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For our alumni readers, depending on when you graduated from the College of Agriculture, I’ll venture to guess that you would not recognize this college now. We have grown rapidly in the last few years; in fact, we have increased in majors by about 60 percent over the last four years. That kind of growth is not accidental but rather the result of much hard work by our faculty and staff, and I’d like to think it’s an indication that we are doing things right.

For the past two years, we’ve had to move the location for greeting our new students out of Plumas Hall because we don’t have a room big enough in the building to hold all of them. We are all pleased to see that so many students are choosing Chico State and becoming members of the College of Agriculture. We welcome all of them with open arms, so keep sending us students so that they can also have the Chico Experience.

Another area of growth for us is our new fully online Master of Science in Agricultural Education, which saw its first cohort of 24 students this past summer. For fall semester, we have close to the same number of students enrolled. Obviously there is demand for an alternative means of obtaining a master’s degree from the traditional residential experience, and we are starting to meet that need. When we received accreditation for the degree in February, graduate program coordinator Dr. Mollie Aschenbrener swung into action, successfully recruiting credentialed high school agriculture teachers and others to enroll in the program.

We recently learned that we have received a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to add an option in leadership and communication to the Agricultural Education master’s program. By doing so, we will increase our reach to working professionals. For more information about this dynamic program, visit www.csuchico.edu/ag and click on Prospective Students, selecting The Masters in Agricultural Education.

Our students never cease to amaze me with their accomplishments; in this column I want to highlight two of them. Hannah Garrett, the agricultural education freshman featured on our cover, was elected as state FFA president this year. What that means is that she’ll influence about 70,000 high school students across the state and hopefully steer many of them to Chico State. We are proud of Hannah’s accomplishments and not surprised by them, as she is following the lead of alums who were also state FFA leaders. I also want to highlight Katie Stroud, an animal science freshman who was selected as a National Beef Ambassador. In this role, she will travel around the state and nation talking with students and the general public about agriculture. Both of these remarkable young women will represent Chico State’s College of Agriculture in a manner that will make us proud. Please turn the pages to find out more about these students. Way to go, Hannah and Katie!

Chico State is celebrating its 125th anniversary, so you will be hearing about different opportunities to come back to campus, and we encourage you to visit us. We would love to see you at our alumni events, such as the Red Bluff Reception or the Colusa Farm Show Breakfast. Thank you for your interest in and support of the College of Agriculture. If you haven’t already done so, please let Sarah DeForest, our advancement director and main connection to our alums, know where you are and how to get in touch with you. You can e-mail her at sdeforest@csuchico.edu. We love hearing from you.

Best,

Jennifer Ryder Fox
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WHAT’S GROWING ON

Meats Lab Technician Wins at Cured Meat Competition

Adam Knapp, CSU, Chico Meats Lab technician, was named champion of the “best-selling sausage” category in the California Association of Meat Processors (CAMP) cured meat contest for his jalapeño cheese brats. The contest was in conjunction with the annual CAMP convention and tabletop tradeshow held at CSU, Chico Feb. 24–26, 2012. Approximately 150 attendees representing more than 30 small California meat processors were on hand for educational seminars, tours, student contests, and the cured meat competition.

Swine Unit Produces Two Champion Barrows

The CSU, Chico Farm Swine Unit had the overall champion barrow and the champion purebred barrow at the Western All Breeds Show and Sale in Reno, Nevada, Dec. 9–10, 2011. The overall champion barrow was a crossbreed, and the champion purebred barrow was a Yorkshire. Both were born and raised in the University Farm Swine Unit. The two pigs were taken to the show and shown by the Swine Unit management team of Kristi Allwardt, Jordan Brainard, Corey Carpenter, Hayden Clement, and Amanda Vargas.

CSU, Chico Students Win at Western Collegiate Food Marketing Competition

The CSU, Chico College of Agriculture’s Domestic and International Food Marketing teams competed at the Western Collegiate Food Marketing Competition in Fresno on March 8, 2012. The Domestic team won first in their division, and the International team placed second. In addition to winning first place for their Bacchanalia Liqueur-infused ice cream marketing plan, the Domestic team—consisting of Bliss Bidwell, Codi Titus, and Jessica Neugebauer—was named the most likely to succeed. The CSU, Chico International team consisting of Brenae Royal, Kristen Moran, and Emily Richter won second place with their idea of marketing a pre-marinated rabbit product under the name of BEK Specialty Meats.

CSU, Chico Team Wins Discussion Meet

The CSU, Chico Discussion Meet Team won the 2011 California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet competition on Dec. 4 in Reno, Nevada, during the 93rd annual CFBF meeting. The CSU, Chico team consisted of Ryan Amaral, Katherine Dykier, Hannah Garrett, Cassie Markley, Vince Pellegrini, and Laura White. Five team members made it through the first elimination to the elite eight, and two went on to the final four. Pellegrini placed second, and Garrett placed third overall. The combined scores of the CSU, Chico team moved them into first place for the collegiate team competition.
The Harvest

Animal Science Major Wins State and National Beef Ambassador Contests

Freshman animal science major Katie Stroud won the senior division of the California Beef Ambassador Contest held at the University Farm on April 28, 2012. The contest, sponsored by the California CattleWomen’s Association and the California Beef Council to develop communication and advocacy skills in youth ages 12 to 20, consisted of a written response, a mock consumer demonstration in front of an audience, and a mock media interview. Stroud went on to represent California at the National Beef Ambassador Contest held in Sacramento in September, where she earned a spot on the National Beef Ambassador Team. Stroud and four other winners from across the nation will represent the beef industry throughout the coming year.

Superior Ag/Tri Counties Bank Golf Classic

On June 11, 2012, the 17th annual Superior Ag and Tri Counties Bank Golf Classic raised over $45,000 to benefit scholarships and academic programs in the College of Agriculture. The tournament was held at the Butte Creek Country Club. Thirty-three teams of six golfers each played in the tournament. The Durham Pump team of Rayme Antonowich, Walt Chrupalo, Gary Enos, Louie Mendoza, Sam Richardson, and John Rhein won the overall tournament. The raffle grand prize of a flight for four to Sun River, Oregon, for a game of golf went to JT Thomas.

Quiz Bowl

Four CSU, Chico agricultural business students participated in the Academic Bowl held at the annual Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) meeting in Seattle, Washington, Aug. 12–13 at the Washington State Convention Center. The team representing CSU, Chico was Cecilia Wilson, Katie Hall, Brittany Krueger, and Breanna Benton, pictured with coach Jake Brimlow, assistant professor. The Academic Bowl is a double-elimination Jeopardy-style competition that tests the competitors on their knowledge of several different aspects of agricultural business and economics. The team made it to the third round of the competition before being eliminated.

Take a Look at Our Star Students

Each year the CSU, Chico College of Agriculture recognizes one exemplary student within each discipline as a Star Student. To view the complete articles on all of our past Star Students, visit our website at www.csuchico.edu/ag/about/star-students.

Joanna Bloese
MAJOR: Crops, Horticulture, and Land Resource Management

Kimberly Macintosh
MAJOR: Agriscience and Education
HOMETOWN: Jackson, Calif.

Elizabeth Hurd
MAJOR: Agribusiness
HOMETOWN: Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Sarah Albers
MAJOR: Animal Science
HOMETOWN: Rio Dell, Calif.
Greenhouses are big business in California. The California Department of Food and Agriculture reports gross cash receipts for the greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture sector in 2010 at $3.76 billion. In the CSU, Chico College of Agriculture, students can gain valuable hands-on experience in greenhouse production, albeit in a somewhat unusual way. While most greenhouses around the state are growing ornamental plants and cut flowers, the University Farm’s greenhouses and nursery facilities are filled nine months out of the year with native California plants, organic vegetable starts, and student research projects.

"Over the course of 15 years, half a million native plants have been grown here in the greenhouses and planted near the Sacramento River," greenhouse manager Mark Leigh said. "Each seed is collected at the site where it is to be planted back, and the seed is cleaned, mixed with vermiculite and water, and put into the cooler until it’s time to plant the seeds in planting tubes. The whole process is a great learning opportunity for students."

Fifteen years ago, the Nature Conservancy approached Chico State for a facility to grow their plants that are used for restoration by the Sacramento River. Ryan Luster, the Sacramento River Conservation project manager, explained that the volume of plants they were replanting became overwhelming, and around 1998 he had to start finding facilities that were willing to help. "We have three different nurseries that help us with growing the native plants, but we have made a great relationship with Mark and the college over the past few years. If they didn’t do such a great job we wouldn’t have stayed with them for as long as we have," Luster said.

The newest greenhouse was built five years ago with the help of the Nature Conservancy contract and their State Habitat Restoration Grant. In addition to the new greenhouse, updates have been made to the older greenhouses, including a new irrigation system, shade cloths, and other small necessities. More updates will continue to make the facilities a stronger program and provide a better learning environment for students.

The Nature Conservancy works with 35 species of plants along the Sacramento River, but the prevalent types include mulberry, native roses, valley oaks, coyote bush, box elder, elderberry, and Oregon Ash. In the fall, students plant seeds into the “planting tubes” where they will germinate over the winter. Throughout the winter, students help move the plants to different greenhouses for appropriate environments for each stage of growth.

"Each greenhouse has a unique environment, making for a great tool for when students go out into the real world and get into greenhouse management," Leigh said. "They will be prepared for any type of facility when they go on from Chico State and into the industry."

While the Nature Conservancy contracts have provided a nice income to the University Farm, it’s not the only focus of the Chico State greenhouses. Two glass greenhouses are devoted to student projects and starting vegetable plants. Germinated young plants occupy the front half of the east glass greenhouse during fall and spring semester. By the end of spring semester, identifiable carrots, tomatoes, artichokes, peppers, and other summer vegetables are ready to be put in the shaded area to be hardened off before planting at the end of May. The winter vegetables include kale, chard, and many varieties of lettuce.

Professor Lee Altier, director for the Organic Vegetable Project, said, “The greenhouses are essential to the Organic Vegetable Project because they are used for seeding for transplant, and they are in the perfect location, across the road and a few feet away from a cooler.”

Each year there is a variety of vegetables started in the greenhouses for summer vegetables, including tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, and eggplants. This year’s trial crop was papayas that were planted with the summer vegetables.

Organic Vegetable Project student manager Arianna Gehrig is involved with planting the seeds in the greenhouses, propagating, maintaining the plants, and transferring all the way until it’s time to plant them in the field. “We usually have things started and growing in the greenhouses throughout the year, except for summertime when it gets too hot and after the veggies are planted,” Gehrig said. “Essentially we have a constant flow of starts.
going through the greenhouse and into the field throughout the year.”

The south end of the glass greenhouses are dedicated to class projects. This fall the Greenhouse Management class grew poinsettias. “Poinsettias are great for students to get an experience on how to control a growing environment for a product that is a certain height with as few blemishes as possible, which takes a lot of maintenance and management,” Leigh said. Leigh said that ornamental plants like the poinsettias give students a well-balanced learning experience, while the native plants and organic vegetables let students learn about how to incorporate sustainable practices into greenhouse management.

“I like that students get to learn about all the work that goes into growing and marketing poinsettias or Easter lilies, as we have done in the past, but I also appreciate the advantages that come along with the natives. The natives don't need to be sprayed for insects or diseases due to their toughness, and we let natural predators prey on any bad insects that may infest the plants. We also use little if any fertilizer,” Leigh said.

Beyond the basics of ornamental horticulture, CSU, Chico's greenhouses offer a unique learning environment where students learn to integrate sustainable practices in greenhouse management, help with an ongoing partnership with the Nature Conservancy Sacramento River project, and experience the full cycle of growing vegetables from seed to harvest.

With the help of a coalition of industry supporters and the Agricultural Research Institute, the California State University, Chico University Farm added to its diverse educational opportunities by planting a 10-acre high-density olive orchard. Varieties of Arbequina, Arbosana, and Chiquitita olive trees were planted in the fall of 2011.

All the young trees and many of the resources necessary to plant them, such as the irrigation system, trellis system, land development and labor, were donated to the University Farm. Contributing partners include California Olive Ranch, Nurtech, Durham Pump, Matt Lohse, Matt Anchordoguy Co., and A&J Vineyards.

The University Farm is expecting its first harvest in two to three years, and some of the olives will be made into olive oil and marketed through the CSU, Chico Farm. “It will also provide an opportunity for students interested in marketing and processing practices to apply business and manufacturing principles in the production and sale of a boutique olive oil product,” said plant science professor Rich Rosecrance.

The trees will serve as research subjects for the relatively new system of high-density olive production in California. The oldest-high density olive orchard is in Gridley, California, and is only about 15 years old. “The North State is the center of high-density olive oil production in California. Thus, planting this orchard could provide real benefits to this fledgling industry,” said Rosecrance. “The research possibilities are numerous, including not only production but irrigation, fertilization, orchard longevity, and marketing opportunities as well.”
When Drs. Dick and Marian Baldy arrived on the Chico State campus, they both knew that they wanted to teach and make a difference. Little did they know how big of a difference they would make, or in what ways they would do so.

With a PhD in plant physiology from UC Davis, Dick was hired in the fall of 1970 to teach pomology and master’s degree courses in what was then the College of Agriculture, Engineering, and Nursing.

“In my specialty, I was essentially a one-person department,” Dick said. “It was a wonderful opportunity to develop courses as I saw fit and follow my own vision.”

The courses that Dick developed over the next 30 years helped shape the core of the agriculture curriculum that exists today. He developed the Introduction to Plant Science course, which meets the general education (GE) requirement for students across campus. He also created another GE class, Food Forevers, which looks at how ecological factors, technology, and societal values interact to determine food production and food choices around the globe. In the early 1990s, when the College of Agriculture was instructed to change its direction or risk elimination, Dick designed a senior project program that would give undergraduates the kind of research experience that most students don't receive unless they go on to graduate school.

Marian said of Dick, “During our tenure at Chico State, the college went through some really rough times. Using a term from the Olympics gymnastics competitions, Dick was always able to 'stick the landing,' so to speak. He has the intellectual flexibility and imagination to adapt to the situation and come out okay.”

One of his favorite challenges, Dick said, was when he came back to campus after intersession one January and was told he was teaching plant pathology in the spring. With basically a weekend to prepare, Dick said, “My goal was for my students not to know that I was not an expert in plant pathology. I think I pulled it off!”

While Dick came from an agricultural background, growing up on a dairy farm in Madera County, Marian came to agriculture through her love of science. On her first day of freshman biology as a 13-year-old high school student, the teacher wrote a note on the blackboard that would set her career in motion: Biology = Bios + Logos (the study of life).

“I knew that was exactly what I wanted to do with my life,” Marian recalled. She became a high school laboratory assistant, then got started at UC Davis as a National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Participation Program fellow. Through that program she worked on a research project on livestock blood typing and decided that the applied nature of agriculture research appealed to her.

Dick and Marian met at UC Davis in 1965 and were married four months later. While Dick pursued his PhD in plant physiology, Marian earned her master’s degree and PhD in genetics. They spent two years in post-doctorate positions in Portland, Oregon, and when Dick was hired at Chico State, Marian came along as a “trailing spouse” who was determined to teach. When the biology department turned her down, she developed a new class in agricultural genetics, and the ag school hired her to teach it.

“Even though I wasn’t a full-time faculty member, I started acting like one,” Marian said. She taught agricultural business, introductory accounting, animal breeding, and ag genetics her first semester. She attended faculty meetings, assuming she belonged there.

It was at one of these faculty meetings that a discussion took place about the lack of high-enrollment courses in the agriculture school. Marian and Dick went home that night and put together a proposal for a new course in wine appreciation. By the next semester, she was teaching a full lecture hall in Ayres 120. That class would become one of the most popular at the University. In the world of academia, where funding is based on full-time equivalent students (FTE), the FTEs generated by the wine appreciation class have helped provide the necessary resources to build the agriculture program. Marian may have created the wine appreciation class so that she would have something to teach, but over the course of 30 years, she became an internationally recognized expert. She wrote a popular textbook, The University Wine Course, as well as countless papers on wine and wine education. She received the USDA National Teaching Award in 1994, the American Wine Society’s prestigious Merit Award in 2002, and the Introduction to Wine course was recognized for Exemplary Online Instruction at CSU, Chico in 2004.

In 1974, Marian became the first female tenure-track professor in the agriculture department. Marian acknowledges that it was not an easy path, but she is proud of the road that she has paved for the women who followed her. Today, five of the 15 tenure-track faculty in the College of Agriculture are women, including the dean.

Dick and Marian both took part in the Faculty Early Retirement Program in the early 2000s and officially retired from the College of Agriculture in 2005. They have remained active, enjoying their “adoptive” grandchildren, taking care of Dick’s parents, and traveling the world. The Baldys are very involved in their Buddhist Sangha, and Dick has become an accomplished photographer. His work has been featured at Upper Crust Bakery, Avenue 9 Gallery, and several other galleries around Chico.

From developing courses and building programs to mentoring students and alums, the Baldys have had an impact on the College of Agriculture that will not soon be forgotten. The couple was inducted into the College of Agriculture’s Hall of Honor during a reception at the University Farm on Oct. 6.
Agricultural business major Elizabeth Hurd received one of three Wells Fargo Community Service Awards given to students whose volunteer efforts have enriched the campus and had a positive impact on the lives of others. College of Agriculture outreach coordinator Audrey Denney nominated Hurd, writing, “I have never met someone with a more genuine desire to serve others and make the world around her a better place.” During her college career, Hurd regularly volunteered at the Peg Taylor Center, which provides health care and support to families caring for loved ones with serious health conditions. She also volunteered with Handi-Riders, the Ronald McDonald Camp, and a variety of University-wide community service activities including the Up ‘til Dawn fundraising event for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the Associated Students Freshman Leadership Opportunity. In May 2011, Hurd was one of three “Aggie Ladies” who shaved their heads to raise money for St. Baldrick’s Children’s Cancer Research. Hurd graduated in May and returned home to the Central Coast, where she prepares to enter graduate school.

Junior animal science major Taylor Herren received two awards at the reception. She received the Ron Rohde Memorial CAVE scholarship for her extensive volunteer work through the Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE). She was also one of five students to receive the Outstanding Student Service Award from the CSU, Chico Advisory Board. Herren is the director of Community Connections for CAVE and has been involved in countless community service projects both on and off campus, including the Golden Gate National Parks and Sonoma Developmental Center programs, Starting Point, Up ‘til Dawn, Cats in the Community, Wildcat Welcome, Chico Homeless Ambassadors Program, Aging Awareness Workshop, Homeless Awareness Campaign, blanket drive for the Jesus Center, Green Team campus clean-up, and Freshman Leadership Opportunity program. She is also a founding member of SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere). She plans to attend veterinary school after graduation.

Junior agriscience and education major Marlene Romero was named the Outstanding Student Leader for the College of Agriculture for her work with Ag Ambassadors and Alpha Tau Alpha, and for serving as chair of the FFA Field Day committee. Romero also received the Jackie Faris-Rees Student Leadership Award for exceptional leadership campuswide. In addition to her service to the College of Agriculture, Romero, like Hurd, has been active in the Freshman Leadership Opportunity program. As program coordinator, Romero manages all aspects of the program, which helps shape a select group of freshmen into service-oriented leaders and citizens. After graduation in 2013, Romero plans to enter the credential program.
New Faces
at the University Farm

The University Farm has seen some transition in recent years as several longtime farm staff have retired or moved on to new opportunities. Four new hires in the past year have helped fill the gap, joining a team of professionals who are focused on both agriculture and education.

Crop technician Jeff Boles is the most experienced of the new hires, having grown up on a family farm in Durham. Boles has always loved farming and working outdoors, and he finds the challenge of working with students to be the most rewarding part of his job. Boles works primarily in the orchards at the University Farm, and he grows his own walnuts in Durham.

Meats laboratory technician Adam Knapp took over responsibilities at the meats lab as a temporary emergency hire in August 2011 when Randy Long left to work in the Central Valley. His work ethic and innovation earned him the position in January 2012. The 2011 Chico State geology graduate worked in the meats lab as a student under both Jim Holt and Long. Knapp is excited about continuing to integrate the meats lab into the educational program and expanding the variety of products that students produce.

Like Knapp, farm laborer Tyler Ash recently graduated from Chico State in a major other than agriculture. The 2012 journalism graduate worked summers at greenhouses in his home town of Ripon and joined the University Farm as a student employee in 2009. He was hired as a fulltime farm laborer after he graduated in May and spends most of his time working in the crops units at the University Farm.

Brenden Close was hired this summer as a farm laborer focusing on livestock. After earning his associate degree at Santa Rosa Junior College, the Santa Rosa native originally transferred to Iowa State. A visit to Chico during his first winter in Iowa convinced him to transfer to Chico State, where he majored in animal science and competed on the livestock judging team. Close enjoys the daily diversity of working at the University Farm. Every day is different, he said, and the students are fun to work with.
Internationally respected animal behaviorist Temple Grandin spoke to three sold-out crowds on Feb. 15, 2012, in the CSU, Chico Bell Memorial Union (BMU) Auditorium. The Chico State Young Cattlemen’s Association, Butte County Farm Bureau, and CSU, Chico College of Agriculture hosted Grandin’s visit. Grandin’s fame preceded her visit to Chico. The Colorado State University professor won seven Emmy awards and a Golden Globe for the 2010 HBO biopic based on her life, Temple Grandin. She was also named a hero in TIME magazine’s 2010 list of “100 Most Influential People in the World.” Grandin is now the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. Grandin gave two lectures during the day in the crowded BMU to college students, community members, and high school agriculture students from throughout the North State. The first lecture was “Improving Animal Welfare: A Practical Approach,” in which she focused on cattle handling and public impressions of animal issues. Her second lecture, “Autism and My Sensory-Based World,” focused on her personal experiences with autism and shed light on the symptoms of autism and how children with autism see the world. After both lectures, Grandin took questions from the crowd and signed books. She also spoke that evening at the Butte County Farm Bureau’s annual dinner.
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It’s an annual sign of spring on the California State University, Chico campus. Several times each February and March, the campus and University Farm are flooded with a sea of blue and gold corduroy jackets worn by confident, poised, and professional high school students. The jackets are part of the official dress for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) members who visit Chico State to compete in events hosted by the College of Agriculture, including parliamentary procedure contests, regional meetings and speaking contests, and a statewide FFA Field Day.

While these events may be the most visible sign of a strong connection between Chico State and FFA, they are only one aspect of a longtime partnership in agricultural education that includes training, research, recruitment, and service, as well as hosting the Superior Region FFA Office at the University Farm.

FFA is a national organization founded in 1928 that strives to educate youth about agriculture and leadership while preparing them for college and careers. With more than 70,000 members in California alone, FFA and its corresponding high school agriculture programs are a robust pipeline to the College of Agriculture for prospective students. For many former FFA members, the connection to FFA continues when they come to Chico State and shift roles from attending FFA activities to coordinating the activities—and from learning from their high school agriculture teachers to becoming teachers.

“Through FFA, students build up a set of core values and understand agriculture and how it relates to communities and life,” said Jennifer Ryder Fox, dean of the College of Agriculture. “Our partnership with FFA enriches both the FFA members’ agricultural experiences and our students’ college experiences.”

Agricultural education begins with classroom and laboratory activities, and FFA offers hands-on
experience, showing students how to apply knowledge gained in the classroom. Students take part in Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs that can be tailored to their interests. SAE categories include entrepreneurship, placement, research and experimentation, and exploratory, all of which offer real-world experience and hands-on application of business and agriculture.

“FFA gives students the opportunity to explore things they like or are not sure if they do like,” said junior agricultural education major and past California State FFA officer Marlene Romero. “Because of the opportunity to explore, students can enter college with more confidence in the path they have chosen, and they seem more likely to stay in agriculture.”

Jessica Vazquez, an agricultural education sophomore and 2010–2011 California State FFA officer, added, “It also exposes members to life skills that are hard to teach in a classroom, like commitment and responsibility.”

It is those soft skills gained through FFA that help students find success in college and beyond.

Agricultural education assistant professor Mollie Aschenbrener is working to quantify its effect through a research study called “FFA and SAE Academic Success and Retention,” which is measuring the College of Agriculture retention rates for students with FFA and SAE backgrounds vs. those who were not involved in FFA. Preliminary results from the study show with statistical significance that students with an FFA and SAE background are more likely to stay in agriculture and graduate from the College of Agriculture.

“Students who have that little bit of experience already know if they like agriculture and know what to expect when they start classes,” said Aschenbrener.

To contribute to the partnership and give students an opportunity to apply their practiced skills, the College of Agriculture works hard to support FFA through various events. The College of Agriculture and Butte College co-host a statewide FFA Field Day each March. About 1,500 FFA members from all over California come to Chico to compete in skilled events such as livestock judging, ag mechanics, sales and marketing, and agronomy.

The massive undertaking requires a committee of Chico State students, faculty, and staff doing everything from finding judges, coordinating contest sites, preparing lunch, and running tabulations.

The college also hosts the Superior Region Parliamentary Procedure Contest and the CSU, Chico Invitational Parliamentary Procedure Contest, which are both student-run.

“Hosting events like the field day and parliamentary procedure contest allows CSU, Chico to contribute to and build on the partnership we have with FFA through our students,” said agriculture professor Brad Dodson. “Many of the students who are active in planning these events were also FFA members, and they enjoy contributing back to a younger FFA generation.”

Along with the hands-on direct experience in agriculture, FFA also offers various leadership roles that encourage students to step up and learn to take on responsibility. Officer positions are available from the local chapter level to the national level, all of which allow students to employ leadership and responsibility tactics.

“Students who have gone through FFA come into college with poise and an ability to speak to the public with authority,” said Fox. “They have a sense of self-confidence and are also not afraid to take on leadership roles.”

Past officers such as Romero and Vazquez give back to FFA and those members interested in leadership by facilitating officer trainings to help candidates prepare to running for office. A team of past FFA officers organizes, designs, and runs the officer training. The student team plans the officer training, facilitates workshops, and organizes mock interviews. The College of Agriculture hosts two officer training sessions, one for regional officer candidates and the other for state officer candidates.

One student who exemplifies the College of Agriculture and FFA partnership is agricultural education major Isaac Valencia, who was very active in FFA at his high school in Galt, California. After entering Chico State, Valencia applied to be a Greenhand Conference facilitator.

In this role, he and his teammates travel around California presenting the conferences during each fall semester.

CSU, Chico Student Elected California State FFA President

CSU, Chico agriculture science and education major Hannah Garrett, pictured on the front cover, was elected president of the 70,000-member California State FFA Association. The announcement came April 24, 2012, at the 84th Annual California State FFA Leadership Conference in Fresno, California.

“Hannah went through a grueling week of interviews, on-stage questions and interviews, and she shined,” said College of Agriculture outreach coordinator Audrey Denney. “We are so fortunate to have such a genuine, talented young woman of character call Chico State her home.”

As one of six members of the 2012–2013 state officer team, Garrett, a first-year student, is responsible for providing leadership and direction to the state FFA organization including motivating members and promoting the organization. She will facilitate conferences for students, meet industry leaders in California, and teach agriculture classes at approximately 300 schools statewide.

“It is an incredible opportunity that she gets to be a part of this next year, and I am completely confident that she will excel and inspire an immeasurable amount of high school students,” Chico State student and past California State FFA officer Jessica Vazquez said. “I am so proud of her and could not think of a better person to serve as the State FFA president.”
"I wanted to do something to give back to the organization that gave me so much," said Valencia.

Valencia plans to become an agricultural education teacher and high school FFA advisor. After completing his bachelor's degree, he hopes to enter the Teaching Credential in Agriculture program.

The College of Agriculture currently has about 70 students like Valencia enrolled in the agricultural science and education option, with 10 to 15 students entering the agriculture teaching credential program each year.

"High school ag teachers are an extraordinarily passionate group of professionals," said Fox. "They care deeply about their students and spend countless hours outside of the classroom training teams, checking on students’ fair projects, and driving kids to meetings and events. For the most part, that passion originated from their own high school FFA experiences, and our goal is to further cultivate their skills and professional drive through our undergraduate and credential programs."

In an effort to better serve the profession, the College of Agriculture, through efforts led by Aschenbrener, has introduced an online master's degree in agricultural education in conjunction with the AG*IDEA Consortium. To earn their master's degree, working agriculture teachers take classes online through Chico State as well as other top agriculture institutions throughout the country. The program kicked off with its first group of 24 students during the 2012 summer term.

Besides hosting events, educating future teachers, and training leaders, the College of Agriculture also provides services to the FFA that are less visible. Chico State currently hosts the California FFA's website, www.CalAgEd.org, which agricultural education professor Mike Spiess and a colleague built about 10 years ago. The CalAgEd website serves as a registration hub for FFA Field Day events and provides a membership database and data on current agricultural education teachers and programs offered in the state. It also keeps track of membership demographics. For the past decade, Spiess has used the program to collect data that can be used to build curricula, benefiting students and better training future agriculture teachers.

Spiess has also written a new online record book application used by FFA chapters around the state. The record books are essentially a form of business accounting, and they are required of FFA students to apply for project awards and FFA degrees. With the new online application, the record books will be available from any computer with Internet access, making it easier for members to update their record books and take with them if they move.

For nearly 60 years, the College of Agriculture has built its success in large part on the ability of FFA to prepare thousands of students to study agriculture at Chico State. In return, the college offers training, competitions, and services to FFA and prepares teachers to enter the agricultural education profession. It’s a partnership that continues to grow and evolve around a shared mission to prepare future leaders in agriculture.
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Where Are They Now...

Celebration

Darby Holmes (Animal Science, '06) married Travis Heffner (Animal Science, '08) on Aug. 11, 2012. During the festivities, the couple managed to snap a photo with all of their fellow Chico State ag alumni in attendance.

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Everett Southam, who taught in the College of Agriculture for 32 years, passed away on Aug. 9, 2012, in Chico. Southam was an animal scientist and was responsible for the USDA Meat Laboratory at the University Farm. He taught all of the meats courses and many animal science courses in the College of Agriculture, and served as the farm administrator for a time.
Bill Loveridge likes to call himself a “jack of all trades and master of none.” But his humble personality belies the fact that for hundreds of students who have gone through the small Sierra County high school in Loyalton, Loveridge has been a masterful teacher. The 1976 agriculture graduate was selected as the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus for the College of Agriculture.

Even as a student at Chico State, Loveridge didn’t stick to doing just one thing. He was the features editor for the Chico Wildcat, which later became the Chico News and Review. He lent a hand at the University Farm, helping with research projects, and held multiple part-time jobs to get him through college. After majoring in political science and meeting all the requirements for that degree, Loveridge changed his major to agriculture, where he could follow his heart into a teaching career. The professors who had the greatest impact on Loveridge were Jack Nolan and Wes Patton.

“I can honestly say they are the best teachers I’ve ever had. They both gave me hands-on opportunities that guided me back to agriculture,” Loveridge said. “Once I started taking agriculture classes again at Chico State, I knew that’s where I really needed to be.”

Ted Gregg, regional supervisor for the state department of education, constantly reminded Loveridge he would be a great teacher. “I would work at Ted’s house and watch his kids once in a while, and he was always after me about becoming an ag teacher,” Loveridge said.

Upon graduation, Loveridge and his wife Susan, a natural sciences graduate, moved to Rocklin, which was a central location for his student teaching job in Lincoln and her computer application internship in Sacramento. Loveridge received a lot of support from Patrick McCartney and the Lincoln High School Ag Department, the same program he went through as a young student. After finishing his student teaching, Loveridge replaced a teacher on sabbatical at Lindhurst High School for a semester, then moved to Anderson High School in 1978. There he taught basic agriculture courses, horticulture, animal science, welding, farm mechanics, and horse science. During his time at Anderson, he trained parliamentary procedure, public speaking, livestock judging, horse judging, cooperative marketing, horticulture, and other teams.

In 1985, Loveridge made the third and final move of his teaching career when he accepted the job at Loyalton High School and moved to Loyalton, where he and Susan would raise three kids: Megan, Adam, and Emily. Over the next 25 years, Loveridge taught many classes including Animal Science, Ag 1, Ag 2, Agriculture Mechanics, Plant Science, Horticulture, Ag Speech and Leadership, and the list goes on. He developed and maintained a facility with two barns, a chicken house, a greenhouse, raised beds, pastures, and orchards. He also trained livestock judging, small engines, public speaking, Best Informed Greenhand, and other teams.

When students wanted to do something new and different, he was never closed to the idea and helped them succeed. One group of students wanted to have a computer applications team. Loveridge acknowledged that he didn’t know what he was getting himself into.

“Not knowing much about computers, I wondered, ‘How hard could it be? There is a monitor, mouse, and a hard drive,’” Loveridge recalled. “To my surprise they exceeded my expectations and won their first competition at UC Davis. The next year they won the state.”

Loveridge was an excellent agriculture teacher, but he often stepped outside the box and taught drama and coached football, soccer, and middle school basketball.

During Loveridge’s career, he served on numerous committees in the agriculture education community, including 20 years and counting on the California FFA Foundation Board of Directors. He was appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Easton to be on the agriculture education focus group where he assisted in developing the California Standards for Agriculture Education and helped develop various statewide...
assessments for agriculture education. Loyalton High School then became a pilot school for this new California agriculture curriculum.

He was elected treasurer of the California Agriculture Teachers Association (CATA) in the late 1980s and became president four years later.

“My claim to fame is hiring Jim Aschwanden as executive director of CATA,” Loveridge said of the successful leader, who celebrates his 20th year with CATA in 2012.

Loveridge has always been active in his community. He has served as a director of the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District, councilman for the city of Loyalton, and member of the Sierra County Transportation Commission and Sierra County LAFCO boards. In addition, he has volunteered at the fire department and served on the board of the Shasta County Farm Bureau.

Among Loveridge’s many commitments, one of his strongest has been to his family’s church, where he also serves on the board. In 2002, Loveridge’s youngest daughter Emily, who was 10 at the time, convinced her parents to participate with her in a mission trip to the Philippines. “I went dragging my heels the whole way across the Pacific Ocean,” Loveridge laughed. However, his reluctance was short-lived. When they returned to Loyalton, the Loveridges led the charge to raise enough money to buy 15 acres in the Philippines on which to build a farm so that students at a pastor training college would be able to learn how to raise their own food. Since then the family has made seven trips to continue to build the farm and help teach at the college.

In 2010, after three decades of teaching, coaching, and volunteering in his community and around the globe, a quiet retirement was not to be for Bill Loveridge. CEV Multimedia, a curriculum and educational resources company, quickly tapped into his talents.

“I was standing in the hog ring at Quincy Fair and I get a call from CEV Multimedia requesting that I become a sales consultant,” Loveridge recalled. “I don’t think I had a say in it, even after I told them I’m not really a salesman,” he said, chuckling. “It turns out they are a great company to work for and their product is really well known and actually a good product to stand behind.”

The career in education that began with the encouragement of his Chico State agriculture professors 40 years ago is still evolving. On April 20, 2012, Loveridge was honored for his impact on his students, community, and the agriculture teaching profession at a dinner celebrating the 2012 Distinguished Alumni from each college at CSU, Chico. Loveridge accepted his award with humility and disbelief.

“I don’t feel like I’ve really done a whole lot, but I’ve always done a little. After a while, you look back on your life and career, and it turns out that a little bit over time adds up to a lot,” Loveridge said.

Lively, energetic, amazing, bright, witty, and generous. These are just some of the words that are often used to describe Claudine Bell and Helen Head, two remarkable sisters who left their marks on the College of Agriculture and the community of Chico. Claudine passed away on March 29, 2011, at the age of 104, followed June 7, 2012, by Helen at the age of 95.

Claudine and Helen were wonderful historians and storytellers, and they loved to share their knowledge of Chico history with anyone who was interested. The family’s local history began in 1865 when their grandfather Hugh Thomas Bell, an English emigrant, settled in Butte County and started a farm north of Chico. Their father, Ivison, and brother Tom further built and expanded the family’s farming and ranching operations.

While they always remained tied to the family farm, Claudine and Helen embarked on their own journeys. Claudine was a dedicated schoolteacher for nearly 40 years in Marysville and Hamilton City. Helen taught at Chico’s Central School for five years, then became a devoted wife to her high school sweetheart, Ray Head, a firefighter. Ray passed away in 1970 after a tragic firefighting accident, and the sisters shared a home in Chico until Claudine’s death in 2011.

The Bell sisters were generous throughout the community, and they had a special love for the College of Agriculture and the University Farm. Their brother Tom, through his will, established an endowment to support the animal science program. Since his death in 1987, the endowment has funded more than $40,000 in scholarships to 60 students in animal science.

Claudine and Helen loved visiting the University Farm and meeting the recipients of the H. Tom Bell Scholarship. They decided to build upon the family legacy at Chico State, and between 2001 and 2007, the sisters made a series of donations to the University structured in such a way that they would continue to receive income on the gifts for the duration of their lives. The charitable remainder trust and charitable gift annuities resulted in permanent endowments that will provide support to their beloved University Farm in perpetuity.

Dean Jennifer Ryder Fox said, “Helen and Claudine had a passion for ranching and agriculture, and thanks to their vision and generosity, that passion will live on in the College of Agriculture for many generations.”

Claudine and Helen are deeply missed by all in the College of Agriculture.
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25 Ag Social at the Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale
28 Spring Classes Begin

February
2 Swine Day
6 Alumni Breakfast at the Colusa Farm Show
9 Sheep & Goat Day
13 Career & Internship Fair

March
9 FFA Field Day
18–22 Spring Break

May
25 Graduation Reception
26 Commencement

June
10 Superior Ag Golf Tournament
21 Livestock Judging Team Reunion

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