2017-18 TEACHER CANDIDATES

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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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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
B.S. in Crop Science and minor in Agribusiness from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.
Passion for teaching lies within the agricultural sciences including biology and chemistry. Strong interest in horticulture, floriculture and Ag leadership. Priority in student involvement and participation in many different FFA and SAE opportunities. Strive to engage students in and outside of the classroom to spark their interests and develop their passions within the agriculture industry and beyond.

Cody Davis
B.S. in Dairy Science and a minor in Agribusiness from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.
Strong passion for teaching Science related courses, as well as Introduction to Mechanics, and plumbing. 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 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.

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.

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

Nathan Kesser

B.S. in Dairy Science from Cal Poly. Masters in Agricultural Education in progress.

Strong interest in Agricultural science and Leadership classes. Belief that creating a connection with the students will lead to a better learning experience for them.
Kayla Manning

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

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

B.S. in Agricultural Communication from Cal Poly. Single Subject Agriculture Credential in progress.

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

B.S. in Agricultural Systems Management from Cal Poly. Masters of Agricultural Education in progress.

Student Mechanized Branch CAFES representative. Believes that promoting student involvement within their program and its positive outcome are linked to students overall education.