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ALUMNI EVENTS

July 28: Vocational Ag Teachers of Texas Alumni Reception – Lubbock (Ranching Heritage Center)

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Ag Olympics, honors banquet highlight CASNR Awareness Week

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AFS senior Aucutt-Hight named Tech's new 'Masked Rider'

Brianne Aucutt-Hight fulfilled a dream on April 17 when the Texas Tech University senior animal science major accepted the reins to Midnight Matador and became the 2009-2010 Masked Rider, one of the most iconic symbols in all of college football. [more »](#)

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Floral design show, channeling mythological splendor

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Clarence Cottam, Best Scientific Paper awards go to Tech NRM

Members of Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management took high honors, including two prestigious awards for scientific papers, recently at the annual meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society in Lubbock. [more »](#)

Study: India cements rising star status in world cotton production

India became the second largest cotton producer in the world two years ago, and annual forecasts by Texas Tech University agricultural economists predict it will remain in that position for years, climbing to 25.3 million acres in the next decade, up from 23.1 million acres now. [more »](#)

PSS begins growing its own winemakers to fill industry need

Texas Tech is the first university in Texas and one of a handful in the nation offering an undergraduate program in viticulture and enology, or the study of grapes and wine. As the wine industry booms in Texas and across much of the United States, Tech has added a degree specialization and slate of new courses teaching everything from grape growing to wine production and winery management. [more »](#)

Tech junior is all-around cowgirl; Rodeo team run continues

Texas Tech University junior Erica Creswell won the best all-around cowgirl title April 4 at the Western Texas College Rodeo in Snyder, while the rest of the Tech team continued to improve their rankings as the Southwest Regions National Collegiate Rodeo Association

CASNR participates in new doctoral fellowship program

Texas Tech University announced April 8 that it's dedicating \$2 million to a new Doctoral Fellowship Initiative intended to increase the number of doctoral students enrolling at the university. The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources was approved for 13 of the \$25,000 fellowships for next fall. [more »](#)

championship approaches at the end of the month. [more »](#)

Meat animal evaluation team finishes first, win national title

In dominating fashion, Texas Tech's Meat Animal Evaluation Team won first place and the title of national champion March 27 at the National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest at the Oklahoma City Stockyards and Oklahoma State University. Tech teams have won the prestigious contest for an unprecedented three years in a row. [more »](#)

AFS banquet honors academic, extracurricular performance

Outstanding student academic and extracurricular performance was recognized April 4 at Texas Tech University's Department of Animal and Food Sciences spring awards banquet. [more »](#)

Tech Ranch Horse Team dominates Star of Texas Fair

While many party-hearty spring breakers were hitting the beach last week, Texas Tech University's Ranch Horse Team was continuing its winning ride to the American Stock Horse Association National Championship Show, which will be held April 25 at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center. [more »](#)

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