

TVCC Students Bring Home Awards at TJCAA Convention **2018**

Several TVCC Agriculture and Ranch Management Students competed at the 2018 Texas Junior College Agriculture Association (TJCAA) Convention. This year's convention was held on April 11-13 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. The students at the event represented different junior college Ag departments from around the state. TVCC ag & ranch management students who attended and competed at this year's convention were Garrett Berry (Kerens, TX), Tammy Cheshier (Kemp, TX), Jonathon Hairgrove, (Larue, TX), Erica Vanderslice (Terrell, TX), and Bayleigh White (Crossroads, TX). Students were accompanied by their faculty advisor Marc Robinson.



Photo from left to right in front of the WTA&M podium in the Awards banquet hall: Jonathon Hairgrove, Bayleigh White, Erica Vanderslice, Tammy Cheshier, and Garrett Berry.

Upon arrival, students gathered at the WTA&M Nance Ranch just east of Canyon, Texas and were treated to a New York Strip steak fry. This was a mixer that allowed students from various community colleges to begin getting acquainted with one another. After the meal, a WTA&M graduate student also presented everyone an overview of WT's cloning

of Prime, Yield Grade 1 carcasses program which later included a tour of some of those cloned cattle. <http://wtamu.edu/news/wtamu-cloning-research-in-texas-monthly.aspx>

The competition segment of the convention was held on Thursday morning. That afternoon students were taken on tours of the WT campus and their new Paul Engler Department of Agriculture Sciences building and complex that is not quite completed. <http://www.amarillo.com/news/local-news/business/2017-11-18/ag-legend-paul-engler-makes-wt-history-biggest-gift> . This new complex includes not only classrooms, but also a state of the art meat processing facility, and an arena. It is an extremely nice facility.

Thursday evening there was a very nice Awards Banquet where WTA&M served ribeye steaks to everyone. The industry tour was set up Friday morning by WTA&M and it was a tour of the Wrangler Feedyard (Part of Cactus Feeders, <http://www.cactusfeeders.com/>) in Tulia, Texas. This tour included the yard, cattle working facilities, and feed mill. Leaving Tulia after the tour, we travelled through Turkey, Texas and stopped briefly eat and to tour the Bob Wills Museum before heading back to Athens.

TVCC Ag students competed at a high level with placings in individual quiz contests as follows: Jonathon Hairgrove placed 1st in Ag Mechanization, 1st in Agronomy, and 4th in Animal Science. Tammy Cheshier placed 2nd in Agronomy, 4th in Entomology and 4th in Ag Economics. Erica Vanderslice served as this year's TJCAA president.



Photo above was taken at Wrangler Feedyard (part of Cactus Feeders, Inc.) in Tulia, Texas.



Photo above: TVCC Student, Erica Vanderslice, served as a TJCAA state president. Here she is at the podium, leading the opening ceremony of the Awards Banquet.

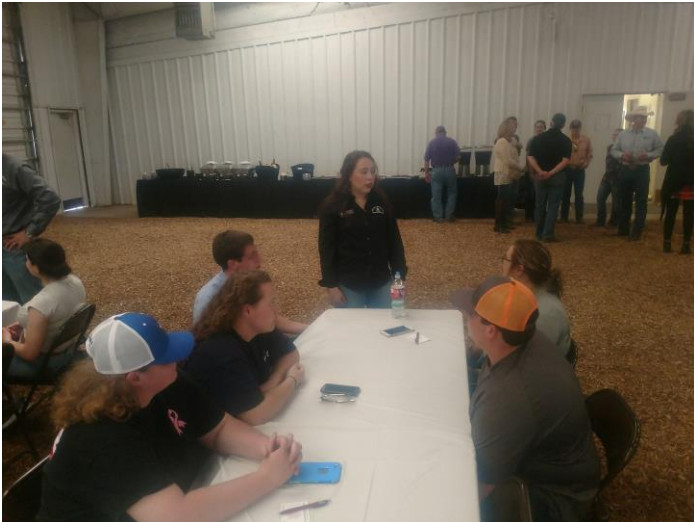
TVCC agriculture and ranch management professor Marc Robinson stated, “The TVCC Ag & Ranch Management Students who attended this year’s TJCAA Convention at West Texas A&M represented our department and TVCC extremely well and by attending, they took advantage of an outstanding educational opportunity that was fun.”



Photo at left was taken in front of the Bob Wills Museum in Turkey, Texas.

A few more photos from the TJCAA Convention trip below:







<p style="text-align: center;"> Texas Jr. College Agriculture Association Awards Banquet </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CANYON, TX APRIL 12, 2018 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Banquet Program </p> <p> Invocation Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. FLAG Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas FLAG Welcome Contest Results </p> <p> Quizzes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ag Economics ▪ Agronomy ▪ Animal Science ▪ Agricultural Mechanics ▪ Entomology ▪ Equine Science ▪ Horticulture ▪ Wildlife </p> <p> Speaking Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepared Speaking ▪ Public Relations ▪ Job Interview ▪ Scrapbook </p> <p> Outstanding Student Award Outstanding Chapter Award Chapter Sweepstakes Award </p> <p> Special Presentations ACT Presentations Adjourn </p>
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Interesting fact about the TJCAA:

The State Constitution was proposed and ratified at the first State meeting held at Blinn College, Brenham, Texas, April 30, 1966, from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Blinn, Cisco, Henderson County, Kilgore, South Plains, and Wharton County Junior Colleges were represented.

Who we are

The Texas Junior College Agriculture Association (TJCAA) is the State organization of junior college students of Texas majoring in agriculture and their advisors. It consist of chartered local chapters located geographically under the jurisdiction of the State organization.

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Please feel free to send all pictures from the convention to bryn.behnke@blinn.edu to be put on the website.

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE Texas FLAG

Honor the Texas flag. I pledge allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God, One and Indivisible.

Thank you!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ag Workers Mutual Insurance, West Texas A&M University and all its members for working to put together another successful convention. Without the hard work from individuals like these our organization would undoubtedly fail. Thank you again. The TJCAA members truly appreciate all you do!







