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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◇ September 16-17~ Senior Days
- ◇ October 3-5~ Ozarks Fall Farm Fest
- ◇ October 23~ Career Day in Gym
- ◇ October 30th~ Homecoming Coronation
- ◇ October 31-November 1~ Homecoming Events
- ◇ November 1~ Ag Club Booths 10:00-2:00
- ◇ November 1~ Ag Alumni Chapter Meeting 11:00 in Youngman Ag Center Room 118
- ◇ November 11~ Veterans Day Campus Events
- ◇ November 13~ Ag Career Symposium

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

Faculty Spotlight: Dean Schoenecke

Dean Marvin Schoenecke joined the College of the Ozarks on January 1, 2006. As the Dean of Administration, Dr. Schoenecke directs departments including the agricultural operations, housing, Character Camp, transportation, power plant and landscaping. Marvin Schoenecke grew up in central Oklahoma where his father worked as a postman by day and a farmer by night. His father owned an eighty acre farm on which he raised beef cattle, horses, pigs and milked 20-30 cows. Dean Schoenecke also worked for a rancher while he was in high school. His agricultural background helps him appreciate the historical role of agriculture in providing food and helping pay the bills at College of the Ozarks. When asked what his favorite event that Agriculture Department puts on, Dean Schoenecke said, "The Annual FFA Workshop is my favorite event. I love to see all of the students from other schools come to our campus for the workshop and the event is always very organized." Schoenecke has many goals for the Agriculture Department and they include keeping the department prominent in who we are. The Farmers Market will continue to be a feature along with the cows being visible on campus pastures. Another goal is to keep as many of the agriculture department activities as a part of the campus events as possible. He does not want to see the ag department relegated to something found only off-campus. We need to continue with our distinct campus ag tradition in all that we do. Dean Schoenecke strives to enable the ag department staff and

and students to continue to do their good work grounded in biblical faith in caring for animals, relating to each other and in all our endeavors.



Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Student Spotlight

Amanda Holder is an Agronomy and Ag Business major with a minor in Chemistry and is currently working at the Dairy. She was raised in Cassville, Missouri on a farm that primarily raised poultry and beef, and ten years ago her family added wheat, corn, and soybean production. Amanda has always been surrounded by animals and one in particular was a four legged chicken named Quadro. Her favorite farm animals are calves because "Calves are easy to get attached to because they are so sweet and adorable." Amanda attended high school in Cassville and Branson at which she was an active member of FFA. At Cassville she served as Assistant President and Treasurer and at Branson she served as chapter President. Amanda said she chose to come to CofO "because it allows me to work for my education and graduate debt free. It teaches valuable principles and has a Christian base for education." Also, both of her parents attended CofO and now work at the college. She decided to become an Ag major because she has been involved in Ag production all of her life and because she is passionate about crop science.

Amanda was selected for an internship at the New Century Farmer conference this summer in Des Moines, Iowa. She believes that all college classes are valuable in making a well-rounded student, which is important when applying for internships or jobs. Amanda's favorite teacher is her mother,



Tammy Holder, because she enjoys the agronomy classes and always feels like she learns more than she knew before. Her favorite class is Soil Science because it is very interesting to her, and she has learned more in that class than any other class. Her favorite work experience was working in Landscaping with her supervisors and work partners. However, Amanda says she really likes working at the Dairy because her work crew is fantastic. She also greatly appreciates Josh Edison for trying to make work at four in the morning exciting and enjoyable. After CofO, Amanda plans on attending graduate school at the University of Arkansas or wherever she can find the best assistantship. Upon completing her Master's degree, she would like to teach agronomy at a university or college.

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

2014 Annual Agriculture Awards Assembly

Dean's Award Assembly & Reception – Checks given (awards)

Marvin Oetting Award – Noble Carpenter

Taney County Farm Bureau Conservation and Wildlife Management Award – Josh Marshall

Annual Agriculture Awards Assembly

Endowed Ag Awards – Megan Murry, Daniel Mallette, Josh Eidson, Ben Sims, Amanda Holder

Claude Parrish Awards – Josh Marshall

Tommy Villers Awards – Ethan Meeks

Goldie Howard Award – Josh Marshall

Ag Education Award – Mason Dorrell

Tom Smith Award – Samantha Ledford

Olen and Alpha DePew Memorial Scholarship – Samantha Massengale

Mary E. and Robert D. Newman Scholarship – Caleb Green

Edwin and Helen Krohn Scholarship – Zane Lowrance

Horticulture Award – Micah Kuenzle

Missouri Farm Bureau Scholarship – Dakota Tucker, Phillip Stearns, Greg Lambeth

Smith-Oetting Memorial Award – Katie Swofford

Janice Franklin – Clayton Tunnell

Colossians 3:23

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

○ Friends of the Ag. Department Award ○

The “Friends of the Agriculture Department Award” was designed and inspired by our department to express our appreciation to those individuals or groups that have contributed much to our program. It is our way of publically expressing our gratitude for what they do to help the department help the students. We have awarded this honor to many great people over the years and this year’s recipient is no exception. This person’s connection to the Ag Department goes back over 30 years for her husband was a long-time employee of the agriculture program. She has faithfully attended every banquet and awards assembly we have had over the years and has a special place in her heart for the department and especially the meat processing plant. For you see, she was the spouse of the late Tommy Villers. The Tommy Villers Meat Processing Plant Award is a testament to her husband’s character and work at the college, which she was a part of as his wife. Every year, after the presenting of the Tommy Villers Outstanding Meat Processing Plant Award, she makes a special effort to contact that student and give a little something more to assist that person. The reason she does such is her love for the students and our Ag Department. We all appreciate her loyalty and devotion to the college and our program and wish to extend to her the “2014 Friends of the Ag Department Award” as a symbol of that appreciation. This years recipient is Beth Villers.



Mrs. Beth Villers

