



YOU'RE NEVER A NUMBER

College transfer students often have a difficult time adjusting to their new surroundings. They are faced with a new campus to navigate through, new professors and several other new challenges: everything is new to them.

Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources offers a unique sense of personalization that is often hard to find at a large university.

Shylo Rinehart, a junior agricultural communications major from Gail, Texas, recalls feeling nervous prior to transferring to Texas Tech as a sophomore in January 2012.

"I remember feeling really anxious on my first day because Tech is so big compared to the college I was at before," Rinehart said. "I was surprised that after just a few days, I had already made several new friends and a lot of my teachers already knew me by my first name."

When asked what is her favorite thing about CASNR, Rinehart responded by flashing a smile and immediately saying the professors' effort to connect and inspire each student regardless of their major or classification.

"I don't just feel like another number here and my professors really care about my aspirations and want to help me as much as they can before I graduate," Rinehart said.

She continued, saying that her professors had already motivated her to pursue her own goals to get a competitive internship and then go on to become a sales representative for an agricultural business.


Tanner Holt, a senior, agriculture business major from Carlsbad, New Mexico, transferred to Texas Tech in fall 2012. Through similar inspiration, he shares Rinehart's dream of working in the agriculture business industry one day, but for a different reason.

"After graduation, I hope to find a challenging and competitive job in an agriculturally-based business," Holt said, "but ultimately my goal is to start my own company."

Holt said that no matter which major students choose within CASNR, each faculty member is absolutely dedicated to doing what is best for that individual, even if that decision does not benefit them or their department.

"They truly seem to take on my problems with me, and it makes you feel like you always have a door open for help," Holt said. "You almost feel as if you are not a student, but an investment."

When asked what was his favorite thing about CASNR; he quickly replied that it was the small class sizes. He said the 13-1 student to teacher ratio really impressed him and instantly made him more comfortable.

"It's one of the smaller colleges at Texas Tech, but there is such a sense of family here," Holt said. 

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