

2022 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Arizona FFA Career Development Events

On **Friday, February 25th** and **Saturday, February 26th** the University of Arizona’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education will be hosting the annual AZ FFA Spring Conference on UArizona’s main campus, the Campus Agricultural Center, and the UArizona Vet School of Medicine in Oro Valley. CALs has a long-standing tradition of hosting this event over two days, with an expected attendance of over 1,600 high school students from around Arizona will be participating. Students will be on campus demonstrating their proficiency, knowledge, and skills in twenty-one agriculture-related career events and have spent hundreds of hours preparing for this event. To complement this event, CALs’ Career and Academic Service will host a college/career (recruitment) fair in the Forbes Courtyard on **Saturday, February 26 from 12-2 pm.**

Special thanks and appreciation go to the following CALs faculty and associated academic units, as well as hundreds of students and alumni volunteers.

CALS Committee: State FFA Career Development Field Day, Chaired by Bobby Torres, AETI		
Career Development Event Area	Lead Department/Unit/Agency	Event Chair
Ag. Business Mgmt.	Agricultural and Resource Economics	Na Zuo, Russ Tronstad
Agricultural Mechanics	Agricultural Education, Technology & Innovation	Edward Franklin
Agricultural Sales	Alumni Volunteer	Kelli Wilson
Agronomy and Field Crop Mgmt.	Alumni Volunteer	Tyler Bowen
Aquaculture	Yavapai Community College	Marnee Zazueta
Dairy	Industry Volunteer	Sarah Radachy
Entomology	Entomology	Wesley “Gene” Hall
Food Science and Technology	Nutritional Sciences	Tedley Pihl
Floriculture	Alumni Volunteer	Kalea Currie
Forestry	Cooperative Extension/US Forest Service	Chris Jones / Noel Fletcher
Horse Evaluation & Selection	Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences	Betsey Green
Employment Skills	Agricultural Education, Technology & Innovation	Amber Rice
Livestock Evaluation & Selection	Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences	William Milashoski
Milk Quality and Products	Arizona Farm Bureau	Christy Davis
Meats Evaluation	Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences	Sam Garcia
Nursery/Landscape	Plant Sciences	Ursula Schuch
Poultry Evaluation	Casa Grande Union High School	Casey Farnsworth
Range Management	Natural Resources and the Environment	Larry Howery
Soils Evaluation	Environmental Science	Rivka Fidel

Veterinary Science	Veterinary Medicine	Louise King
Wildlife & Natural Resources	AAEC – Mesa Public School	Eric Stevens
Student Chairs/Volunteers	Agricultural Education, Technology & Innovation	Quint Molina

FFA has over 735,000 members across the US and AZ FFA has a membership of over 11, 000 secondary and post-secondary students from 80 chapters. Though rooted in agriculture, FFA has evolved to be in sync with the changing bioeconomy. FFA is a leading force in what has become known as the 4th Industrial Revolution. FFA provides crucial employability and professional skills for our future workforce.

CALS is extremely proud to partner with the AZ FFA Association and its opportunities which provide leadership in schools, communities, and future workplaces. Please welcome the BLUE and GOLD jackets to campus and commend them on their participation and success in the CDE events.