



ARE YOU IN GOOD HANDS?

Mothers worry about their children. They worry about their health, friends, values, beliefs and future spouses. They also worry most about their child's education. They worry about what their child is going to be when he or she grows up. They want their children to be well provided for in the future.

Well, they are not alone, because the Texas Tech University Agricultural Education and Communications Department wants those students to be provided for in the future as well.

One thing unique to the department of agricultural education and communications, that is rare in most other universities, is the low student to teacher ratio. According to the official Texas Tech University website, there are currently 10 faculty members employed in the department. Each brings something unique to the table, providing a well-rounded education for students.

Another unique aspect of the department of agricultural education and communications is the pragmatism supported by the department. Students are taught theory accompanied with hands-on learning, which helps them develop the skills necessary for future careers, such as agricultural teachers, magazine producers and staff writers and marketing/advertising just to name a few.

Robyn Rose, a senior in agricultural communications, said she never thought she would actually complete a welding project, much less wear the safety helmet!

"There was some lecture with the class, but you also had to go out to the shop and actually implement what you had been taught," Rose said. "I'm actually proud that I can add

welding to my skill set; without the hands-on experience, though, I would have never fully mastered the trade."

Several internship opportunities exist within the department of agricultural education and communications as well, including an internship that involves living in Washington D.C. These internships can further enhance a student's chance of employment upon graduation.

Cindy Akers, associate professor for the department of agricultural education and communications said internships

will help separate a student from the many applicants for a particular job.

"Not only is the degree preparatory for future jobs, but through our program, many internships are made available to students," Akers said. "Participating in as many internships as possible further enhances a student's success in finding a job

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A degree in agricultural communications or education can be obtained at many universities, but a valuable education and experience is harder to find. Fortunately, no one has to look very hard. The Texas Tech University Department of Agricultural Education and Communications has the tools to prepare students for their future, giving them a skill set worthy of the career field. 

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