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Caitlyn Abell, Western Kentucky University, United States

I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western Kentucky University with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Animal Science and Biology. My Honor's Thesis was "The Effect of Breeding Herd Parity Structure on Genetic Improvement of the Sow Herd".

While a student, I worked as an undergraduate assistant with a Professor of Animal Science. Additionally, I completed a summer internship at Iowa State University in the Department of Animal Science and currently, I am completing an internship at the National Headquarters of the American Simmental Association. In the fall, I plan to attend graduate school at Iowa State University.



Daniel Abreu, University of Federal de Vicosa, Brazil

I grew up in contact with a farm, where the tradition is Beef Production. There I had the opportunity to work and get practical experience. I graduated in Agronomy at UFV, where now I'm a Master's degree student. I've written articles on livestock research; participated in voluntary social integration project; organized and attended Beef Production symposiums. In 2004, I was an exchange student at the University of Minnesota, USA. Currently, I'm working on Ruminant Nutrition and Beef Production. I am also a phenotypic evaluator of Zebu cattle. Part of my time I do volunteer work helping small beef producers.



Travis Arp, UF Livestock Judging Coach, Graduate Assistant, Department of Animal Science, University of Florida, United States

I grew up outside Madison, Wisconsin on the UW beef research farm that my father manages. Our family has shown and raised purebred Gelbvieh cattle for almost 20 years, and has been very active in the national association. I graduated from the University of Missouri in 2008 with a degree in Agriculture Economics, and am currently getting my Masters of Meat Science at the University of Florida. Following graduation, I would like to pursue a career with an allied industry organization that advocates for the public policy interests of the beef industry, or for a major beef packing company.



Albert Boaitey, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Albert Boaitey was born Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city. He holds a Bsc. Agricultural Economics (First class Honors) from the University of Ghana, Legon. After graduation Albert worked with the Department of Agricultural Economics as a teaching assistant. During the period he was part of a number of key research projects. Prominent among which was the RTIMP project which assessed the economic impact of technologically improved root and tuber varieties on the country's agriculture. His research interests are mainly in the area of International Trade and Agricultural policy particularly focused on the response of agricultural Institutions to Change and Innovation. Outside the classroom Albert has been actively involved in Humanitarian activities and was until recently the Country program's manager of Let's Go Africa Foundation (Ghana) an international NGO. As a pastime, he writes and is the author of ERRMM- a monthly online Christian Newsletter. Albert is currently studying for an Msc. in Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. His Thesis is focused on some aspects of the interaction between Biofuel production and the livestock industry in Canada.



Chelsey Carruthers, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Chelsey Carruthers grew up on a cow-calf operation near Biggar, Saskatchewan. She completed her B.S.A. in Animal Science at the University of Saskatchewan in 2007, and has since been working there under the supervision of Dr. Sheila Schmutz. Her research has focused on assessing the genetic diversity of Angus cattle from eight countries, using two types of polymorphisms. As she nears the completion of her M.Sc., Chelsey looks forward to a career in Western Canada's livestock industry.



Catherine Colodey, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada

Catherine Colodey grew up in Clyde River, Prince Edward Island as part of the 5th generation in her farming family. She completed three years of a B. Sc. (Biology) degree at the University of Prince Edward Island before being accepted into the D.V.M. program at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown. Through 4-H, breed associations and the establishment of her own beef herd, Catherine has maintained a long-standing involvement in agriculture. She has participated in regional and national conferences, and as the 2005 Canadian Angus Association Junior Ambassador had the opportunity to meet with livestock producers across the United Kingdom. After graduating in May 2010, Catherine hopes to find employment as a veterinarian focusing on food-producing animals.



Anna Kathryn Daniel, University of Georgia, United States

Born and raised on a small family farm in Jackson, GA, Anna received an Associates of Biology from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. At ABAC she played tennis, competing in two Junior College National Championships. She received a Bachelors of Animal and Dairy Science from the University of Georgia in 2008 and will graduate with a Masters of Animal and Dairy Science in August. Anna was a member of the 2008 UGA Livestock Judging Team and was named as one of ten members to the 2008 All-American Livestock Judging Team based on academics, leadership, and livestock judging success. Her research is concentrated in ruminant nutrition and byproduct feeding. Anna will start vet school this fall at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Upon her graduation in 2013, Anna plans to pursue a career in food animal medicine.



Jacob Geis, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, United States

Jacob Geis is from Maskell, Nebraska a small town in the northeast corner of the state. I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Animal Science in May of 2009 and am currently pursuing a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University with the career goal of becoming a bovine practitioner. One of my interests is in agriculture advocacy and in promoting the aspects of food safety, ecological efficiency, and animal humaneness that modern production agriculture offers. I hope to gain more insights into this topic at the ILC, as well as meet others involved in the livestock industry.



Lynne Girardin, B.S.A., P.Ag., University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Lynne grew up in southern Saskatchewan on a farm near Meyronne. Following the completion of her Bachelor in Science of Agriculture, Lynne worked in the livestock industry for approximately two years. She is currently working on her Master's project looking at the effects of two calving systems on cow, calf performance and reproductive performance. In addition, an economic analysis of the two calving systems was also analyzed. Lynne looks forward to completing her education and working in the beef industry as a nutrition consultant.



Jamie Holdstock, University of Alberta, Canada

I am passionate about the Beef industry and I want a career helping beef producers become more efficient in this challenging industry. I grew up on a mixed farm in small town Saskatchewan. After attending Lakeland College I knew that Agriculture was the industry I wanted to work in. I transferred to the University of Alberta in Edmonton and graduated this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture majoring in Animal Science. The main focus of my studies was on cow calf and feedlot production. I think Agriculture and the Beef industry have a bright future and I want to be part of this dynamic industry.



Jessica Igo, Texas Tech University, United States

Jessica Igo was raised on the family farm in Plainview, Texas and through the 4-H program she developed a love for agriculture and cattle. Jessica attended Texas A&M University for her undergraduate studies obtaining a degree in Animal Science. Jessica is currently on her M.S. degree in Meat Science at Texas Tech University. Jessica's research revolves around the effects of Revalor-XS on the palatability characteristics of beef. Upon completion of her Master's in August, Jessica will pursue her Ph. D. at Texas Tech University and eventually a career in academia or research and development in the meat animal industry.



Kimberly McCaw, University of Guelph, Canada

Kimberly McCaw was raised on a dairy, beef and cash crop farm in Tweed, Ontario and has focused on animal physiology, animal nutrition and animal welfare and behavior at the University of Guelph. She graduated in 2003, just before the BSE crisis. She has been involved in the farming industry for numerous years. From 2004 to present, she was employed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). During this time, Kim was actively involved in the delivery of the HACCP program, ante-post mortem inspections and Import and export of meat products to and from Canada. Recently, Kim has applied back to the University of Guelph to commence her Master's this fall of 2009. She is planning on investigating and researching the Table 4 of the Feeds Acts and Regulations in order to provide current research to update the current numbers that the government inspectors have been using for the last 30 years. Kim has also had the opportunity with the federal government to see where they are moving in the inspection process of livestock at the kill and processing facilities and with the international movement of livestock between countries.



Riley Mengarelli, Washington State University, United States

Riley Mengarelli graduated from Washington State University where he studied Animal Science Production Management and minored in Agricultural Economics. At WSU, Riley showed a great commitment to agriculture through academic achievement and extra-curricular activities including an undergraduate research project. He was also involved in managing the department feedlot. Over the summer, Riley studied abroad in Mexico to learn Spanish as well as completed an internship with AB Foods, a beef packing plant. After graduating, Riley joined Northwest Farm Credit Services in Washington State as a Credit Officer where he will be working with large, fully-integrated agricultural companies.



Filogomes Neto, Colorado State University, United States

Filogomes Neto of Goiania, Goias, Brazil, is pursuing his M.S. in the Meat Science Program at Colorado State University with an emphasis in meat safety and quality, and international trade. Filogomes graduated with his B.S. in Animal Science from West Texas A&M University in December 2008. While at WTAMU, he worked at the Beef Carcass Research Center for four years, which gave him the opportunity to familiarize himself with the U.S. beef industry. According to Filogomes, "The livestock industry needs visionaries to solve the problems it faces now and in the future. It is our job, as the next generation of animal scientists, to ensure the continued production of safe, wholesome, and environmentally friendly animal protein products for the world to enjoy."



Matt Schieck, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Canada

Matt Schieck is a final year veterinary student at the Ontario Veterinary College. Study and career interests are primarily focused on bovine production medicine in both dairy and beef cattle. Matt was raised on a small cash crop and cow-calf operation in Ontario and grew up with strong agricultural values. He has been extensively involved as a member and an active leader with both 4-H Ontario and the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. He is a student board member of Christian Veterinary Missions, enjoys music, the great outdoors, and playing intramural sports with classmates.



Lee-Anne Walter, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Lee-Anne Walter was raised on a commercial livestock and grain operation near Estevan, Saskatchewan and retains ownership of a small herd of cattle. She received her BSA majoring in animal science from the University of Saskatchewan where she is currently pursuing her MSc. specializing in ruminant nutrition and beef carcass quality on full scholarship. Other notable awards Lee-Anne has received include the Westgen scholarship for involvement in the beef industry and the Outstanding Graduate in Animal Science award. Lee-Anne has also served as an executive council member for a 4-H beef club and a Canadian Agri-Marketing Association student chapter.