

JUNE 2021

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



SC Governor's School  
for Agriculture  
AT JOHN DE LA HOWE

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

TIMOTHY KEOWN

Dear Aggie Family,

Although our students are home for the summer, our campus is lively as the first week of school! **The Education Center**, led by **Kinsley Miller**, has kept our campus full of future students. Every camper I spoke with made the statement that they have already decided to attend high school here! This is exciting for the future and definitely will make recruiting easier.

Our students are very busy at home with their SAE projects. **Jake Simpson** and **Jaquez Perry** have traveled to Kentucky, Virginia, and North Carolina exhibiting their beef cattle projects. **Anna Grace Cross**, **Jenna Tucker**, **Kyleigh Banks-Adams**, **William Huffman**, **Christian Fehr**, **Brooke Grondski**, **Ally Wright**, **Alyssa Gillman**, and **Trey Haddon** have all come back to campus to assist with our camps - and we certainly appreciate their help!

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## SC FFA STATE WINNERS

**Congratulations** to our Aggies who competed in the **2021 Agriscience Fair** and were state winners:

- **Valeria Vazquez & Marion Hollingsworth**  
*Animal Systems, Division 6*
- **Aestas Hodge**  
*Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems, Division 5*



**Congratulations** to **Trey Haddon** who placed 3rd in the **Agricultural Education CDE!**



## CAMPUS GARDEN

Mr. Abrams and Mr. Morton have been working hard in our campus garden this month! Our campus community and visitors have been able to take home some tasty vegetables.



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We owe several **Clemson 4-H** agents a thank you! A special thank you to **Jaime Pohlman, Julia Cox, Brittany Peacock, Lucy Charping, Jessica Simpson, and Jenny Mountford** representing **Aiken, Abbeville, McCormick, Greenwood, and Greenville** county extension offices! They came to assist with our day camps, strengthening our partnership with **Clemson University**.

In closing, we are very close to 75 total students for this fall! We are carefully examining student applications and searching for the best to add to our Aggie Family! I hope you all have a safe summer and a Happy Independence Day spent with your family and friends!

**GO AGGIES!**



# MEET OUR SUMMER INTERNS

## GARRETT MIDDLETON

Garrett is from **Williamston, SC**, but he is a student joining us from **Horry-Georgetown Technical College**. He plans to take his education and experiences out west where he would love to be a Buffalo Range Tech.

So far, Garrett has been working on our pastures performing tasks like bush hogging and planting hayseed. In fact, he was able to complete a repair project that last year's students ran out of time on. Thanks to him, we will be using our spreader to toss out some fertilizer very soon.

**William McCarley**, our Livestock Coordinator says, "Garrett has been extremely helpful with all sorts of things from mechanics to livestock. He's a promising young man. Recently, we've been discussing cattle behavior while doing Artificial Insemination. Garret is learning how to implement low-stress handling techniques to keep the group calm while working and sorting."



## CHRISTLE TINDALL

Christle is from **Neeses, SC**, and attends **Clemson University**. She is studying Agricultural Education with a Teaching Emphasis with career goals to be an AgEd Teacher.

While interning at JDLH, Christle has assisted with 6 summer day camps for the Education Center, workshops, and planning for upcoming July camps. She enjoys learning skills that help her with her career and also getting to work with students to help them learn more about the agriculture industry.



Her intern supervisor, **Kinsley Miller**, states, "Christle's experience in FFA has been a tremendous asset to the Education Center this summer. Her passion for agriculture is evident when she's working with students at our camps!"

## TAYLIN KNEECE

Taylin is from **Gilbert, SC**, and attends **Clemson University**. She is studying Agricultural Education with a Leadership Emphasis with career aspirations to work in the poultry industry.

While interning at JDLH, Taylin has assisted with 6 summer day camps for the Education Center, workshops, and planning for upcoming July camps. Her favorite thing about interning here is the people she gets to work with.

"This is Taylin's second summer interning for the Education Center. Last summer, Taylin helped research and plan for summer camps when they were just an idea. This year, she gets to see all of those ideas come to life. It is a pleasure to have her on our team!", says her supervisor, **Kinsley Miller**.



## DOVE FIELD

Mr. Abrams and Mr. Morton spent the first few weeks of June finishing the planting of our dove field which consists of **corn, sunflowers, and brown-top millet**. It will continue to be managed until it is ready for our first hunt of the season in September.



# SC SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY TEACHERS TOUR

Mr. Morton spent the week in **Georgetown, SC** for the **Sustainable Forestry Teachers Tour** held by the **Forestry Association of South Carolina**. During the week teachers from across the state got a look at the entire forestry industry from planting to the sawmill. Mr. Morton says this tour opened his eyes to the many career opportunities available for our students to pursue in Forestry!

It also gave a look at different management practices as professionals expressed their reasoning for their management practices. Overall, it was an awesome opportunity to learn about the forestry industry in South Carolina!



# ADMISSIONS REMINDER

**Incoming Aggies!** Be sure to complete the following as we prepare to welcome you to the JDLH campus this school year. If you have any questions, please email [admissions@delahowe.sc.gov](mailto:admissions@delahowe.sc.gov).



**Submit your \$100 deposit fee to our Business Office, if you have not already.**



**Submit your FINAL transcript to the School.**



**Prepare Enrollment Documents to bring to the New Student Orientation.**



**Mark your calendars for New Student Orientation on Saturday, July 24th! Schedules will be going out soon.**

## INCOMING STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### KAYLEE O'NEAL

Kaylee is an incoming Aggie sophomore from **Irmo, SC**. She recently competed in the **Youth Equestrian Development Association, Inc. (YEDA) Nationals** in **Cleveland, TN**.

Kaylee was named **2021 Senior Opal Rail Horsemanship National Champion**.

Congratulations! We can't wait to welcome you to the JDLH campus this August.





## The Education Center AT JOHN DE LA HOWE

### KINSLEY MILLER ROPES COURSE TRAINING

Mrs. Miller, Coach Cann, Ms. Martin, Mr. Morton, and intern Taylin Kneece received training on the use of our **newly constructed low ropes course** from the experts at **Vertical Engineering** on June 14th.

The low ropes course is a team-building tool that will be an asset to not only the Education Center, but also to residential life, our outdoor recreation program, and our physical education program.



### STATE GARDEN CLUB MEETING

On Saturday, June 26th, the Education Center had the pleasure of hosting representatives from **The Garden Club of South Carolina** for the **West Piedmont District Presidents' Conference**. 48 garden club members from all over the state attended a meeting and tour of campus.

Representatives noted our School as the **"best-kept secret in South Carolina"** and saw it fit with their theme of *"Let's Grow, South Carolina"* and *"Grow Our Youth for the Future"* to host their conference here.





# The Education Center

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## CANNING WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, June 15th, the Education Center hosted a **Canning Workshop**. **Food Systems & Safety Agents with Clemson Extension** taught participants the process of safely preserving foods using the canning method. Workshop participants made their own Blueberry-Lime Jam!



## ANIMAL SCIENCE CAMP

The Education Center hosted two summer day camps for children interested in **Animal Science**. Campers learned about **livestock injection methods, cow by-products** from the representatives of the **Clemson Extension**, and engaged in Animal Trivia with guests from the **U.S. Department of Agriculture**.

Our AgEd Teacher, **Mrs. Templeton**, alongside some of our Aggies and staff, guided campers in making **ice cream, ear tags**, as well as, **lessons on artificial insemination and small animal showmanship**.





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## ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

The Education Center hosted two Environmental and Natural Resources Camps for Ages 6-10 and 11-14. These campers received a day's worth of all things ENR from **Mr. Morton**, our Aggies, and a visit from **McCormick County 4-H**. Some of the day's activities included making pinecone bird feeders, fishing, wildlife identification, and more!



## EQUINE CAMP

The Education Center kicked off summer 2021 with an Equine Day Camp for children ages 6-10 and then ended with one on June 24th for ages 11-14. These campers participated in a riding lesson with our farm staff and Aggies, learned proper grooming techniques, painted horseshoes, and more!



To be featured in our "Careers in Agriculture" Blog, email [Cadie.Giba@delahowe.sc.gov](mailto:Cadie.Giba@delahowe.sc.gov).

# BLOG: CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE

## JAMI BOVA

**I love when people ask me how I learned about farming. I like to say that I'm a "Youtube Farmer".**

Growing up in the suburbs of Akron, Ohio I knew nothing about farming. Food came from a grocery store, and the only animals I knew lived in the house. I grew up eating food out of the box and drinking diet Pepsi. It wasn't until I joined the Army in 1990 and left home that I experienced life outside of the suburbs. I loved the fresh food markets and vineyards of Germany, and the food preservation and fermenting in South Korea. I loved seeing various farms and festivals as we drove through and lived all over the United States – garlic farms in California, pecan farms in Arizona, and meeting friends that raised goats! Although I got out of the military after one enlistment, I followed my husband's Army career around the globe for 22 years until he retired. This was when we decided to find some land we could enjoy in the country – that was in Modoc, South Carolina! We bought our 35 acres of paradise in 2015. My husband, Shawn, affectionately named the farm "**Happy Wife Farm**". I am a lucky girl!



Knowing nothing about farming and livestock, I immersed myself in research. I reached out to other farms in the area and volunteered so that I could learn first-hand. I joined local groups on social media, and I attended as many workshops as I could find. YouTube and Google were tremendously helpful in learning and solving problems around the farm. We started with chickens, and at one point had over 150 birds. I sold eggs and chicks but ultimately decided we just wanted a small flock to feed our family. We spent the first year installing pasture fences and building barns. Shawn spent many hours after working a day job getting everything built. He does all the heavy lifting around here, including building, tractor work, cutting down trees, and entertaining all my "good ideas".

Next came the goats. We started with dairy goats, but after being introduced to Angora (fiber) goats I decided that I really wanted to raise fiber animals. We eventually sold off all of the dairy goats and added more angora goats and sheep to the farm. Currently, we have 6 angora goats and 13 sheep. I process their fiber from start to finish. I shear them each year, wash the fiber, spin it into yarn, and use some of it to weave fabric. I've always been a creative person, so it's not surprising that I fell in love with this aspect of farming. I enjoy sharing this creative process and teaching others who are interested. We are members of the **Livestock Conservancy** and most of our sheep are heritage breeds. Heritage breeds are pure breeds that have not been modified for mass commercial production and are in danger of extinction.

While fiber is my main focus on the farm, my husband and I also manage many other things here. We have a pecan orchard of 100 mature trees. Harvest takes a good portion of our time each Fall. In the past few years, we've opened the farm for you-pick pecan events. We love teaching the kids about pecans and meeting people in our community. My husband manages our honeybees and we harvest the honey and sell it. My gardening skills continue to improve each year as I learn what best grows in our soil. We use sustainable methods and refrain from chemical use on our food. We do a lot of canning every year – pear relish is a favorite as we get a large harvest of pears each year. All of our food and fiber is **Certified SC Grown**.



This year we became members of the **South Carolina Agritourism Association** so that we could meet more people and share our experiences with them. One of our favorite parts of farming is sharing it with others. Over the next year we plan to expand our farm tours and workshops, and add a small farm store. We currently are open by appointment – if you would like to learn more or visit, please give us a call.

# UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

**THE AGGIE ADVENTURE**  
JULY 18-21, 2021

**NEW STUDENT  
ORIENTATION**  
JULY 24, 2021

**SC FARM BUREAU  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE**  
JULY 25-28, 2021

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**THE AGGIE  
ADVENTURE**  
JULY 18 - 21, 2021

- FOR RISING 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS
- 4 DAYS, 3-NIGHT SUMMER CAMP
- ANIMAL SCIENCE, FORESTRY, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION & MORE!
- \$200 COST
- MUST APPLY TO ATTEND

FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL [KINSLEY.MILLER@DELAHOWE.SC.GOV](mailto:kinsley.miller@delahowe.sc.gov)

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Saturday, July 24, 2021  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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July 25-28, 2021  
Governor's School for Agriculture

Deadline to register- July 2  
Registration fee- \$75

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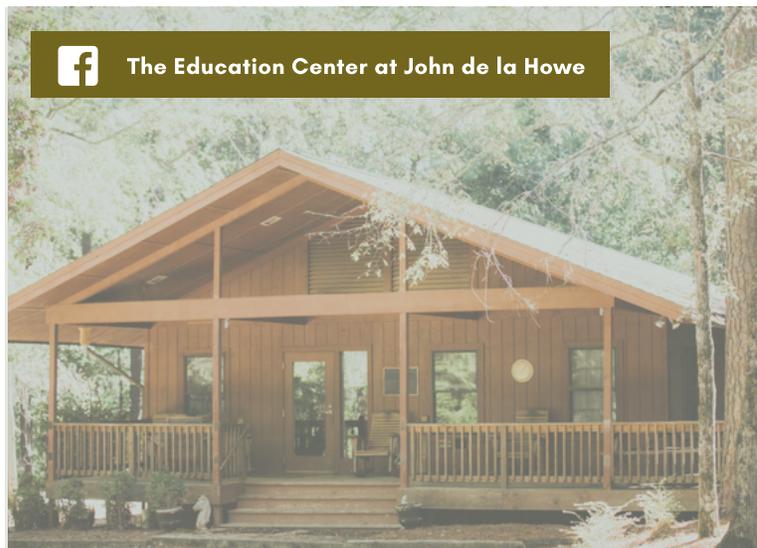
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