Southwest ShowCAES event a success!

(Bottom, From Left) Roseanna Volz, Ray Sanders. (Top) Jared Gillis, Kailee Bennett, Morgan Watt, Lindsey Hall, Hannah Queen, Ashley Carroll, Jodie Stringer, Sydni Barwick, Chris Webb, Will Burt.

Southwest ShowCAES

The Southwest ShowCAES event provided high school and college students with information about becoming a UGA student. The event was held at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. It was designed for prospective transfer and freshmen students. During dinner, Jean Bertrand, assistant dean of academics, gave a welcoming speech. Katie Minnicks, Georgia Student Finance Commission representative, spoke about financial aid opportunities open to students.

Dinner was followed by two separate sessions; one for high school students and one for college students. The incoming freshmen session was conducted by Henry Oddi, who explained the freshman perspective of entering UGA. Breanna Coursey led the transfer student session. She covered topics such as GPA and minimum credit requirements. The night concluded with a question-and-answer panel with the UGA Ambassadors.

Application night and trivia

On the last night of September, UGA hosted an application night open to all transferring students. The purpose of application night is to provide assistance to students who want to apply for UGA in the spring.

After applying, everyone was invited to attend trivia night with current students for a chance to win prizes and indulge in hot wings.

Trivia was composed of questions from varying categories, such as agriculture to potpourri. Participants were seated at tables, which would later determine their groups.

UGA Homecoming spirit week! Oct. 12-16

October 12 | High School Stereotype
October 13 | Grandparents’ Day
October 14 | Sunday’s Best
October 15 | Throwback Thursday
October 16 | UGA Spirit Day
This month, students elected four people from each major to serve as a representative in the student government association. New representatives include: Emily Braswell, agribusiness; Kyle Stratton, agriscience and environmental systems; Will Burt, agriculture education; and Lolita Munoz, biological sciences. The first student government association event was held on September 2. The event was a movie night on the lawn of the Future Farmstead, which hosted every student event of the fall semester. Once the sun set that night, the students and their pets gathered to watch Pitch Perfect 2. The association also created trivia night as an activity to introduce prospective students to current students. Student government meetings are open to all students, regardless of majors. Student participation is highly encouraged, since student involvement is what drives the campus.

The UGA Tifton Chapter of the Agribusiness Club held its first meeting on September 3, 2015 at the Future Farmstead. Members of the club welcomed Emily Braswell as chapter treasurer. Braswell will be joining the officer team of current officers: Jared Gillis, President; Jodie Stringer, Vice President; and Lindsey Hall, Secretary.

Club dues are $30 per semester, $50 for the whole year. Benefits of membership include official agribusiness club shirts, which are included in the cost of dues along with open member suggestions for future meetings.

The agribusiness club welcomes students of all majors to next month’s meeting, on October 8th. The agribusiness club will also be participating in the Sunbelt Expo during October 20th to the 22nd.
Becky Shirley had her eyes set on attending UGA. This Commerce native initially chose the Tifton campus due to the small class sizes and hands-on learning. During her time at UGA, Shirley became actively involved, working under professors such as Peggy Ozias-Akins and Katherine Stevenson. She also obtained the honor of serving as the Vice President of Professional Development in the agricultural sorority, Sigma Alpha. In December 2014, Shirley graduated with her bachelor’s degree in agriscience and environmental systems. After becoming “extremely satisfied with the experience” UGA Tifton provided, graduate school was an easy answer for Shirley. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management program, in which she describes as “based on the cutting-edge research that is being done right here on UGA Tifton’s campus.” She is set to graduate with her Master’s this December.

In his high school days, Jacob Segers developed a passion for animal biology. From there, Segers saw an agricultural opportunity to work professionally with animal biology and use it to help others, as in feeding people. “A career in livestock was the logical option because it allowed me to channel my passion towards a worthy goal,” he said. Segers uses his career experience to help others who are indecisive on careers. “First, find something you are passionate about, something you would do for free. Next, find out how to get paid for it.”

Segers is a proud “double dawg;” he obtained his bachelor’s and master’s in animal science. Following his master’s, Segers left his home state of Georgia to received a PhD from the University of Illinois. He recommends students to go out of their comfort zone, saying that an unfamiliar environment can teach you to think logically and rationally.
Study Abroad Workshop

Amanda Stephens visited the UGA Tifton Campus on September 9 to inform students of study abroad opportunities. Stephens created a relaxed atmosphere and presented some of her own study abroad experiences. Stephens discussed 10 different opportunities open to undergraduate and graduate students, including the Bean to Cup in Costa Rica over Thanksgiving break. During the workshop, students were introduced to various scholarships to help with their future travel endeavors, including the Dean’s Promise. For more information about study abroad and financial aid, visit the UGA website at http://osfa.uga.edu/

October 6
Midterms

October 7
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October 8
Ag Business Club Meeting

October 12-17
UGA Homecoming Week

October 16
UGA Tailgate at Tift County High football game

October 20-22
Sunbelt Expo

October 22
Course Withdrawal Deadline

October 28-31
National Convention

October 30
Fall break

Internship Workshop

Jason Peake introduced students to Rochelle Sapp, the internship specialist at UGA Tifton campus. Sapp began the workshop displaying the advantages of an internship from a business perspective to a personal perspective. Through an internship, students can see the “bigger picture” of a company. In addition to students sharing their personal internship experiences, Sapp encouraged all attendees to apply and keep an open mind, regardless of major. If you are interested in an internship, don’t hesitate to contact Rochelle Sapp.