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Thank you for making the 2023 SAEA annual meeting in Oklahoma City a great success. We had 390 attendees, including 170 faculty, 140 graduate students, and 80 undergraduate students. It is encouraging to have such strong student participation as they are the future of our profession. This was the first time since I started attending the SAEA that we did not have a Super Bowl party reception due to the NFL's extension of the regular season and our hotel contract commitments set several years ago. The hotel venue and location were excellent with many amenities within a short walking distance. The closing reception at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum was phenomenal and rich in history, heritage, and tradition for this beautiful region of the country.

I want to express my gratitude to the outgoing members of the executive council for their support, leadership, and contributions to the SAEA. David Anderson is the outgoing president and Rebekka Dudensing is the outgoing director. Thank you both for your dedication and commitment to making our annual meetings and our organization successful. We also welcome president-elect John Anderson and incoming director Elizabeth Canales. We look forward to working with you over the next several years to serve our members. I want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who served on committees during this past year. We are a successful organization with a strong annual meeting because of your participation, engagement, and willingness to volunteer your time and leadership. I encourage members to volunteer for one of our committees. It's a fantastic way to support our organization and to network with other colleagues. I want to express our gratitude to Jeff Jordan, Nathan Smith, Rodney Holcomb, Kellie Raper, Rebekka Dudensing, Mallory Vestal, David Anderson, Derrell Peel, Mark Legendre, Sandra Blackwell and Tydaisha White for their support in the logistics and organization of the annual meeting.

We had a strong participation in the Quiz Bowl competition with 80 students from 14 universities. I would like to thank Dusty Menzies and the faculty advisors for their dedication to working with students in the quiz bowl. We had outstanding symposia, presented papers, and posters that provided a wide range of work in research, extension, and teaching.

Congratulations again to all the award winners. Darren Hudson received the 2023 SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor bestowed by the SAEA. He provided remarks about his trajectory as an agricultural economist that were informative, entertaining, and stimulating. Aditya Khanal, Misti Sharp, and Jada Thompson received the Emerging Scholars award. This is one of my favorite awards that honors the rising stars in our profession, and they shared their work and experience in two emerging scholar sessions. Congratulations to all our award winners that will be featured on the SAEA website that is currently being renovated.

Our membership is strong and stable with 569 current members and our financial report highlights the good standing of the association despite recent market disruptions. Please consider submitting your work to the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* and when invited to review, submit prompt and high-quality reports. A special thank you to Carlos Carpio, Olga Isengildina and David Willis for their dedication and efforts to improve the quality and turnaround times of the journals. There were 111 new submissions in 2022 with an acceptance rate of 36% and an average turnaround time of 55 days. These metrics keep improving every year thanks to the leadership of our editorial team and associate editors. If you have nominations for officers for 2023-2024, please send them to me or any member of the Executive Committee. I encourage you to get involved and volunteer to serve on one of our SAEA committees. If you are interested, please email me at mapalma@tamu.edu.

Please mark your calendars for next year's annual meeting, February 4-6, 2024 in Atlanta, GA. Thank you for your support!

Marco A. Palma, SAEA President

Save the Date!

2024 SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Atlanta, Georgia

The Westin Peachtree Plaza

When – February 4-6, 2024

Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

**The Westin Peachtree Plaza
210 Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303**

Registration and Lodging Reservation details forthcoming. Hotel information can be accessed through the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) website at <https://www.saasinc.org/2024-hotel-info-1>.

Award Winners at the 2023 SAEA Annual Meeting

Emerging Scholars

Aditya Raj Khanal - Tennessee State University
Misti Sharp - University of Florida
Jada Thompson - University of Arkansas

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Darren Hudson, Texas Tech University

Academic Quiz Bowl Winners

1st Chargers - Jakob Furnish – University of Kentucky
Madelyn Holbrook – University of Tennessee – Martin
Jaci Mekelburg – West Texas A&M University

2nd Colts - Clayton Antwine – Oklahoma State University
Tyson Schneider – West Texas A&M University
Shelby Sumner – University of Florida

3rd Titans - Taylor Bundy – University of Tennessee – Knoxville
Diego Chapa – Texas A&M University
Josie Nasekos – Mississippi State University

Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

Nathan Kemper – University of Arkansas, AGEC 1103: *Principles of Agricultural Microeconomics*

Distinguished Extension Program Award

Christa Court – University of Florida

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Raghav Goyal, University of Georgia, “Analyzing the Impact of Recent Developments in Agricultural Commodity Markets, and Using Machine Learning Tools to Improve Forecasting Techniques.” Advised under Michael Adjemian.

Outstanding Thesis Award

Nathan Holtman, Texas Tech University, “The Effects of Domestic and Trade Policy Interventions on Global Agricultural Trade.” Advised under Stephen Devadoss.

Outstanding JAAE Article Award

Hunter D. Biram, Keith H. Coble, Ardian Harri, Eunchun Park, and Jesse Tack. “*Mitigating Price and Yield Risk Using Revenue Protection and Agricultural Risk Coverage.*” *JAAE* (May 2022 Issue).

Poster Awards

1st – Steven Myers (University of Arkansas), Trey Malone (University of Arkansas), Branden R. McFadden (University of Arkansas), Christopher A. Wolf (Cornell University). *Consumer Choice Effects of Confusion Associated with Banning the Word “Milk” on Non-Dairy Beverage Labels.*

2nd – Mimi Rivette, Jerrod Penn (Louisiana State University). *Reducing Recycling Contamination Using an Information Nudge*.

3rd – Munib Inam, Steven Buck (University of Kentucky). *The Impact of Extreme Weather Events on Water Quality in Kentucky, USA*.

Job Market Paper Competition Winners

1st – Natalia Isabel, Texas A&M University, *Social Stigma and Subsequent Competitive Behavior*

2nd – James Davis, University of Georgia, *How Disparate Government Support for Crops and Livestock Influences Cropland and Pastureland Values*

3rd – Saber Feizy, University of Kentucky, *Mean Reversion Is Misleading: Estimating the Effect of a CSA Voucher Program on Short-Run Diet-Related Medical Expenditures*.

3MT Competition Winners

1st – Grace Baxter, Oklahoma State University, “*Targeting Prime with Wagyu Genetics*”

2nd Tie – Mimi Revette, Louisiana State University, “*Reducing Recycling Contamination Using an Information Nudge*”

2nd Tie – Steven Cheye, South Dakota State University, “*The Role of Carbon Credit on Famers’ Adoption of Climate-Smart Practices in South Dakota*”

SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl

Eighty students from 14 universities competed in the 2023 SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl in Oklahoma City. Over 50 of the students were new to the event and received a crash course in how to cooperate with people from around the U.S. Students were split into teams of three, each from different schools. This fosters networking and communication and makes things really interesting in the end. The champion team was the Chargers and included Jakob Furnish from Kentucky, Madelyn Holbrook from UT – Martin, and Jaci Mekelburg from West Texas A&M. As winners, they challenged the Legends team of Jeff Jordan, Darren Hudson, and Trey Malone after lunch on Monday. Unfortunately for the students, Jeff’s team proved victorious again at the Legends round! Maybe next year!

Special thanks from the committee chairs go out to all the advisors, graduate students, and supporters who volunteered their time to run the event. We had over 20 volunteers help as judges, computer operators, and moderators. We hope more people volunteer or just come watch the event. It is a great way to get to know the next generation of SAEA members! Further thanks go to Jeff Jordan for all his hard work and the whole board for the value they place on the undergraduate students. Thanks again and see you in Atlanta!

2024 Quiz Bowl - Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition. Teams will be randomly assigned as in the past. Contact Dusty Menzies, Undergraduate Committee Chair, if you have any questions. He can be reached by phone at (979) 845-7046 or email d-menzies@tamu.edu. Also, note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.



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JAAE Editors' Corner

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

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Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Barry Barnett, University of Kentucky (2024).

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Adam Rabinowitz, Auburn University (2024).

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Anastasia Thayer Hassett, Clemson University (2024), John Michael Riley (2025).

Master's Thesis Award Committee: Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University (2024).

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Eunchun Park, University of Arkansas (2024).

Poster Committee: Daniel Solís, Florida A&M University (2024).

Undergraduate Committee: Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University; Jerrod Penn, Louisiana State University; Aaron Shew, Arkansas State University.

3MT Thesis Committee: Xuqi Chen, University of Tennessee (Chair); Kalyn Coatney, Mississippi State University; Yangxuan Liu, University of Georgia.

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