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Pictured with sponsors are (Left to Right) Vince Pellegri, 2nd Chico State; Audra Roland, 4th Fresno State; Hannah Garret, 3rd Chico State; and Tino Rossi, 1st Fresno State.

Fresno State Sweeps State Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Contest - December 4th eleven students from the JCAST Ambassador Team competed in the California Farm Bureau's Collegiate Discussion Meet Contest in Sparks, Nevada. In just his first year in the contest, Tino Rossi, a freshman at Fresno State from Bakersfield, Ca. became state champion beating out 16 other contestants from Fresno State and Chico State. Audra Roland, a Fresno State freshman from Tollhouse, Ca. qualified for the final round as well, where she finished 4th place overall. Jodi Raley, an Ag Communications major from Tollhouse, qualified for the semi-final round finishing in the top 8. Other members of the Fresno State team were Ben Granholm, Jake Carlson, Stephanie Nash, Heather Condra, Beatriz Rodriguez, German Marquez, Annie

Andersen, Monique Beinvenue, and Sarah Thomas served as student advisor. Fresno State completed a sweep of the Discussion Meet contest when Megan Jacobsen, 2008 Ag Communications alumna, became the state champion of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet Contest held jointly with the collegiate contest.

Animal Science Grad Student Wins ARPAS Scholarship - Amy Housman, a Animal Science Master's student from Madera, Ca. was awarded the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2000. This award was open to all animal or dairy science graduate students throughout California. Amy made a presentation of her thesis research, "Relationship between body condition and cresty neck scores and glucose and insulin responses to a single, high starch meal", at the annual ARPAS continuing education meeting in October at Harris Ranch in Coalinga, CA. Amy grew up in Forestville, CA. She previously attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where she received her Bachelor's degree in Animal Science with a minor in Equine Science. Since 2007 she has been employed by TPi in the formulations/pricing department where she is currently a formulator.

ASAE Student Named State YCC Chairman -

Ryan Thompson, a Animal Science major from Shafter, Ca. was recently elected to serve as the 2012 Chair of the California Young Cattlemen's Committee (YCC), which is affiliated with the California Cattlemen's Association. Thompson will provide leadership for the committee's statewide activities throughout the year. The YCC exists to help young ranchers learn about the issues facing the cattle industry and it helps them build relationships with other young cattlemen who are also passionate about the ranching lifestyle. Along with Thompson, other students attending the annual YCC conference in Reno were Vanessa Power, Ryan Fellows, Shelby Rosasco, Jesse Silva, and Chad Bower (pictured respectively).





WTF - Where's The Food, Without The Farmer? -

November 10th Fresno State agriculture students made their presence on campus known with their WTF message. Asking their fellow students to consider where their food comes from and the contributions of the farmers and ranchers that produce it. Over twenty JCAST students spent time in the University's free speech area spreading the good word about American agriculture and disseminating materials that will lead students to credible sources of information about food and agriculture, in hopes of influencing young person's behavior when purchasing food and voting on issues that affect agriculture.

Great Success for Fresno State Students and Dairy Unit at Big Fresno Fair - Twelve ASAE students exhibited beef cattle at the Fresno Fair. Guided by Ag Education senior, Martin Castro, the team exhibited the Champion Heavy and Lightweight Steers, Champion Heavyweight Grade Heifer, Champion Charolais Female, Res. Champion Lightweight Steer, Reserve Grand Heavyweight Steer and also won Beef Herdsmanship. Lauren Grant won the Novice Showmanship and was third overall in the advanced class. Jodi Beinvenue was Reserve Champion Advanced Beef Showman. Numerous class winners and showmanship awards were won by the other members of the Beef Show Team, which included Roobie Richards, Felicia Byrne, Brittany Hopper, Dana Worshem, Amanda Baker, Kelsey Francone, Victor Bravo, Katelyn Smith, Ryan Fellows, and Ashley Coleman.

ASAE students also excelled in the Big Fresno Fair's Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest. Martin Castro was high individual and recipient of the champion belt buckle, Hannah Wilson was 4th overall, followed by Kou Xiong who was fifth. In the beef judging subcontest Martin Castro was 1st overall, Xou Xiong was 2nd, and Kassie Dewey was 5th. In the swine subcontest Hannah Wilson was 2nd, Kou Xiong was 4th, and Martin Castro was 5th. Hannah Wilson placed 2nd in the sheep subcontest. Placing in the questions subcontest were Martin Castro 1st and tying for 4th were Michael French and Hannah Wilson. Other Fresno State students competing in the contest were Soledad Chocoteco, Brian Leavitt, and Roxanne Arellano.



The Fresno State Dairy Unit and its students were also honored at the fair. The dairy received the Fresno Fair's Milk Quality Award. After evaluating milk from over 80 Fresno County dairies, the Fresno State Dairy was found to have the highest quality milk tested. Dr. Jon Robison, Fresno State Dairy Professor, stated "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students who work and manage our campus dairy herd and our facility."



New Equine Science Association Hosts Training Clinic - The fall semester saw the creation of a new student organization in the ASAE department. The Fresno State Equine Science Association was started for students who are interested in horses and equestrian activities. The association elected its first president, Sarah Leathers of Novato, Ca. (pictured left). The Equine Science Association kicked off their inaugural year by hosting a horse training clinic taught by well known trainer Jake Gorrell (pictured right) on October 8th. Students as well as members of the community participated. Everyone felt they learned a lot and were grateful to Jake for sharing his time and expertise. The Equine Science Association plans to host more events such as this in the future. For information about upcoming events of the student group and the Fresno State Equine Program, see their website at <http://www.fresnostatehorses.com>

