



## Stan State Agricultural Studies Grow With Us Gazette

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Student-Industry Ag Mixer (Sponsor: Western Plant Health Assoc.)	November 9th	5:00pm-8:30pm	MSR 130
StanFresh Market	November 10th	11:00am-1:00pm	Stan State Quad
Finals Week	December 14th-20th	-	Stan State Campus

# Exciting News!

Hello everyone,

We are sharing with you, the November edition of our bulletin. This provides some updates on student activities, 2016 summer LEADS program, this year's Taste of the Valley event and interesting facts about some of our outstanding students. Enjoy this edition, check out the upcoming events and make sure you are on the lookout for exciting stories of our students and new developments in our Ag Studies Program.

-Dr. Oluwarotimi Odeh

### Stan State Agriculture Apparel Sale!

THE NEWLY DESIGNED APPAREL IS  
IN!

We have grey and black women's  
and men's sweatshirts (\$25),  
T-Shirts, and a selection of hats (\$15)  
currently in stock.

Get in contact with the officer team to  
make purchases.

Help us advertise our Agriculture  
Department on and off campus!

### AG FACT:

Each year, the bees in the honey  
industry in the US produce around  
148 million lbs of honey.

([http://askafarmer.tumblr.com/search/  
daily+ag+fact](http://askafarmer.tumblr.com/search/daily+ag+fact))



That's the  
buzz!

*Come grow with us!*

# *Tastes of the Valley*

On Thursday, November 6, 2016, the California State University, Stanislaus Agriculture Department in partnership with the Friends of the Stanislaus



Executive members helping with the silent auction

County Fair came together to put on our annual Tastes of the Valley event. Tastes of the Valley is an annual event that brings the community, alumni, and current students together to network and enjoy different local vendors. Some vendors that attended our event were Starbucks, Noah's Water, Gallo Winery, La Morenita, Chartwells and many more. This was our very first networking event of the year and our students had a blast!

Our students worked very hard along with our partners to make sure that this was a hit. Jose Medina III, first year student and Student Event Coordinator for the Agriculture Ambassadors was one of many students who helped make sure our event was a success. When asked what he enjoyed about the event he said, "I had so much fun bonding with not only my fellow peers but I enjoyed getting to meet local agriculturalists who care about agriculture as much as I do. I look forward to doing this event again and I hope to meet more people next year!"



Stan State Staff Members



Members helping at the Ag Department's info table!

Thank you to our faculty, staff and students for helping us with this event. It is because of your hard work and dedication that we had such a success. We hope that you all had a great time and we look forward to next year!



# 2016 USDA MSP SCHOLAR



**Name:** Sarah Danielle Baskins

**Age:** 22

**City, State of Origin:**  
Turlock, CA

**Classification:** Junior

The USDA Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP) at CSU Stanislaus provides scholarships to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring, and training committed, eligible multicultural scholars, resulting in either baccalaureate degree at CSU Stanislaus (Agricultural Studies).

The first ever USDA MSP award winner in Agricultural Studies is Miss Sarah Baskins. Sarah transferred into Stan State from Merced College as a Junior in August. She is pursuing her BA in Agricultural Studies, with a concentration in Agricultural Economics. Upon graduation in the Spring of 2018, she plans to obtain her MBA. Sarah is currently serving as the Agriculture Ambassador Secretary here at Stan State. She also serves on the Executive Board for the California Sporting Dog Association and, as a Collegiate member of Merced County Young Farmers &

Ranchers. She is a Collegiate member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Appraisers. Sarah said, "If you don't catch me in the library studying between school and work, often times you'll find me outdoors either hunting, shooting, spending time with my nieces and nephew, teaching AWANAS for young children through my church or possibly even volunteering my time throughout the community. I am the youngest of 6 kids in my family and I have enjoyed every moment of it. I grew up raising goats and chickens, showing my goats through 4-H and FFA. I can thankfully say it was my younger and high school years as well as experiences that helped mold me into the young lady I am today. I take every bit of leadership and communication skills I possess and put them into full force as find my way through this journey of my career and life. I look very much forward to the rest of my time here at Stan State but especially my future in agriculture." Congrats, Sarah!

# 2016 Ag Studies Summer LEADS Camp

In June 2016, CSU Stanislaus Agricultural Studies program hosted its first ever Agricultural Studies Summer LEADS camp. This camp was the first of a three-year program, funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Students were introduced to the agriculture industry through hands-on educational activities and aided in their development of leadership qualities. The first week of the camp was for high school students and the second week of the camp was for community college students. Camp participants were involved in numerous activities throughout the course of the camp, as well as field trips to MJC and a USDA research facility.

Not only did the camp provide insight into the agriculture industry, it also gave students information about our Agricultural Studies program at CSU Stanislaus. The students were able to meet and work with professors during the activities, and in return, some students ended up attending Stan State Ag Studies program.

## **Student comments:**

Ryan Brewer: "Overall, it was a very informative experience. I learned a bunch about the industry and opportunities that are available through Ag. I would definitely recommend it to others."

Sarah Baskins: "At first, when I heard about the LEADS program, I was hesitant to want to take that much time off to attend a small summer conference. But looking back now, I am very glad I did. If you have the opportunity and time, I highly suggest taking the week to participate in this fun learning conference. You'll gain so much from it"



Pitman High School student Ryan Brewer receiving \$1,000 scholarship in the first week, for demonstrating outstanding leadership



Merced College student Alejandra Pulido receiving \$1,000 scholarship in the second week, for demonstrating outstanding

## **Planning is underway for the 2017 Summer LEADS Camp, stay tuned for more information or contact:**

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