The annual faculty appreciation luncheon held on Thursday, August 13, will officially kick off the back-to-school activities planned for UGA Tifton faculty and students. This luncheon will provide an opportunity for the teaching faculty to hear from Joe Broder, associate dean for CAES academic affairs; Jean Bertrand, assistant dean for CAES academic affairs and Jason Peake, academic programs director.

On Friday, August 14, the undergraduate new student orientation will be held from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. followed by the Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management (MPPPM) new student orientation from 3 p.m.–5 p.m. The orientations will give new students a chance to meet peers and faculty, tour the campus and register for classes that will start the following Monday. Door prizes donated by the Georgia Peanut Commission, Wiregrass Farmer’s Market, Downtown Tifton Farmer’s Market, Rutland Farms, the Georgia Center for Innovation for Agribusiness and the Georgia Pecan Grower’s Association will be given at both orientations.

August 17 will launch “Welcome Week.” An activity will take place each afternoon from Monday through Thursday. The fun begins each day at 5 p.m. in the UGA Tifton Student Center. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend and participate.

UGA Tifton is proud to announce Amber Rice as the new assistant professor of Agricultural Education.

In 2007, Rice graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education. The following year she continued studying at the University of Kentucky where she earned a Master of Science in Career and Technical Education in 2008. Rice taught agricultural education at Nelson County High School in Kentucky for four years. During that time, she served as department head of a three teacher agriculture program and advised a nationally recognized FFA chapter. In 2015, she received her Doctorate of Philosophy in Agricultural Education and Leadership from the University of Missouri.

Rice’s research interests lie in agriculture teacher preparation, making her a valuable asset to the campus. Her career in Tifton will begin in August 2015.
Ashley Carroll selected for national internship

Ashley Carroll, a senior from Colquitt County, majoring in agricultural education at UGA Tifton was among 16 new interns selected from across the United States to participate in North Carolina State University’s Project Y.E.S. Internship Program. Project Y.E.S. stands for Youth Extension Service and is a national internship program engaging college students in service to meet the needs of military families. Through partnership with the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center, Carroll is provided first-class youth development educational and facilitation skills. In turn, she travels the nation delivering youth programs to a variety of programs. Carroll began her year of service in mid-May when she flew to Raleigh, North Carolina for orientation. Her June, July and August assignments consist of youth programs in Charlotte, North Carolina, Anoka, Minnesota, Orlando, Florida, Estes Park, Colorado and Wakefield, Rhode Island.

future farmstead to house graduate students

The Future Farmstead is a water, energy and people efficient model home located on the UGA Tifton Campus. The home and associated buildings and land is an educational and research facility, and also serves as a residence for the project-related graduate students. Amanda Miller, a graduate student enrolled in the Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education program, and Ian Knight, a graduate research assistant in Entomology, will be the first to reside in the Future Farmstead. “These students will serve as ambassadors for the home,” Craig Kvien said. With an expectation of 15,000 visitors to the home per year, these graduate students will be well versed in the components of the farmstead and its efficiency. For more information on the Future Farmstead, visit www.futurefarmstead.org.

spring graduates at 100 percent job placement

2015 Spring Graduates of UGA Tifton are acquiring jobs and furthering their educations in the months following graduation.

Hannah Getz, a recent graduate of the agricultural education program, is attending Texas A&M University to pursue a Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. Amanda Miller has obtained a graduate assistantship at UGA to pursue a Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education. The following agricalultural education graduates are preparing for their first year as teachers in these Georgia schools: Nick Beaver, Adairsville High School; Christy Dills, McIntosh Academy; Matthew Mahue, Lincoln County High School; Ben Pope, Patula Charter Academy.

Following his summer internship, former Agribusiness student Luke Clark will gain a full-time position at the UGA Tifton Campus. Caitlin Mahoney, biological sciences graduate, is pending acceptance to Georgia Regents University’s nursing program.

Graduates of the MPPPM program are excelling as well. Jenna Kicklighter was hired as Cooperative Extension Agent in Lowndes County, Ty Torrance is an Extension agent in Marion County, Holly Anderson is an employee on the UGA Tifton Campus and Brittany Saylor is a soil fertility specialist at Innovative Crop Technologies.

Recent graduates pictured on the front cover are, from left: Jenna Kicklighter, Amanda Miller, Luke Clark, Hannah Getz, Holly Anderson, Caitlin Mahoney, and Ben Pope.
**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**Luke Clark**

Luke Clark is a senior from Tifton, Georgia pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness. He has proven to be a motivated, hard-working student during his time as an undergraduate at UGA Tifton. Clark is the president of the agribusiness club and is currently enrolled in an internship at the UGA Tifton Campus under the direction of Wes Porter, extension irrigation specialist.

During his summer internship, he had the opportunity to present information at UGA Stripling Irrigation and Research Park’s 4-H2O camp and field day as well as an Extension agent training. Clark focuses on irrigation scheduling for corn and peanuts, organizing data for review, budgeting, and working with other interns to monitor soil moisture and rain gauge data in fields across the southern part of Georgia.

Clark says that this internship has been very beneficial to him. “Working with some of the finest specialists in this area has been tremendous, and I feel like the knowledge I’ve gained working with UGA will carry over into my career.”

Luke’s summer internship will wrap up his undergraduate degree at UGA. He plans to continue to work at the UGA Tifton Campus until he has an opportunity for a career in chemical sales.

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

**Glen Harris**

When Cooperative Extension specialist Glen Harris isn’t training and assisting agents across the state in soil fertility, he is sharing his passion with students at UGA Tifton. Harris taught his first Soils and Hydrology course at UGA Tifton in 2003 and has continued to do so every year since.

“My love it when you see the light bulb go on.”

Glen Harris

“Today is the 14th time teaching it! I still love teaching. Every class is different with a different personality,” says Harris. The course title has remained the same over the years, but the content and teaching style is always evolving. That is why students admire him.

Senior agricultural education student, Lindsey Hall, says, “I enjoyed his excitement and the many different out-of-class opportunities that we had.”

Harris sees the reward in teaching. “I love it when you see the light bulb go on” he says. His favorite and most rewarding part of teaching, though, is seeing his former students enjoy successful careers.

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**Thank you to the 2014-2015 ambassadors!**
Front row, from left: Nick Beaver, Ben Pope; Back row, from left: Sydni Barwick, Hannah Getz, Christy Dills, Caitilin Ma-honey, and Amanda Miller

**Congratulations & welcome 2015-2016 ambassadors!**

**Agribusiness:** Jared Gillis and Jodie Stringer  
**Agriscience & Environmental Systems:** Chris Webb and Sydni Barwick  
**Agricultural Education:** Ashley Carroll, Hannah Queen, Kailee Bennett, Lindsey Hall, Morgan Watt, Ray Sanders, Roseanna Volz, & Will Burt

**Fall 2015 events:**
TBA – Ambassador Fall Retreat  
9/15 - showCAES@UGA SW Recruitment Event – TCCC – 5:30 PM  
9/17 - showCAES@UGA SE Recruitment Event – Statesboro – 5:30PM  
9/18 - UGA Tailgate at Tift County High football homecoming game  
10/16 - UGA Tailgate at Tift County High football game
Welcome
2015 fall transfers

Agribusiness
Braswell, Emily.............Donalsonville, GA
Cook, Stuart..................Sylvester, GA

Agricultural Education
Barnes, Kelcie...............Martin, GA
Garner, Christina...........Taylorsville, GA
Holloway, Callie...............Jefferson, GA
Holman, Timothy.............Jefferson, GA
Lovell, Jessica...............Patterson, GA
Powell, Megan...............Wrightsville, GA
Ramsey, Maggie..............Cordele, GA
Rich, April..................Kinard, FL

Agriscience and Environmental Systems
Cockefair, Kasey............Minneola, FL
Saul, Evelyn...............Benton, LA
Stratton, Kyle...............Leesburg, GA

Biological Sciences
Dupre, Kathryn.............Albany, GA
Munoz, Lolita...............Pelham, GA

August 13
Faculty Appreciation Luncheon @ NESPAL Seminar Room, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

August 14
Undergraduate New Student Orientation @ NESPAL Room 601, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
MPPPM New Student Orientation @ NESPAL Room 601, 3-5 p.m.

August 17
First Day of Classes

August 18
CAES Orientation 2.0, Conner Hall, Athens, 5:30-7 p.m.

August 17-20
Welcome Week, Schedule on Page 1

August 20
Welcome Back Cookout, Future Farmstead, 5-7 p.m.

August 17-21
Add/ Drop for Undergraduate Courses

August 26
Wednesday Workshop (Tifton Downtown Farmer’s Market) @ NESPAL Seminar Room, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

by the numbers...
15 NEW undergraduates expected for fall semester.

11 students accepted into the MPPPM program for fall semester.

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