENTO 4350/6350 builds on basic pest and crop sciences and synthesizes complete integrated pest management programs for specific crop systems in the Southeastern US. The course is composed of a lecture and laboratory training that meets each week until July 28.

Each laboratory training activity takes place in a hands-on setting outside of the classroom.

In the photo below, Dr. Roberts and the students enrolled in ENTO 4350/6350 were getting ready to visit various cotton fields along with soybean and other agronomic research plots to discuss sampling, pest identification, and treatment decision guidelines in the field.

Members of the class are pictured from left: Shannon Parrish, Sydni Barwick, Dr. Phillip Roberts (instructor), Stephen Walker, Becky Shirley and Michasia Harris.

Student Spotlight
Christy Dills– Agricultural Education Senior

Christy Dills is a senior from Rabun County, Georgia pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education on the UGA Tifton Campus. She is a prime example of a student who has made the most of her experience on the UGA Tifton Campus.

Dills has been an active member of the UGA Tifton FFA Chapter and has previously served as a CAES Ambassador. She is set to graduate in the summer of 2015 Summa Cum Laude with a BSA in Agricultural Education.

Dills spent her Thanksgiving break in 2015 on a Study Abroad Trip to Costa Rica that focused on the production of coffee from bean to cup. This trip sparked an interest in more study abroad opportunities for her.

May 7-27, 2015, Dills joined 33 other CAES students for a study abroad trip in Europe. The trip was focused on the art and gardens of the countries visited: Italy, France, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Dills says her favorite part of the trip was visiting the Jean Jacques Rousseau Garden (pictured below). “It reminded me of home,” she said.

As a future agricultural education teacher, Dills hopes that this trip will be useful when teaching a Nursery Landscape course, and she looks forward to sharing her experiences with her future students.
### August
- August 13: Faculty Appreciation Luncheon
- August 14: New Student Orientation
- August 17: Classes Begin
- August 17-20: Welcome Week
- August 20: Welcome back Cookout
- August 17-21: Add/Drop for Undergraduate Courses
- August 26: Wednesday Workshop

### September
- September 2: SGA Event Night
- September 7: Labor Day Holiday
- September 9: Wednesday Workshop
- September 15: showCAES@UGA SW Recruitment Event
- September 17: showCAES@UGA SE Recruitment Event
- September 18: UGA Tailgate at Tift County High football homecoming game
- September 23: Wednesday Workshop
- September 30: SGA Event Night

### October
- October 7: Wednesday Workshop
- October 6: Midterm
- October 12-17: UGA Homecoming Week
- October 16: UGA Tailgate at Tift County High football game
- October 20-22: Sunbelt Expo
- October 22: Course Withdrawal Deadline
- October 28 – 31: National FFA Convention
- October 30: Fall Break

### November
- November 4: SGA Event Night
- November 11: Wednesday Workshop
- November 19: Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon
- November 23-27: Thanksgiving Holidays

### December
- December 2: SGA Event Night
- December 5: Tifton Hometown Holidays Parade (UGA float)
- December 8: Last Day of Class (Friday schedule in effect)
- December 9: Reading Day
- December 12: Graduation Recognition Tifton Campus
- December 10-16: Final Exams
- December 18: Athens Graduation Events
- December 21: Grades due by 5:00 PM