

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 HEADQUARTERS

December 17, 2015

**Memorandum To:** *All County Extension Agents and Extension Agents – Southeast Extension District 9*

**From:** *Dale A. Fritz, Ph.D., District Extension Administrator*

**Subject:** *Program/Personnel Updates – Southeast Extension District 9*

### Congratulations

- Congratulations is extended to Chris and **Fralonda Aubrey**, Harris County Extension Agent – Urban Youth Development, on the birth of their son, Christopher Reese, at 3:55 p.m. on November 24, 2015. Christopher weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Please congratulate Fralonda on the birth of her son.
- Congratulations to **Dianne Gertson**, Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, on her election as National Vice President of Awards for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She officer role began at the recent NEAFCS Annual Conference in West Virginia.
- Congratulations to **John Gordy**, Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources, on placing first with his poster on the occurrence of sugarcane aphids in sorghum crops at the recent Texas Plant Protection Conference in Bryan.

### Appointment

- **Amber Foster** has been hired as the new Fort Bend County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development – Cooperative Extension Program effective November 16, 2015. Amber earned a Master of Science degree Human Science and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology both from Prairie View A&M University and is currently working on a Master of Education degree in Health also from Prairie View A&M University. She previously worked as an Administrative Assistant for Silverline Montessori School in Pearland, Graduate Research Assistant for the Department of Health Education at Prairie View A&M University, Summer Intern with the Cooperative Extension Program in Grimes County, Mental Health Clinician Intern at the University of Texas Medical Branch/Texas Department of Criminal Justice Pam Lynchner State Jail, Substitute Teacher at Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, and Graduate Assistant at the Cooperative Agriculture Research Center at Prairie View A&M University. Please join me in welcoming Amber to Fort Bend County, District 9 and the Cooperative Extension Program.

### Resignations

- **Xiomara Diaz-Vargas**, Harris County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development, will resign from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service effective December 31, 2015. She will be relocating with her family to Indianapolis to follow her husband's employment. Please join me in thanking Xiomara for

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her contributions to the Harris County Extension Program and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

- **Barbara Evans**, Jefferson County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, will resign from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service effective January 28, 2016. Please join me in thanking Barbara for her contributions to the Jefferson County Extension Program and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

### Open Positions in District 9

The following positions are currently open in Southeast Extension District 9. If you have an interest in transferring to one of the open positions please let me know and apply at the GreatJobs website. Also, if you know of any other agent in the state who may be interested in transferring to the best District in the State, please let them know of these vacancies. In addition, if you know of any individual who may have an interest in working for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M, please let them know of these vacancies.

- Galveston CEA-4-H
- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP
- Harris CEA-4-H
- Harris EA-Ag/NR-CEP
- Jefferson CEA-Ag/NR
- Jefferson CEA-Hort. (Re-establishing this position with a significant contribution from Jefferson County)
- Jefferson CEA-FCS
- Liberty CEA-4-H (Candidate will be presented to Commissioners Court)
- Liberty EA-CED-CEP
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP

### District Office Closure

The Southeast Extension District 9 Office will be closed from December 24, 2015 through January 1, 2016 in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will return on January 4, 2016. If you need assistance during this time period, please e-mail me or call me at 979-255-9761.

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year! I truly appreciate your dedication and commitment to Extension educational programs and Extension clientele in District 9. You truly work toward making a difference for Texans by addressing our grand challenges and solving problems. Thanks for making District 9 the best district in the state!

If you have questions or comments, please let me know.