2017-18 TEACHER CANDIDATES

Agricultural Education & Communication Department
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Cal Poly is proud to present the current group of student teachers. These young men and women are required to complete a full semester of student teaching in California high schools. Each of them will be eligible for two credentials in the State of California upon completion of requirements: Single Subject in Agriculture and the Agriculture Specialist.

The cooperating high schools hosting our fall teacher candidates include: Atwater High School, Buhach Colony High School, Coast Union High School, Hilmar High School, Nipomo High School, Pioneer Valley High School, Ripon High School, and Santa Maria High School

Anyone interested in learning more about the agricultural teacher preparation program or in contacting a student teacher for possible employment are encouraged to contact our office.

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Telephone: 805-756-2803

The Fall 2017 Teacher Candidates are as follows:

(L to R) Julie Schellhase, Samara Guerra, Cody Davis, Nathan Kesser, Matt Vierra, Meagan Dunlap, Nikki Jorgenson, Aubree Atwood, Kayla Manning
Fall 2017 Student Teachers

Aubree Atwood

Bachelor of Science in Crop Science, Minor in Agribusiness, Master of Agriculture Education (in progress)

My passion for teaching lies within the agricultural sciences including biology and chemistry. I also have a strong interest in horticulture/floriculture and Ag leadership. Student involvement and participation in many different FFA/SAE opportunities is a priority. I will always strive to engage students in and outside of the classroom in order to spark their interests and develop their passions within the agriculture industry and beyond.

Cody Davis

I received my bachelors degree in Dairy Science, and a minor in Ag Business. I have a strong passion for teaching Science related courses, as well as Introduction to mechanics, and plumbing. I hope to promote FFA and SAE projects by being involved with the students to enhance their hands on learning.

Meagan Dunlap

B.S. in Agriculture Science with an emphasis in Animal Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education, also from Cal Poly, in progress.

Strong interest in Agriculture Biology and Chemistry, as well as the Animal Sciences and Floral Design. Strives to create a positive classroom environment that engages and challenges students to learn. Passionate about FFA and encouraging students to partake in leadership opportunities. Believes that Agriculture Education can truly make a positive difference in the lives of students and allow them to discover their passions.
Samara Guerra

B.S in Dairy Science with a minor in Equine Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education and Bilingual Authorization in progress, also from Cal Poly.

Great interest in Agriculture Biology and Chemistry, Animal Science, Plant Science, and Veterinary Science. True believer in Learn by Doing philosophy and passionate about continuing the growth of the future of agriculture through education. Strives to create a welcoming environment where all students can succeed.

Nicole Jorgenson

B.S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Animal Science, and a Minor in Equine Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education currently in progress, also at Cal Poly.

Enthusiastic about teaching Animal Sciences, Agricultural Business and Government, Agrisciences and Agricultural Leadership. Passionate about students developing a greater appreciation for the agricultural industry. Also believes that through hands on learning opportunities, students acquire life skills that allow for optimal success in any path they choose.

Nathan Kesser
Kayla Manning

B. S. in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Agricultural Supplies and Services, from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress, also from Cal Poly.

Strong interest in Agricultural Biology, Animal Sciences, Plant Sciences, and Agricultural Economics. Passionate about developing student potential through leadership opportunities, and through FFA involvement.

Julie Schellhase

BS in Agricultural Communication. Holds a strong interest in Animal Science, Ag Leadership, Ag Business, Horticulture and Crop Science. Aims to make a positive difference in the lives of young people through the three-ring model of ag education.

Matthew Vierra

Ag Systems Management graduate (BS) and Student Mechanized Branch CAFES representative. I believe promoting student involvement within their program, and its positive outcome linked to a student's overall education.