

August 5, 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 the following agents who received awards at the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association Annual Meeting on July 19-22, 2015 in Corpus Christi.
  - **Tyler Fitzgerald**, Chambers County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – Achievement Award
  - **John Gordy**, Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – Early Career Agent Award
  - **Boone Holladay**, Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Hort – Early Career Agent Award
  - **Paul Winski**, Harris County Extension Agent – Hort – Communication Awards – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Promotional Piece, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Website, Regional Winner for Promotional Piece, Regional Winner for Website, and National Finalist for Promotional Piece
  - **Skip Richter**, Harris County Extension Agent – Hort – Communication Award – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Promotional Piece
  - **William Johnson**, Galveston County Extension Agent – Hort – Communication Award – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Personal Column
  - **Michael Potter**, Montgomery County Extension Agent – Hort – Communication Award – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Personal Column and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Feature Story
  - **Chadd Caperton**, Madison County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – Communication Award – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Feature Story and Advanced Degree Scholarship
  - **Jerod Meurer**, Brazos County Extension Agent – 4-H – Advanced Degree Scholarship
  - **Joseph Singletary**, Hardin County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – Advanced Degree Scholarship
  
- Congratulations is extended to the following agents who received awards at the Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting on July 29-31, 2015 in Brenham.
  - **Michelle Scaife**, Montgomery County Project Specialist – Texas Grow, Eat, and Go Program – Extension Para Professional Specialist Award
  - **Amy Ressler**, Montgomery County Extension Agent – FCS, and **Michelle Scaife**, Montgomery County Project Specialist – Texas Grow, Eat, and Go Program – Program Excellence Through Research Award and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Southern Region Winner
  - **Richard Gomez**, Regional Manager, Lakeshore Learning Materials, Beaumont – Friend of Extension Award
  - **Jenni Adams**, Montgomery County Family and Consumer Sciences Program Coordinator – Extension Support Staff Award

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## Program Planning Processes/Procedures for Developing 2016 Program Plans

**Please post all of these dates to your online or paper calendar and plan to participate.**

- 1) Regional Program Priorities and Expectations (4-H/YD, Ag/NR, FCS, and Organizational Support) Webinars/Lync Conference
  - 4-H and Youth Development - August 6, 2015 at 9 a.m. – WebEx Meeting
  - Organizational Support – August 6, 2015 at 2 p.m. – MS Lync Meeting for County Directors and Coordinators
  - Family and Consumer Sciences – August 7, 2015 at 9 .m. – WebEx Meeting
  - Agriculture and Natural Resources – August 7, 2015 at 2 p.m. – WebEx Meeting
- 2) Regional Program Development Workshop/Retreat - September 9-10, 2015 – Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, Rosenberg
- 3) Help Sessions with Regional Program Leaders to Develop Program Plans
  - October 6, 2015 – Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Corpus Christi
  - October 7 and/or 8, 2015 - Fort Bend County Extension Center, Rosenberg
- 4) Program Plans due in TexasData – October 9, 2015
- 5) Program Planning Conferences via MS Lync in County Clusters – originally scheduled for October 26-30, 2015 - **CANCELLED**
- 6) Program Plan Review and Follow-up Conferences via e-mail, telephone or MS Lync – during October and early November, 2015
- 7) Program Plans Revision Workshop (face to face) for agents who have not made revisions – November 18, 2015 – Wharton County Extension Office, Wharton

## Transfers

- **Courtney Latour** has accepted a transfer from the Brazoria County Extension Agent – FCS/4-H position to the Brazoria County Extension Agent – FCS position effective April 20, 2015.
- **Damion Turner** has accepted a transfer from the Waller County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – Cooperative Extension Program position to the Waller County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – AgriLife Extension position effective May 1, 2015.

## Appointments

- **Derrick Banks** has been hired as the new Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Ag/NR – Cooperative Extension Program effective April 15, 2015. Derrick earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Prairie View A&M University. He previously worked as Library Media Center Aide with Aldine ISD, H.S. Estelle Camp Counselor with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University, and Student Farm Manager with Prairie View A&M University Research Farm. Please join me in welcoming Derrick to Fort Bend County, District 9 and the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University.
- **Cameron Arias** has been hired as the new Brazoria County Extension Agent – FCS/4-H effective June 29, 2015. Cameron earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Leadership and Development and Recreation, Parks, and Tourism from Texas A&M University. She previously worked as a Student Worker at the Texas A&M Ropes Course, Programming and Marketing Intern with Angleton Recreation Center, Student Worker at the State 4-H Office, and Program Assistant at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. Cameron was very involved in the Brazoria County 4-H Program, Youth Soccer, and as a Peer Advisor and Mentor. Please join me in welcoming Cameron to Brazoria County, District 9 and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

- **Elizabeth LaSalvia** has been hired as the new Walker County Extension Assistant – Agriculture and Natural Resources/4-H effective June 29, 2015. Elizabeth earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Sam Houston State University. She previously worked as a Customer Service Specialist with Bearkat Books and Beauty Brands Salon and Spa. Elizabeth was very involved in the Collegiate FFA, Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Alpha, High School FFA, Volleyball, and Girl Scouts. Please join me in welcoming Elizabeth to Walker County, District 9 and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
- **Lana Franceschini** has been hired as the new Walker County Extension Agent – FCS effective July 27, 2015. Lana earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Consumer Affairs with a minor in Family and Consumer Science from Texas State University. She previously worked as a Teacher with Brilliant Star Learner Academy, Youth Program Director at the Hays County AgriLife Extension Office, Sales Representative with Silverleaf Resorts, and Sales Associate and Cashier at the American Eagle Outfitters. Lana was very involved in the Medina County 4-H Program, Collegiate FCS Honor Society, Bobcat Awakening, and Fellowship of Catholic University Students. Please join me in welcoming Lana to Walker County, District 9 and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
- **Jessica Chase** has been hired as the new Brazoria County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources effective August 17, 2015. Jessica earned a Master of Science Degree in Animal Science from the Oklahoma State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science also from Oklahoma State University. She previously worked as a Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant at Oklahoma State University, Accounts Manager with Airgas, LLC, and Sales Representative with Fastenal, Intern with Irish Cream Dairy, and Student Worker at the Oklahoma State University Dairy. Jessica was very involved in the Stanislaus County, CA 4-H and FFA Programs, Ag Ambassadors, Block and Bridle, Dairy Science Club, and Animal Science Graduate Student Association. Please join me in welcoming Jessica to Brazoria County, District 9, Texas, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
- **Kelsey Schueler** has been hired as the new Brazoria County Extension Agent – 4-H effective August 17, 2015. Kelsey earned a Master of Science Degree in Agriculture Education and Leadership from the Illinois State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science with a minor in Ag Extension and Education from New Mexico State University. She previously worked as a Lecturer and Graduate Research Assistant at the Illinois State University Department of Agriculture, Governmental Affairs and Commodities Intern with the Illinois Farm Bureau, horse trainer at Sayles Quarter Horses in Mesquite, New Mexico and Horse Farm Intern with New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Kelsey was very involved in the Fresno County, CA 4-H and FFA Programs, Women’s Softball, Collegiate farm Bureau, Collegiate 4-H, and Horseman’s Association. Please join me in welcoming Kelsey to Brazoria County, District 9, Texas, and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

## Resignations

- **Cory Long**, Liberty County Extension Agent-Ag/NR, has resigned from his position effective May 15, 2015. Cory accepted a new position as Sales/Marketing Representative with Mitchell Equipment in Temple. Please join me in wishing Cory the very best in his new career path.
- **Kim Hall**, Grimes County Extension Agent-Ag/NR, has resigned from her position effective July 17, 2015. Kim has relocated to Nashville, TN to support her boyfriend with Country Western song writing and performances. Please join me in wishing Kim the very best in her new life path.
- **Damion Turner**, Waller County Extension Agent-Ag/NR, has resigned from his position effective July 31, 2015. Damion has accepted a new position as Agriculture and Mechanics Teacher with Evergreen High School in Colorado. Please join me in wishing Damion the very best in his new career path.

- **Joseph Singletary**, Hardin County Extension Agent-Ag/NR, has resigned from his position effective August 12, 2015. Joseph has accepted a new position as Science Teacher with a Hardin County School. Please join me in wishing Joseph the very best in his new career path.

### [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.

- Fort Bend EA-4-H-CEP
- Fort Bend EA-FCS-CEP
- Grimes CEA-Ag/NR
- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP
- Hardin CEA-Ag/NR
- Liberty CEA-Ag/NR (finalizing process with candidate)
- Liberty EA-CED-CEP
- Waller CEA-Ag/NR
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP

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