exactly what happened to Henry Ruiz. It is rare for a city kid to turn country but that is values, and beliefs as others living in that setting. agricultural setting to continue with the same common for people born and raised in a rural Texas, he ran for chapter, district, and area offices. taking his goats to the major stock shows in organization. in FFA is his agriculture teacher telling him he first year in high school. very involved in school activities. I was involved in everything on campus, well except for the sports and rodeo teams,” Ruiz said. Through his junior college career Ruiz was a member of the National Champion meats team, graduated with honors, and gained numerous opportunities. After Clarendon Ruiz came to Texas Tech University where he majored in Animal Science with a Meat Science option, he was also a member of the 2009 National Champion Meat Animal Evaluation team. He also competed on a meats team that also earned a National Championship. Most students would stop after judging meats especially as a transfer student, but Ruiz kept his passion for livestock judging and judged for Tech in 2010. “I enjoyed judging I had a great time, and gained tons of contacts. Not to mention, I have met friends that I will have for the rest of my life,” said Ruiz. Out of high school Ruiz received a number of different scholarships through his local 4-H and FFA chapters. He was also a recipient of the Texas FFA scholarship and also the National FFA scholarship. “If I had not been involved in 4-H and FFA I know I would be in debt, and might not have had the opportunity to attend graduate school,” says Ruiz. At Tech Ruiz received the opportunity to do undergrad research under Dr. Mark Miller and Mindy Brashears. He traveled to Mexico three times as an undergraduate to Veracruz, Merida, and Yucatan. Ruiz collected samples and data. He also played a huge role in communication because he is bilingual. Miller is extremely appreciative towards Ruiz’s contributions to Texas Tech. “I am so blessed to have Henry here to work with our Meat Judging team and in our Food Safety research program,” Miller said. “Henry is a real team player who is so unselfish and helps in many ways to make those around him so much better.” Ultimately, Ruiz would like to be a professor at a university. He realizes what being a part of agriculture has done for him. He wants to continue to be involved for the rest of his life, and he would like to eventually start raising show stock. It is hard to think that an individual, that would have not otherwise have been involved with agriculture, became a true agriculturalist by a simple suggestion to show a goat.}

“Besides my success with meat judging, I am most proud of the opportunity I had to do undergraduate research,” said Ruiz. “There are not many students that have had the chance to do that.” Ruiz is coaching the 2012 meats team at Tech; alongside his former teammate and close friend Collin Corbin. “I love coaching I feel am a better coach, than I was a judge,” said Ruiz. “Judging is something that will more than likely forever change their lives. I am happy to be a part of it for them.”

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