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Georgia 4-H Says Goodbye to Dean Scott Angle



As dean and director of the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), J. Scott Angle promoted agriculture across the state and increased the visibility and influence of the college. For the past decade he used his position to strengthen the links between research and Extension to ensure that people in all 159 counties had access to the latest, research-based information.



UGA President Jere W. Morehead said, "(Angle) has been one of the strongest champions of UGA's land-grant mission, working tirelessly to connect the vast resources of the college to the challenges and opportunities faced by the agriculture industry across the state."



On September 21, Dean Angle assumed his new role as president and CEO of the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. This endeavor allows him "to combine my disciplinary training in soil science and with my passion for Africa to help farmers around the world improve soil fertility and sustainability," said Angle. IFDC has been active in nearly 100 countries and focuses on increasing food security and agricultural productivity through the development and transfer of effective and environmentally sound crop nutrient technology and agribusiness expertise.



In one of his final notes as dean he said, "I came to a strong college in 2005 and I am leaving it just as strong, despite the many ups and downs experienced over this period. CAES remains one of the leading colleges of agriculture in the U.S. and it is because of you - the amazing faculty and staff that have worked to ensure our teaching, research and extension programs are the best they can be. You have my eternal gratitude for what you have done. I am proud to have been part of the organization and all that you have accomplished. There have been many accolades and parties over the past two weeks, but what always resonated most strongly with me was when you introduced me as 'my dean.' That pretty well sums up why I came to work every day so excited to get started."



"Thank you for your support of me as dean, both professionally and personally. As I have dealt with significant health issues with Teresa, I was always amazed that there was someone willing to step in and offer a helping hand, even when they were never asked. This allowed me to do the work I was hired to do as dean. I could not have done it without the unselfish help of so many. I have learned so much about kindness and empathy from watching you care."



Honoring 4-H'ers Achievements and Recognizing the Forces Behind Them

Last July, more than 800 4-H'ers, parents, agents, volunteers, and Georgia 4-H'ers descended on Atlanta for the 73rd Georgia 4-H State Congress. They competed for state honors in project achievement, honored special project state winners, and recognize parents, agents, and supporters who mold Georgia 4-H and the 4-H'ers whose lives they touch.

Paul Wood, president of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, was honored with the Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award. This award is given to a Georgia public servant who shows outstanding support to Georgia 4-H. The Ryles Rising Star Award, given to a county 4-H agent with fewer than five years of experience, went to Brittani Kelley from Paulding County. The William H. Booth Award is awarded to an experienced 4-H agent; Dorothea Graham, Haralson County, was the 2015 recipient. Gale Cutler, public relations coordinator for Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, received the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents' Friend of 4-H Award for her leadership, actions, and support that have contributed to the improvement and promotion of Georgia 4-H.



RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR GEORGIA 4-H GALA SETS RECORDS IN MEMORABLE EVENING



"First rate event! Could not have been more impressed. Was so excited to attend my first 4-H gala and now my only disappointment is that I have to wait two years for the next one."



"Thought it was a great event. Jennifer Nettles was a wonderful host and I love the auction announcer! The kids were so talented as well."



"Superior planning and execution led to a great crowd and atmosphere. The challenge - topping this one in two years."



"Pre-function area and table decorations were AWESOME."



QUOTES FROM THE 2015 GEORGIA 4-H GALA SURVEY

Celebrating Georgia 4-H by Bringing Old and New Friends Together



Photos Contributed By: Blaine Marable and Ronnie Owings

Bowties and ball gowns flooded the Loews Atlanta Hotel on August 8. Nearly 650 attendees—4-H'ers, volunteers, 4-H youth development professionals, alumni, and supporters of Georgia 4-H—came out to celebrate 4-H.

Bo Ryles was honored as the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. "If you want to touch the past you touch a rock. If you want to touch the present you touch a flower. If you want to touch the future you touch the life of a young person," quoted Ryles during his acceptance speech.

Grammy award-winning artist, Jennifer Nettles, served as the honorary chair for the event. "I am pleased to be serving here tonight as honorary chair, lending my voice to an outstanding program that changes lives and impacts communities across this great state every single day," said Nettles.

Nettles recalled her time in 4-H, especially her time with the performing arts group, Clovers & Co. "I learned so much about what it is to be a performer," said Nettles. "I got to be around other young people who were like me, who had a dream like me, who wanted to be performers."

Nettles compared the Gala to a reunion. "I am super proud to be here with you tonight. I am having the most fun of anybody because I have seen more people I love in this one room in the past hour than I have seen in a very long time," said Nettles as she began addressing the crowd in the Loews Atlanta Hotel ballroom.



Bringing Nettles and Ryles together for the evening created an atmosphere of what 4-H can accomplish. "The gala gives us a platform to share our latest 4-H stories and celebrate the generosity of the individuals who understand how their support can make a remarkable difference in a young person's life," said Mary Ann Parsons, Georgia 4-H Foundation's executive director.

More than \$315,000 in total was raised through gala sponsorships, ticket sales, auction items, and donations. The nearly \$140,000 of profit will go towards enhancing leadership development and performing arts programs.

"4-H builds leaders for a lifetime," said Ryles.



Weather's Impact at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Burton 4-H Center

The severe weather of August 6 sent Rock Eagle 4-H Center employees into full swing. Straightline winds pushed through the center, knocking down about 100 trees. Employees worked through much of the night to restore the center to its usual pristine condition.

"This is the worst I've seen in the 14 years I've been here," said Facilities Manager Johnny Parker to WMAZ.

Seven cabins and two buildings were damaged during the storm while two employees' personal vehicles were totaled.



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On October 27, Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island experienced first-hand the effects of a spring tide combined with wind. The water level had not been that high on Tybee Island since the 1940s.

The center was hosting 120 guests when power was lost to about one-third of the property including the dining hall and kitchen, offices, classrooms, and three dormitories.

"It was a very exciting experience for our guests, and even for us, until we realized the water was not going to stop rising. Once we realized it was going to get into our buildings it quickly became a nightmare," said Paul Coote, Burton 4-H Center director.

HIGHLIGHTING COMMITMENT AT&T

Georgia 4-H was awarded from AT&T a \$25,000 grant, which will help train high school 4-H'ers to serve as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) ambassadors, promote outreach and diversity inclusion efforts by the state 4-H officers, and assist in the creation of a 4-H Urban Youth Advisory Board. The 4-H and AT&T partnership strives to open more 4-H opportunities to an increasingly diverse senior audience.

The STEM ambassador training will expand the ambassadors' knowledge as well as prepare them to educate and excite youth in their communities. Each ambassador will be responsible for creating STEM activities for students in their local communities. These hands-on interactions will increase opportunities for 4-H'ers across the state to have practical experiences with STEM projects and gain a greater interest in STEM-related careers.

"Investing in the 4-H STEM Ambassador program allows Georgia 4-H to build capacity within the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said State 4-H Specialist Melanie Biersmith. "As high school youth are trained to become local ambassadors and disseminate programs and activities, the result is even more youth impacted by the positive work of Georgia 4-H. We have found that STEM programs not only enhance content knowledge, but also impact a young person's ability to think critically, analyze problems, communicate effectively, and work in teams."

Funds provided for this year's program will also allow the state 4-H officers to promote and market 4-H opportunities by blogging, creating websites, and using social media to reach a wider audience of young people. This will enable them to communicate with their peers to illustrate their experiences and promote the diversity of Georgia 4-H opportunities.

Additionally, the AT&T grant will help create the Georgia 4-H Urban Youth Advisory Board and evaluate how the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors and Urban Youth Advisory Board can work together to engage urban and/or at-risk audiences. The Georgia 4-H Urban Youth Advisory Board will include a diverse group of high-school aged 4-H youth from urban areas and from underserved populations. These youth will serve as ambassadors for 4-H within their local schools and communities. Input from these high school students will also help Georgia 4-H adapt to more effectively reach at-risk audiences with the goal of improving their academic performance and increasing high school completion rates.



Left to right: Paul Chambers - AT&T Northeast Georgia Regional Director, Arch Smith - State 4-H Leader/Director of 4-H, Mary Ann Parsons, Executive Director of the Georgia 4-H Foundation, and Terry England, Georgia House of Representatives

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SPECIAL EVENT FUNDING NEED: POULTRY JUDGING

Poultry Judging allows 4-H'ers to learn, understand, and apply industry standards in poultry and egg production and marketing. During the contest, 4-H'ers judge live animals, identify parts of birds already prepared for market, and evaluate eggs based on their quality and readiness for market. Oral reasons are given for at least one class, typically a live production class.

The Georgia 4-H Foundation needs your help to continue providing these opportunities for Georgia 4-H youth. To sponsor Poultry Judging, please contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation at 706-542-8914 or 4hfndtn@uga.edu.



Capital Improvements Celebrated

State 4-H Council at Rock Eagle 4-H Center provided an opportunity to highlight the commitment of the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, the SunTrust Foundation, and the SunTrust Bank Trusteed Foundation-Florence C. and Harry L. English Memorial Fund. A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the support given by the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, which provided funds to complete the Rock Eagle Health Cottage.

Erik Johnson, secretary and treasurer of the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, shared stories of past support given by the foundation to support capital projects for Georgia 4-H. Representing the SunTrust Bank Foundation and SunTrust Trusteed Foundations was Kirby A. Thompson, senior vice president for community and government affairs of SunTrust Bank. These two foundations provided funding for the Rock Eagle Cabin Campaign and were recognized for their generous support. The day also provided a special opportunity to recognize Kirby and Roseanne Thompson for their individual support by naming a cabin room in their honor.

Because of the support of these foundations and individuals, coupled with many other corporations, foundations, and alumni supporters, the cabin campaign at Rock Eagle 4-H Center is more than 61 percent complete. Funding for this campaign provides much-needed capital for improvements at the center and will better equip Georgia 4-H to serve the thousands of youth and adults who use the center every year.



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State 4-H Council

Every June, Rock Eagle 4-H Center opens its cabins to 4-H'ers from across the state for State 4-H Council. This annual event brings together 4-H'ers to elect the Georgia 4-H State Board of Directors, participate in community service, attend classes, and reach out to other 4-H'ers.

One of the highlights of State 4-H Council is the citizenship ceremony, traditionally held on Sunday morning. This year Governor Nathan Deal and the First Lady of Georgia Sandra Deal joined the 4-H members for this meaningful ceremony; Governor Deal led the youth in the challenge to citizenship.