

### PARTICIPANTS OF FIRST-EVER COE CROSS PATHS AT MPF CONVENTION

Participants of the very first summer session of the Center of Excellence Scholarship/Internship Program (COE) crossed paths at the recent Midwest Poultry Federation Annual Convention, a testament to the decades-long influence the program has had on the U.S. poultry industry over the course of its 24-year history.

Dave Hasemann of Rose Acre Farms and Carrie (Yule) McFarland of H & N North America, both students in the inaugural COE summer session in 1996, may have taken different career paths upon graduation, but each has charted their own distinct course through the poultry industry with the help of the knowledge they acquired while at the COE.

Hasemann graduated from Kansas State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in animal sciences and began his poultry career with Cal-Maine Foods in Chase, KS, in 1998. Dave was also employed with Sparboe Farms and Trillium Farm Holdings before taking his current position with Rose Acre Farms as Director of Production in Rensselaer, IN.

Additionally, Hasemann is putting his COE experience to further use in his new role as board member for the Midwest Poultry Consortium, helping now to guide the program which was such a benefit to his career.

"It was great to run into one of my COE classmates from that first year of the program," said Hasemann. "It just goes to show you how influential the program has been to the poultry industry over the years."

Carrie McFarland interned with Michael Foods during her time at the COE and went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in animal science. She continued her career with Michael Foods in Bloomfield, NE, for many years, most recently as a Layer Management Supervisor. Carrie recently began a new role in the poultry industry having taken a sales and service position with H & N North America, also in Bloomfield, NE.

"It's hard to believe it's been over 20 years since we attended the COE together," added McFarland. "Who would have known then that the COE would play such a prominent role in each of our career paths."

Do you run into other COE students working in the poultry industry? If so, snap a photo and email us at [mpc@mwspoultry.org](mailto:mpc@mwspoultry.org) with an update. MPC sponsors and past COE graduates love to hear COE student updates.

