

## COE BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY HONORS STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Students, faculty, and industry members gathered at the *DoubleTree by Hilton* in Roseville, MN, on June 19 to recognize and honor students and faculty for another successful year of educating students in the field of poultry science. The COE “Casino-Nite” Banquet and Awards Ceremony marked the conclusion of the COE’s 29<sup>th</sup> year of providing students with an emphasis in poultry science and recognized the hard work of both students and faculty in the completion of another year.

The mission of the COE is to educate and prepare students for employment within the poultry industry upon graduation from college by undergoing an intense 6-week poultry science curriculum held over the course of two consecutive summers. For nearly 30 years the COE has provided students with the opportunity to earn up to 18 credits in poultry science, participate in internship opportunities within the industry, and develop a lifelong industry network of peers on which to rely over the course of their poultry careers.

Not only does the “Casino-Nite” Banquet recognize and honor students and faculty for their achievements, it also offers students the opportunity to network with industry representatives and learn more about life in the poultry industry. Banquet activities included a social hour, dinner, and an awards ceremony which recognized Brooke Sorah as the most dedicated student (*Ducks in a Row Award*), Josh Mumm as the class clown (*Yolkster Award*), and Calvin Moioffer as the most intelligent student (*Egghead Award*). All awards were determined by a vote of the students.



2024 COE students.



Banquet participants enjoying “Casino-Nite” Blackjack.



Dr. Anup Kollanoor Johnny with his “Pullet-zer Prize” award.

The “Casino-Nite” Banquet also recognized faculty members with the coveted *Mark Cook Pullet-zer Prizes*, named in honor of perennial *Pullet-zer Prize* winner and distinguished University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty member Dr. Mark Cook. *Pullet-zer Prizes* were given to Dr. Anup Kollanoor Johnny of the University of Minnesota for Summer Session I and to Dr. Geoffrey Lossie of Purdue University for Summer Session II. The *Mark Cook Pullet-zer Prize* is voted on by students and goes to the faculty member student’s feel went above and beyond in their efforts to connect with and educate students at the 2024 COE. Others nominated for the award included: Liz Bobeck, *Iowa State University*; Michael Cressman, *Iowa State University*; Dawn Koltes, *Iowa State University*; Carl Parsons, *University of Illinois*; and Yuko Sato, *Iowa State University*.

Certificates were presented to 2024 COE graduates by Onsite Coordinator Dr. Anup Kollanoor Johnny recognizing this year’s graduates and the hard work they put in to complete both years of the COE. The COE 2024 graduates are pictured here (right), along with Dr. Johnny (back row L to R): Kaylie Williams, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Joshua Mumm, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; Kaden de Jong, *University of Missouri*; Chiara Cutts, *North Dakota State University*; Elery Martin, *Iowa State University*; (front row L to R): Brooke Sorah, *University of Wisconsin-River Falls*; Ivana Hernandez Garbati, *University of Florida*; and Boston Gilpin, *Iowa State University*. Congratulations COE graduates!



2024 COE graduates.

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