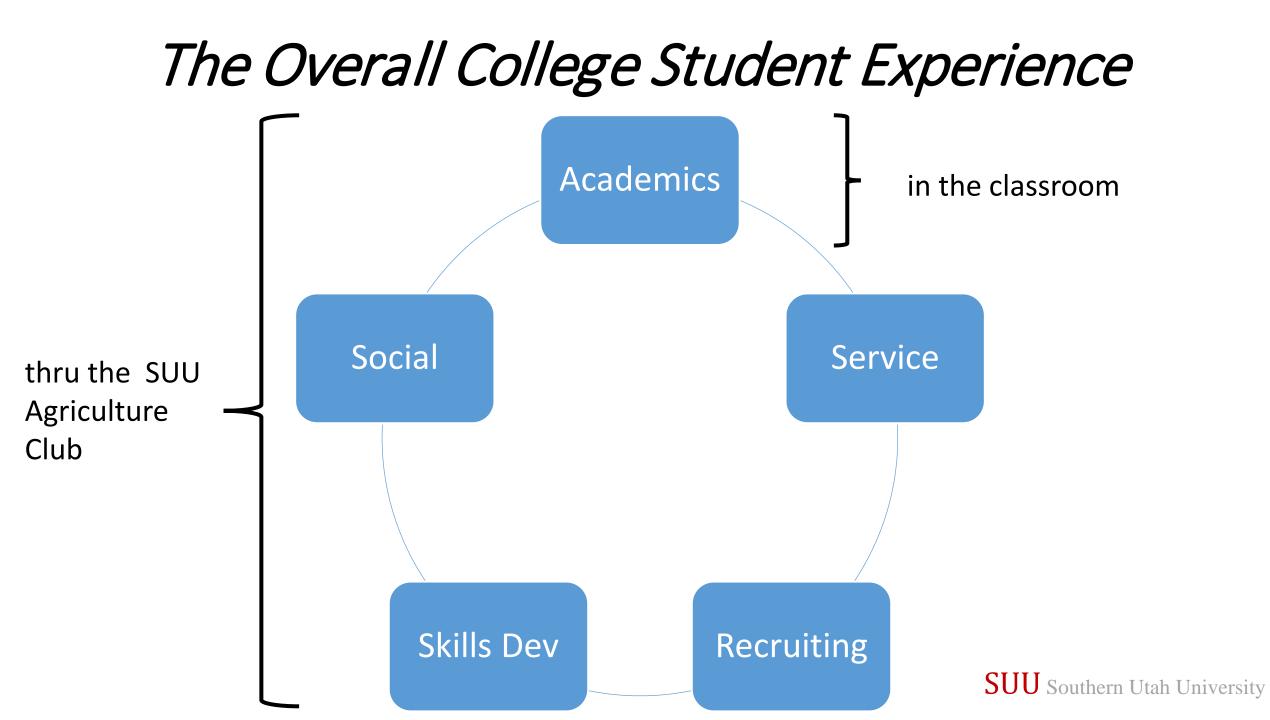
Using an Agriculture Club to Enhance Student Learning, Engagement and Development



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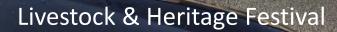




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National Agriculture Day





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-host judging contests, area contests and discussion meets





2018 Utah State FFA Convention dance



-host the Utah State FFA Convention

Skills Development - leadership



Ag Club Presidency and advisors (in Texas)

Skills Development - leadership



Farm Bureau - Young Farmer & Rancher Leadership Conference - 2018

-met with former Presidential candidate Mitt Romney and Utah Farm Bureau President Ron Gibson

Skills Development - teamwork



-work together to plan the annual Ag Club trip and other activities

Skills Development - communication

- SUU Ag Club is a collegiate chapter of the American Farm Bureau Federation
 - Required to participate in "Discussion Meets"
 - Host 4 meets/academic year





Academícs



-guest speakers are arranged for by students

Academícs



annual Ag Club trip









Utah trip – met with LuAnn Adams, Utah Commissioner of Agriculture and several legislators SUU Southern Utah University













Encouraging involvement

- 2 required courses for the SUU Agriculture Degree

AGSC 1990 – AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP

Course Description & Objectives: This course provides students an opportunity to gain an understanding of the value of leadership and service in the field of agriculture, as well as explore career opportunities. Students are required to participate in the class and various cocurricular activities and projects on campus and in the community. Students develop and demonstrate leadership abilities, interpersonal skills, and a sense of service. Students may enroll up to three times for credit.

AGSC 4990 – AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR

Course Description & Objectives: This course provides students an opportunity to gain greater exposure to the profession of agriculture, explore employment opportunities and resources, and further develop skills in leadership and service. Students enrolled are expected to mentor younger students and serve in leadership capacities for activities and projects. Students may enroll up to two times for credit.



Benefits and Assessment

- provides opportunities for enhanced learning, engagement and development not always available in the classroom/lab setting.
- provides increased experiences helping to build resumes that can be critical when applying for jobs and higher education opportunities.
- provides a sense of ownership, belonging, encouragement, recognition and loyalty important for the continued efforts needed to complete a degree.
- provides the opportunity to enhance the whole person.
- provides a setting to create life-long friendships and associations.
- enables more to be accomplished with limited manpower and resources within the program.
- helps with recruitment and retention efforts.
- student evaluations and interviews support the positive benefits accomplished with the Ag Club.



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