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NATIONAL CONVENTION April 2016

Our DTA National Convention was held at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas on March 31st - April 2nd, 2016. Convention started off on Thursday with the first general session held in the Fort Hays Ballroom. Nominations for Chapter Delegates were made as well as nominations for next year's national council. This was followed by one of our great guest speakers during the week; Dr. Greg Farley - College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics Interim Dean. After the general session was adjourned, all the schools were invited to a BBQ at the Kansas State University Research Center where we enjoyed the wonderful musical stylings of the Peterson Farm Brothers.

Friday was spent touring the city of Hays, Kansas. Some of the places showcased were the Sternberg Museum, Ellis Railroad Museum, The Walter P. Chrysler Boyhood Home & Museum, Fort Hays, and the Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center or ZZ Farm tour (beef cattle feedlot). The banquet was held Friday night in the Robbins Center. We had another wonderful guest speaker; Jeff Davidson a Cowboy Poet perform some of his songs and humor us with his stories. The night concluded with the National DTA Awards. Congratulations goes to Dr. Donald Kennedy from Arkansas State University for being awarded the National DTA Advisor Award.

Saturday started with our third and final general session of the weekend. The new national council was announced during this time and Installation of the new officers was performed.

The 2017 DTA Convention at Arkansas State University is scheduled for March 30 – April 1, 2017

MEET THE TEAM!

President: Sydney Kleinert, senior Ag business major - Eastern Kentucky University.

Eastern VP: Kara Campbell, senior Pre-Vet major - Tennessee Tech University.

Midwestern VP: Stacy Pachta, - senior animal science major - Fort Hays State University.

Southern VP: Brackston McKnight - senior Ag business major, Sam Houston State University.

Secretary: Bethany McKinney - senior Ag business major, Eastern Kentucky University.

Parliamentarian: Kimmery Hankins, senior Pre-Vet major, Abilene Christian University.

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