

THE ACHIEVER

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT Kimmery Hankins, Parliamentarian



Kimery is a senior Animal Science: Pre-veterinary medicine major at Abilene Christian University. She will graduate in December 2017 and plans to apply/attend Texas A&M Veterinary College. In her years at ACU, she has been elected DTA National Parliamentarian, ACU Pre-Vet Club President, and ACU Block and Bridle President. She is an Honors College member, ACU Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society member, and a Certified Veterinary Assistant. Her favorite things are goats, chocolate, and Disney movies. In her free time she enjoys reading, horseback riding, camping, and drawing or painting. Three words she uses to describe herself are responsible, loyal, and determined. When asked why agriculture is important to her, she responded with “it is the sustenance of our world. No matter what career path we choose, it is the fundamental connection that allows us to work intricately in God’s creation along with other people in order to make a difference as a whole. It’s not just about our own communities; the global health overall is dependent upon this vital system.”

Words to Live By: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

–Proverbs 3:5

ACROSS THE NATION

Sam Houston State University: 46/88 active members present at November 7 meeting. 56/88 active members present at the November 28th meeting. 90/126 active members were present at the February meeting. The following took place at both meeting:

1. Christmas fundraiser for soldiers.
2. Committee reports
3. Homecoming recognition.
4. Service project
5. Gave out new member certificates
6. Chapter T-shirts
7. Graduation cords
8. Inducted 53 new members.

Tennessee Tech University: 36/51 active members were present at the November meeting. The following took place at both meetings:

1. T-shirts to new members
2. Talked about national convention
3. Collected Toys for Tots

Northwest Missouri State University: 27/30 active member's present at November meeting. 22/30 active members were present at February meeting. The following took place during both meetings:

1. Donated goods basket to silent auction in their Agriculture department.
2. New initiates paid dues.
3. Guest Speaker: how to preserve, network, and prepare for the futures.

Eastern Kentucky University: 14/20 active members were present at the December meeting. 13/20 active members were present at the January meeting. The following took place during both meetings:

1. Christmas party / potluck at advisors house.
2. Added members to Social and service committees.
3. Formed apparel committee
4. Planned Candy Gram valentines' fundraiser
5. Informed / Recruited members for national convention.

Don't forget to submit your chapter's Form40s after every meeting, please! Be sure to include your university name in the subject line.

Sydney Kleinert, President

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NATIONAL CONVENTION 2017

Message from DONALD KENNEDY, Arkansas State.

58th Annual DTA National Convention
March 30 - April 1, 2017
Registration Information

The registration fee for the DTA National Convention is \$100 per person, payable no later than March 3, 2017. After March 3rd the fee will increase to \$140 per person. The early payment incentive is offered in hopes that it will encourage you to register as soon as possible to help us with planning the convention.

The registration fee will cover the following: National convention long sleeve t-shirt, The Pack Shack service project, Catfish and chicken fry, Tour admissions including: Johnny Cash Boyhood Home: Historic Dyess Colony, Southern Tenant Farmers Museum and Riceland Foods, Lunch during the tour, and the Convention banquet.

Dress for the convention is business casual. An official group photograph will be taken at a cost of \$15. Photographs of your chapter delegation can also be taken at a cost of \$15. Photographs will be 8" x 10" (color, glossy). Pictures will be mailed out as soon as possible after the convention. Orders for photos must be placed in advance and paid for as part of your registration.

The registration form is posted on the dta website. (www.nationaldta.weebly.com) Please save the completed form and email it to dkennedy@astate.edu<<mailto:dkennedy@astate.edu>>.

Please enter the following information:

1. List the names and shirt sizes of each person in your delegation so your name tag and convention t-shirt will be available upon check in at the convention.
2. Please note the type and number of photographs being ordered.
3. Please include an address where you want your pictures mailed.

Please send your check (made payable to DTA) to:

Dr. Bud Kennedy
Arkansas State University
College of Agriculture and Technology
P.O. BOX 1080
State University, AR 72467

We look forward to seeing you in Jonesboro!

Hotel Information:

We have blocked a total of 30 rooms at Comfort Suites (five 1 King Bedroom Suites, and twenty-five 2 Queen Beds Suites). All of the rooms are non-smoking and include complimentary breakfast. The rooms have been reserved at a group rate of \$105 a night plus tax.

DEADLINE FOR THE CONFERENCE RATE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th.