On August 14, the UGA Tifton Campus welcomed 15 new students. The day started with the new students meeting each other and the ambassador team, followed by a campus tour given by Charles Douglas. After the tour, the students met back at the heart of the campus for a southern style lunch, including fried chicken, green beans, and macaroni and cheese. After lunch, students met with their advisors and set a two-year plan as UGA students.

“Very exciting! Glen Harris made Soils and Hydrology awesome on the very first day! He starts it off great every day!”
—Jessica Lovell
Junior Ag Education Major

“Excellent! It was like returning back home.”
—Ben Richardson
Senior Ag Education Major

“How was your first day of classes?”

“On the first day, I was excited to see how my classes went. Even with video conferencing, I still felt like I was a part of the classroom.”
—Lolita Munoz
Junior Biological Sciences Major

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Assistant Dean Joe West talking to the new students.

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L-R: Kelcie Barnes, Roseanna Volz, Megan Powell, Lolita Munoz, Christina Garner, Jessica Lovell, Sydni Barwick, Morgan Watt, Alex Holman

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Meet Our New Students

**Kelcie Barnes**
Ag Education  
Martin, GA  
“I want to teach middle school agriculture, preferably in north Georgia.”

**Emily Braswell**
Ag Business  
Donaldville, GA  
“Three possible paths: chemical sales, farm credit, or crop insurance.”

**Stuart Cook**
Ag Business  
Sylvester, GA

**Kathryn Dupre**
Biological Sciences  
Albany, GA  
“I hope to go in the medical research area with my major.”

**Christina Garner**
Ag Education  
Taylorsville, GA  
“I want to teach high school agriculture.”

**Evan Hill**
Agriculture and Environmental Systems  
Statesboro, GA  
“I’d like to work in agricultural research.”

**Alex Holman**
Ag Education  
Jefferson, GA  
“My plans include becoming an agriculture teacher.”

**Jessica Lovell**
Ag Education  
Patterson, GA  
“I want to teach middle school agriculture, because I’m short and I don’t want my students to be taller than me.”

**Lolita Munoz**
Biological Sciences  
Pelham, GA  
“I want to get my master’s in genetics.”

**Megan Powell**
Ag Education  
Wrightsville, GA  
“I hope to be an Extension agent.”

**Maggie Ramsey**
Ag Education  
Cordele, GA  
“I hope to be an agriculture teacher. I want to start off in middle school, then eventually go to high school.”

**Kyle Stratton**
Ag Science and Environmental Systems  
Leesburg, GA  
“It’s still up in the air. I’m thinking about getting a job in Albany as a chemical salesman.”
Welcome Week drew to a close with a fantastic meal prepared by assistant dean Joe West. Undergraduate and graduate students gathered to interact with their fellow peers and professors. “The cookout was the campus’ biggest event,” said Ray Sanders, a senior agriculture education student. “There was a good turnout. And the food was great, too.”

Tifton students were welcomed to Athens for Orientation 2.0. Students interacted with department heads and Athens students of similar majors. After orientation, Tifton students attended dinner with Athens faculty members.

There was a great turnout of students at the luncheon Wednesday afternoon. The lunch was provided to students by Tyrone Spearman. On Wednesday night, students managed to beat the heat with competitive water games, including a water balloon fight. “Water Wars was a great way for us to cut loose after a long day of classes,” Kelcie Barnes, senior agricultural education major, said. “The highlight was when Ray Sanders got pushed into the pond.”

Who says that professors don’t play Catch Phrase? Dawg Games started off Welcome Week with a night filled with games such as Whomp ’Em and Catch Phrase. “Game Night was my favorite night,” says Emily Braswell, junior agricultural business major. “It was nice to get to know everyone and spend one on one time with people outside of your major.”
Tifton farmer’s market workshop

The first Wednesday Workshop of the semester finished as a success. UGA welcomed Jimmy Cook of the Tifton Farmer’s Market to provide current students with the opportunity of community involvement.

Cook advised the students who are working on the edible landscape project at the Future Farmstead. Cook also encouraged the students to hold a booth at the farmer’s market, once the project is completed. Even if you don’t have a green thumb, there are still other ways to become involved with the farmer’s market. All you have to do is walk up to a vendor, introduce yourself, and say you are a student at the University of Georgia. The day wrapped up with students thanking Cook for his presentation.

Barwick and Wheeler accepted into undergraduate study

Two UGA Tifton students were selected to participate in the CAES Undergraduate Research program. Sydni Barwick, senior Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Major, will be studying under Wes Porter, on a project focusing on the impact of cotton seed yield and responses to environmental conditions. Barwick explains that her interest in this project began by analyzing data during her summer internship.

Emily Wheeler, a senior agriculture education student, was also selected to participate in the program. She is studying under Juan Carlos Diaz-Perez, working on a project to “trick mother nature.” Wheeler explains that the project will be growing tomato and sweet corn plants in modified versions of black plastic mulch.

Barwick and Wheeler will attend the CAES Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 13, 2016. Both students see this program as the first stepping stone to a path that will lead them to graduate school.