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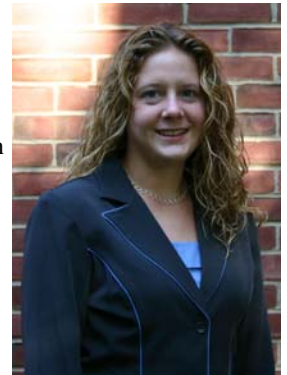
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Miranda	Allen	Kutztown Area High School
Laura	Sankey	Penns Manor Area High School

Karen Grubb, Garden Spot High School

Karen Grubb is a student teacher with Robert Lauffer at the Garden Spot High School. She chose to be an agricultural educator because she enjoys teaching and working with others, she wants to be able to share the benefits of agriculture with others. Karen has worked for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as an environmental interpretive technician, for USDA as a lab technician and a biological science technician, as well as for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as a press office intern. At Garden Spot Karen is helping to teach animal and poultry science, aquatics, wildlife, forestry, FFA leadership, veterinary science, horticulture, and agricultural science. Besides agriculture, Karen has a passion for sports. She will be graduating from Penn State this spring with a double major in Agricultural and Extension Education and Environmental Resource Management with minors in Environmental Soil Science and Watersheds and Wa-



Jennifer Bechtel, Greenwood & Northern Bedford High Schools



Jennifer Bechtel has a split time for student teaching experience. She spent the first part of the year teaching at Greenwood High School with Krista Pontius and Mike Clark and has just begun the second part of her time at Northern Bedford High School with Kay Kring. Jen decided to become an agricultural teacher because her high school teacher inspired her to pursue a degree in this major. She hopes to emphasize agronomy, dairy, and horticulture in her future curriculum. Jen has had numerous agricul-

tural experiences that will help prepare her for this career. She grew up on the family's dairy farm as well as worked for Syngenta Crop Protection, USDA – NRCS, and a local orchard and farm market. Jen will graduate from Penn State this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education with minors in agronomy and horticulture.

Javier Moreno, Lancaster Mennonite High School

Javier Moreno is a student teacher at the Lancaster Mennonite High School with Lehman Metzler. Javier hopes to teach leadership and horticulture in a multi-teacher department in the future. He wanted to be an agricultural educator because of inspiration from his FFA Advisor in high school and because of his love of education. Javier has had many experiences to help him in his career including serving as a Puerto Rico State FFA Vice President and as the National FFA President. A quote that he lives by is "I strive to be the difference that I want to see in others." Outside of the classroom Javier likes hiking, camping, and working out. He will be graduating from Penn State this spring with a degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.



Janine McIntire, Williamsburg High School

Janine McIntire is placed at Williamsburg High School this spring to student teach with Thad White. Her focus is on an agricultural mechanics curriculum while. Janine had had many experiences in agriculture on her uncle's turkey farm for nine years, a hog operation as well as at a local dairy farm and ally Janine had her internship eradication to be at Williamsburg and learn about the unique aspects of the program; she is interested in their leadership activities considering the fact that they had two state officers this year. Janine will graduate in May from Penn State.



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Miranda Allen, Kutztown Area High School



Miranda Allen is student teaching at Kutztown Area High School. Her cooperating teacher is Celeste Ball. Miranda would like to teach animal science and equine science in the future. She has work experience as an equestrian trail guide, at an Asian pear farm and with the NCSPCA spay and neuter feral cat program. One of Miranda's hobbies is horseback riding. She is excited to be at Kutztown because of the small and intimate class setting there. Even though horticulture is not one of her specialties she is interested in learning more about the curriculum and working with the large greenhouse operation. Miranda will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education with minors in Equine Science and Animal Science.

David Bittner, Derry Area High School



David Bittner is at Derry Area High School this spring under the supervision of

John Bierbower and Roy Campbell as cooperating teachers. David chose to be an agricultural educator because he loves agriculture and working with youth so he wanted a career where he could do both.

David hopes to focus in three areas teaching: leadership and FFA, dairy and animal production, and agronomy and agroecology. David has had experience in the field having grown up on his family's dairy farm, serving as a youth programs assistant at Penn State for three years, and working for the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences for three years. Outside of teaching David likes outdoor activities such as skiing and hiking. As a teacher he hopes to get more involved with his school by helping with athletics, and student leadership activities. David will be graduating in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.

Holly Hoover, Lampeter Strasburg High School



Holly Hoover is a student teacher at the Lampeter Strasburg High School with Steve Smith. Holly wants to be an agricultural education teacher because she feels that it is

important for future generations to know and learn the importance of agriculture. She has experience working in agriculture at the Penn State Dairy Barns for two years, and working with the Penn State Educational Partnership program for two years. In the future Holly hopes that the community will be a big part of her agriculture program. She plans on doing community service projects with her FFA chapter, having community guest speakers, and recruiting people to help coach CDE teams. Besides agriculture, Holly enjoys international travel, reading, and family and friends. Holly will graduate from Penn State this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.

Kimberly Pomraning, Bellwood-Antis High School

Kimberly Pomraning is student teaching at the Bellwood-Antis High School James MacKereth. Kim decided to be an agricultural educator because of her love for children and agriculture. She has from growing up on a 50 She also had a position work-summer camp counselor that dents. Kimberly hopes to future. A quote that she lives what you want, but wanting the classroom she enjoys says that she is very excited find a job working in the future. Kimberly will graduate spring with a Bachelor's Extension Education.



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Emily Weber, Cowanesque Valley High School



Emily Weber is student teaching at Cowanesque Valley High School with Andrew Boyer and Martin Heyler. Emily has had many internship experiences related to the field. She had held summer internships with the Potter County Conservation District as well as Penn State Cooperative Extension in Potter and McKean counties. Outside of school Emily has interests in making maple syrup and raising beef cattle. She would like to work in a program in the future where she can teach environmental science, wildlife and fisheries, and a production agriculture curriculum. Emily will graduate from Penn State in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.

Lydia Everhart, Penn State

Lydia Everhart is a Master's in Agricultural and Extension Education candidate. She currently holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in agricultural sciences with minors in Poultry Technology and Management as well as Agricultural and Extension Education. Lydia feels that agricultural education is important for everyone to have. It is the basis for understanding our food and fiber system. She would like to teach general agriculture, poultry, and leadership and team development. A quote that Lydia lives by is "If it is to be, it is up to me" – Dale Carnegie. Lydia enjoys baking, canning, camping and spending time with her family.

Jessica Peachy, Mid-West High School

Jessica Peachy is student teaching with Leroy Dreibelbis and Gregory Erb at Mid-West High School. Jess says that she knew she wanted a career in agriculture since she was a child and she chose education so that she could share her love for agriculture with others. She has gained experience in this field by serving as a Summer Youth Programs Coordinator Assistant planning 4-H and FFA summer conferences at the University as well as working at Tractor Supply Company for two years. Jess hopes to teach horticulture and soil science courses in the future. She has been a teacher's assistant for an introductory soil science and plant propagation courses at Penn State and has enjoyed it while gaining practical teaching experience. She has already started to interact with the community at Mid-West by joining the cooperating teachers during summer visits to students SAE projects. A quote that Jess likes to share is "The greatest danger is trying not to be who you really are" – Dr. Djelal Kadir. Jess will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education and a minor in horticulture.



Eric Rubenstein, Penn Manor High School

Eric Rubenstein is student teaching with Carole Fay at the Penn Manor High School. Eric wants to teach agriculture because he wants to educate youth about the importance of the agricultural industry. He wants to become a role model for his students and help them to become more productive citizens through his teaching. Eric hopes to teach agricultural mechanics, land use, and animal management in the future. He has experience working in this field from working at the Leighow Veterinary Hospital and serving as a Pennsylvania State President. Outside of teaching Eric likes doing activities outdoors such as hiking and camping. Eric will be graduating this spring from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.



Sharon Barbour, Columbia Montour Area Vo Tech

Sharon Barbour is student teaching with Timothy Mauk at Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School. Sharon decided to become an agricultural educator because her mom is an agricultural and biology teacher. Sharon would like to teach horticulture in the future. She has worked as a landscaper, a field hand for three years, and a floral designer for six years. Outside of the classroom Sharon likes target shooting, farming, and fishing. She lives on a farm in New Jersey where she and her family raise boar goats. Sharon received an associates degree in Landscape Design and Maintenance from the county college in Morris County, New Jersey in 2003. She will be receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Contracting from Penn State in May along with her teaching certificate in Agricultural and Extension Education.



Bernadette Nace, Newport High School



Bernadette Nace is student teaching at Newport High School under the supervision of Natalie Auran. Bernie has work experience in agriculture from working as a 4-H program assistant for two years, a summer crop scout for the Western New York Crop Management Organization, and as a Pennsylvania FFA State Officer. She knew that she wanted to be an agricultural educator since she developed her passion for agricul-

ture as a freshman in high school and then later as a state officer. Bernie would like to teach animal science, horticulture, and leadership in the future. She hopes that as a teacher she will keep an active advisory council and community that supports agriculture and her program. A quote that she lives by is "Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me" – Carol Burnett. Bernadette will be graduating this May from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.

Jonathan Seaman, Danville Area High School

Jonathan Seaman is student teaching at the Danville Area High School with Michael Schultz and Kelly Smith-Wells serving as his cooperating teachers. Jon has experience working through 4-H experiences and dairy farms over He decided to agricultural education because he has a passion and he wants to prepare students for college careers. Jon hopes to teach horticulture, animal science, and environmental science in the future. Jon has many interests outside of agriculture including being a volunteer firefighter, bowling, and hunting. He wants to tell people that he is quite to begin with but there is a lot inside once you get him opened up. Jon will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.



Clark Neely, Athens Area High School

Clark Neely is student teaching at Athens Area High School with David Steinfeldt. Clark wanted to teach agriculture to help develop youth in order to prepare them to work in agriculture and have leadership skills in the future. Clark grew up on a family farm and he has had summer work experiences in agriculture including working on a cattle ranch in Colorado and working for the North Dakota State University Research Extension Center performing agronomy research. Clark is excited to be working with agricultural mechanics and animal science while he is



student teaching at Athens where they have two large greenhouses. Clark also

student teaching but when he has a classroom of his own he hopes to focus on production agriculture and environmental science. He is happy to be

said that the school board is supportive of the program and that was very important. Outside of school Clark enjoys hunting, fishing and horseback riding. He will be graduating this spring from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.

Laura Sankey, Penns Manor High School

Laura Sankey is a student teacher at Penns Manor Area High School with Gerald Hughes as her cooperating teacher. Laura has had a lot of experience in agriculture. She grew up on a family dairy farm and has worked at the Penn State Beef and Sheep Center for four years. Laura also has worked for Penn State Cooperative Extension in Clearfield County as a summer program assistant and in the Northcentral Region as a student assistant. She decided to be an agricultural educator because she has a great sense of respect and appreciation for the industry and she wants to enhance the minds of youth interested in agriculture to ensure the future of the industry. At Penns Manor she assists with animal science, horticulture, agricultural mechanics, and introduction to agriculture classes. Laura is excited to have the opportunity to interact with high school students so she can better understand their needs and interests as well as trying to get community members involved in the program. A quote that she likes to share is "Be true to your work, your word, and your friend" – Henry David Thoreau. Laura will be graduating from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education and a minor in animal science.



Jenna Jasensky, Connecticut



Jenna Jasensky is student teaching in her home state of Connecticut. She decided to be an agricultural teacher because she believes in the future of youth, agriculture, and the potential that each has to positively influence the other. Jenna has had numerous experiences working in agriculture including a small animal veterinary clinic, a horse farm for six years, and a greenhouse and nursery for three years. A quote that Jenna lives by is "Do not follow where the path may

lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" – Harold McArindon. Besides teaching, she enjoys hiking, camping, horseback riding, and international travel. Jenna holds an Associate's Degree in applied science in agricultural business and a concentration in animal science that she received in 2005 in Connecticut. In 2006, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business with a concentration in Agricultural Education in New York. She will be receiving her Master's of Education Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education later this year.

Pamela Werley, Northern Lebanon High School

Pamela Werley is student teaching at Northern Lebanon High School with Timothy Gettle and Gretchen Oberst. Pamela started in college as an elementary education major. In 2003, she was the Berks County Dairy Princess and through those experiences she realized that she had a passion for agriculture. Pamela has experience in agriculture working for the Phil-Don Farm for 14 years. In the future she hopes to emphasize animal science and production agriculture in her curriculum. She is excited to be student teaching at Northern Lebanon where they have excellent facilities including an animal barn and are in the process of constructing a greenhouse. A quote that Pamela lives by is "Live, laugh, love." Outside of the classroom she likes to show dairy cows, go country line dancing, and four wheeling. Pamela will be graduating from Penn State this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education.





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Schedule of Events

- March 23 AG ED Advisory Board Meeting, State College Elks, 10:00 AM (T. Hoy)
- March 23 PAAE Executive Board Meeting, PSU Ag Admin., 7:00 PM (G. Reichard)
- March 25-27 SLLC - Holiday Inn, Grantville (M. Brammer)
- March 25 Small Animal/Vet Assisting Workshop, at SLLC, TBA (R. Frederick)
- March 26 Poultry CDE Workshop, SLLC, TBA
- March 27 SLLC Legislative Breakfast, Hilton, Harrisburg
- April 13 FFA Association Board Meeting, PSU Ag Admin, 6:30 PM
- April 10 PAAE Eastern Region Meeting, Lancaster HACC, 5:00 PM
- April 11 PAAE South Central Region Meeting, Cumberland Valley HS, 5:00 PM
- April 12 PAAE North Central Region Meeting, Aungst's Rest, Mill Hall, 5:00 PM
- April 15 **DUE**—Proficiency Applications to regional coordinators
- April 15 **DUE**—Dairy Showmanship Applications to D. Brown
- April 15 **DUE**—State Chorus Application to M. Brammer
- April 17 PAAE Western Region Meeting, Hoss's, Allison Park, 6:00 PM
- April 18 Eastern Region CDE Judging Event, Manheim Fairgrounds
- April 19 Food Science Workshop, Penns Manor HS, 5:30 PM
- April 23 Northcentral Region CDE Judging Events, Penn College
- April 25 Western Region CDE Judging Events, Crooked Creek
- April 26 Southcentral Region CDE Judging Events, HACC
- April 28 Proficiency Award Application Judging, PSU
- May 1 **DUE**—Membership Rosters/Dues Paid for FFA Activities Week Participation (P. Brammer)