

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS PROVIDE GLIMPSE OF LIFE IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY

Each Wednesday evening during the course of the COE, leaders from various sectors within the poultry industry share their expertise and perspective on a number of industry-related topics. These sessions are referred to as *Wednesday Night Forums*, one of the most popular weekly events among students at the COE. The forums continue to be a vital component of the Center of Excellence educational experience, giving students a glimpse into what they can expect in terms of career opportunities and employment within the poultry industry.

These sessions offer a valuable opportunity for students to interact with industry leaders, learn what types of employment opportunities exist, and learn more about the day-to-day activities and responsibilities of different positions within the industry. The “give-and-take” between industry leaders and students provides an opportunity for students to not only network with industry leaders, but learn more about what life is like working in the poultry industry.

Wednesday Night Forums were originally added to the COE curriculum at the request of students who wanted to enhance their coursework by hearing from those employed in the industry and learning about opportunities that exist for new graduates. The sessions have been extremely popular ever since.

Date	Sector	Speaker	Company
Sunday, May 13	Pheasant	*Trudy DeRemer	MacFarlane Pheasants
Wednesday, May 16	Layer	*Colleen Schulte	Hawkeye Pride Egg Farm/Center Fresh Group
Wednesday, May 23	Turkey	*Liz Martin	Jennie-O Turkey Store
Wednesday, May 30	Layer	*Max Pfund Jill MacDougall	Herbruck's Poultry Ranch
Wednesday, June 6	Broiler	Moriah Penick Nathan Hanson	Pilgrim's/JBS
Wednesday, June 13	Layer	Emily Hackman *Ryan Simmermeyer	Rose Acre Farms

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