## Feathered Pen – June 28, 2019

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS GIVE PERSPECTIVE INTO LIFE IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY

Wednesday Night Forums, one of the most popular weekly events among students at the COE, offer students a glimpse of what it's like to work 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. The forums continue to be a vital component of the Center of Excellence educational experience, giving students an honest look 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 12	Feed Additives	*Nick Alt	Alltech
Wednesday, May 15	Layer	*Abigail Sielaff	Daybreak Foods
Wednesday, May 22	Layer	*Dave Hasemann *Manny Benitez *Stephanie Solberg	Rose Acre Farms
Wednesday, May 29	Layer	Ben Sarabia *Emilee Copple	Trillium Farm Holding
Wednesday, June 5	Turkey	*Alex Hohenstein	Jennie-O Turkey Store
Wednesday, June 12	Broiler	Rocky Lisowski *Aaron Ripplinger	Pilgrim's
Wednesday, June 19	Layer	Isa Ehr	Hendrix Genetics

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