

AMERICAN MEAT SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

2024 IMPACT REPORT

Issued February 19, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Amy Steward
Chair, AMSA Development Council

On behalf of the AMSA Development Council, thank you for your contributions to the AMSA Endowment this past year. The Council continues to expand awareness and provide opportunities for AMSA members to contribute.

The endowment grows through current giving and planned giving. Current gifts—such as support for mentorships, scholarships, and general contributions—provide immediate resources. Planned giving ensures long-term investment in meat science.

Through the Meat the Future campaign, we aim to raise $10 million, with a near-term goal of $5 million by 2026, marking 100 years of meat judging. So far, we have raised $2.7 million in current gifts and $3 million in planned gifts, totaling $5.7 million. We need $2.3 million more in current gifts to meet our 2026 goal.

These funds directly support students and advance meat science, as highlighted in this report. Every contribution strengthens the future of our field. Thank you for your continued support.



DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Development Council is comprised of 8 members as outlined in our by-laws. Members are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve offsetting 2-year terms.



Amy Steward



John Scanga



Mindy Brashears



Randal Garrett



Steve Goll



Mark Miller



Dean Pringle



Marcia Reeves

CORE STRATEGIES & PURPOSE OF AMSA

Core 1: Demonstrate and Strengthen our Scientific Leadership
Embrace our responsibility and obligations as a science-based community.

Core 2: Identify, Communicate and Deliver Member Value
Ensure sustained engagement, continued membership, and return on investment of time and resources for members.

Core 3: Attract, Empower and Connect Students
Introduce students to the diverse opportunities within meat science for the sustainability of the organization and profession.

Core 4: Engage The International Meat Science Community
Increase connection and collaboration to understand and address global opportunities and challenges.

Core 5: Ensure Organizational Longevity
Support and grow the mission through financial sustainability and operational excellence.

PURPOSE OF THE AMSA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The AMSA Development Council (DC), a committee of the AMSA Board of Directors, was established in 2001 to generate and allocate resources that support educational programs and advance meat science knowledge.

With a focus on scientific leadership and student development, the DC invests in programs that strengthen AMSA's role as a trusted, science-based community while ensuring a strong talent pipeline for the future of meat science. By supporting initiatives that recruit and empower students, the council fosters the next generation of industry leaders.

Additionally, the DC expands AMSA's global reach, enhances collaboration, and helps address key industry challenges. Through financial stewardship and strategic funding, it plays a critical role in sustaining AMSA's mission and supporting professionals dedicated to feeding the world.

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL

- **Develop and implement** strategies through which the Council may solicit, receive and distribute contributions.
- **Allocate** resources consistent with legal and regulatory requirements, the wishes of the donor, and the goals and objectives of AMSA.
- **Ensure** prudent investment of contributions made to the Council.
- **Develop and maintain** procedures for donor recognition.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

The Development Council was originally titled the Foundation. However, because AMSA is a 501 3C, already a not-for-profit, it was not appropriate to have a typical foundation. The Development Council was formed and now functions as a committee of the Board of Directors.

FUNDRAISING GOALS

To complement ongoing fundraising efforts aimed at securing $5 million, the Council launched a targeted short-term endowment campaign, "Meat the Future." This ambitious yet achievable goal aligns with the celebration of 100 years of meat judging—a program that has been instrumental in shaping AMSA, future meat scientists, and industry leaders.

Combined Goal
$10 Million

$5 Million
Of Long Term Planned Giving

$5 Million
By 2026, the 100th Year of Meat Judging
MEAT the Future

WAYS TO GIVE

to either *Meat the Future* or *Legacy Society*

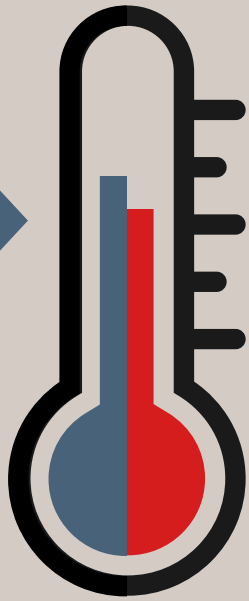
- **Direct Contribution**
  Including matching gifts from your employer
- **Planned/Estate Giving**
  Wills, Real Estate, Life Insurance, & Tangible Personal Property
- **Stocks & Appreciated Securities**
- **Grants from Donor Advised Funds**
- **Mentorships**
  Your donation to a mentorship fund is recognized under Meat the Future Campaign
  46 different mentorships available including the most recently launched Keith Belk, Ph.D., Gretchen Mafi, Ph.D., Rhonda Miller, Ph.D.

PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS

$10 MILLION
in contributions from both:

$5 M
Legacy Society
ongoing
$3,017,500

$5 M
Meat the Future
(2026 target date)
$2,684,208



$5.7 M combined given to date

The fund has grown to provide nearly **$665,000 to date** for scholarships, youth program support, internships, and program innovations.

OUR PROGRESSION AS AN ASSOCIATION

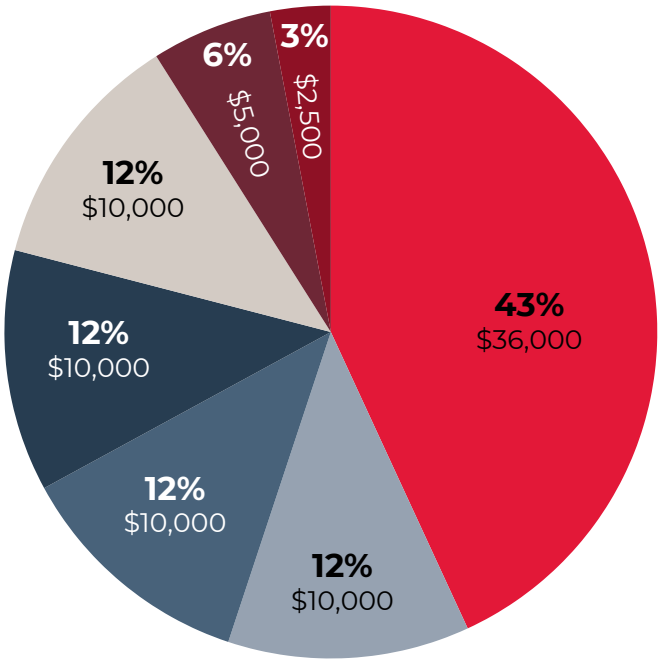


HOW FUNDS ARE USED AND DISTRIBUTED

The AMSA Board of Directors submits requests to the Council for Endowment funds. All fund disbursements must be consistent with AMSA goals and policies.

HOW FUNDS WERE USED IN 2024

- Meat Judging (Students)
- Council Unrestricted (Students/Service)
- Conferences RMC (Science)
- Council Scholarships (Students)
- Ag Advocacy/Consumer Outreach (Service/Science)
- AMSA Internship (Students)
- RC Pollock Award (Service)



Total $83,500

DESIGNATED GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Innovation Fund

The Innovation fund underwrites and cultivates initiatives which allow AMSA to reach the largest possible audience. Unrestricted Gifts made to the Innovation Fund allow AMSA to quickly address new or emerging opportunities, as well as to fund our highest priority efforts.

Youth Programs Endowment Fund – *Three Options:*

1. The Meat Judging Fund fosters future leaders, researchers and communicators by equipping them with skills needed to make positive contributions in industry, academia and government.

2. Youth Programs are programs and initiatives outside of judging that introduce students to meat, meat science and opportunities in the industry.

3. The AMSA Internship program provides unique hands-on opportunities in the U.S. and abroad for youth to experience their particular areas of interest.

Program, Communication, and Outreach Fund

AMSA is the premier provider of learning and knowledge for the meat science discipline. This fund is intended to help the association deliver innovative learning experiences, opportunities for peer-to-peer collaboration and leadership development programs designed to develop future leaders and scientists.

Programming and Conferences

This supports the AMSA Reciprocal Meat Conference, PORK 101, SALUMI 101, educational webinars, as well as new programs developed in accordance with the Association's mission.

Education and Outreach

This is used for continuing education programs and professional development, *Meat and Muscle Biology*, a peer reviewed journal; and online resources including articles, fact sheets and training resources. Additionally, for outreach by AMSA to represent meat science expertise for current and emerging meat science issues.

2024 DONORS

$10,000+

Anonymous Donor
Cargill
Caviness Beef Packers
empirical foods
Hawkins Inc
IEH Laboratories
Johnsonville LLC
John R. White Company
The Gordon and Joyce Davis Foundation

$5,000+

Tommy & Robin Wheeler
Michael & Earline Dikeman
Colorado Premium
Gretchen Mafi
Gordon & Joyce Davis
Gary & Kay Smith
Keith & Jo Ann Belk
Scott & Janine Eilert
Bryan King
Kevin & Jill Ladwig

$1,000+

Dave & Carol Anderson
Anonymous Donor
Bellinger Foundation
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Gary Born
Todd & Mindy Brashears
Jonathan Campbell
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Terry Rolan
Marcia Reeves
Shae Sarchet
Jeff & Jackie Savell
John & Chauna Scanga
Dan & Kandee Schaefer
Dave Schafer
Sharon K. K. Beals
Standard Meat Company
Amy Steward
John & Deanna Stika
Keith & Julie Underwood
Derek & Sophia Vote
Texas Tech Meat Judging Teams 1981-2024

$500+

Maddy Ainsley
Brian Bell
Eric & Erike Berg
Julie Blair
Craig & Jane Ann Bosworth
Micah Butler
Randy & Kristina Butts
Shawn Claborn
Brandy Coley
Tate & Jennifer Corliss
Christina DeWitt
Lyda Garcia
Steve & Annette Goll
Larry Hand
Margaret Hardin
Jay Hoes
Dwain Johnson
John & Jill Kellermeier
Andy King
Anthony Kotula
Kathy Kotula
Austin Langemeier
Steven & Elisabeth Lonergan
Robin Lyday
Kyle Mahagan
Cheyenne McEndaffer
David Meisinger
Pat Mies
Andrew Milkowski
Jarrod and Amber Miller
Ben Mills
Brad & Missy Morgan
Roger Morris
Jonathan & Shanna Motl
Raider Red Meats
Justin & Amber Roos
Craig Russell
Greg Schilling
Joe & Annette Sebranek
Susan Shivas
Stacy Smith
Andrzej Sosnicki
Brook Yuan Xi and Gary Sullivan
Lauren Swartz
Texas Tech University
Bruce Tompkin
Bridget Wasser
Holly Williamson
Dale & Wendy Woerner

OTHER DONORS

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Clinton Alexander
Amber Lehmann
Barham Barrett
Travis Begley
Jason Behrends
Aeriel Belk
Lesley Boelter
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Clay Braden
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Heather Buckmaster
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Anna Carlock
Kylan Carson
Dean Chapman
Greg Clark
Jesse Collins
Blaine Corliss
Nicole Cox
Roy Crownover
Wade & Tatum Davis
Garrett Denkeler
Justin Derington
Shayna Dorsey
Lindsey Drey
Megan Eckhardt
Catherine Ernst
Lori Ernst
Ben Estes
Tommy Fletcher
Emily Franko
Andrea Garmyn
Brett Gaylord
Devin Gonzales
Sara Gragg
Cassie Green
Zachary Grimsley
Denise Guevara
Nick & Joanna Hardcastle
Amy Hayes
Paul Heinrich
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James Henderson
Jacie Henefey
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Greg Howard
Randy Huseman
Hallie Hutto
Maleea Jordan
Craig Kitten
Newton Koemel
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Jeff Lansdell
Tyler Largent
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James Leech
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Thachary Mayer
Tom Maynard
Matthew McGill
Ken & Debra McMillin
Markus & Kaitlyn Miller
Kristin Miller
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April Molitor
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Matthew Morales
Allison Morgan
Bryan Morris
Emma Mortensen
Logan Mustian
Jess Nighswonger
Alex Norwood
Brian Owen
Cole Perkins
Jodie Pitcock
Sherri Powledge
Bradley Price
Jeni Ramsey
Justin & Jennifer Ransom
Mysti Richardson
Ashley Richardson
Lauren Ritchie
Natalee Rogers
Rafe Royall
Maria Rubio
Kinann Sage
Beth Sartwelle
Aubrey Schroeder and Carol Friesen
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Sierra Seigler
Andrea Shafer
Sheridan Shallene
Scott Shepard
Keith Shoemake
McKenzie and Adrian Sinclair
Riley Sloan
Faith & Nathan Smith
Sam Spradlin
Larenda Stalls
Terri Steed
Timbo Tatsch
Kamlynn Thomas
Adam Tittor
Kelly Tuggle
Joseph Tunis
U&I Collaboration - Jennifer Vahalik
Koby Valentine
Chad Vander
Zac & Shana Vineyard
Rockie Vogel
Austin Voyles
Brad Welch
Emma Williams
Darbi Williams
Lee Wright
Megan Writt
Xiang Yang

To view lifetime giving, visit https://meatscience.org/amsa-council/Endowment-Contributions

MENTOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Mentorships are funds established by individuals or groups to recognize their mentors who have influenced their professional careers. They make a financial contribution and encourage others to do the same. The fund can be designated for special activities in the name of the honored person and the fund can be contributed to at any time, even after it is designated as “fully funded” an amount that is usually $25k.

CURRENT MENTORSHIPS


Rhonda Miller


Keith Belk


Gretchen Mafi

INNOVATION FUND


David Anderson


H. Kenneth Johnson

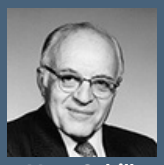

Jimmy Keeton


Rhonda Miller

PROGRAM, COMMUNICATION, AND OUTREACH FUND


Robert Bray


Chris Calkins


Vern Cahill

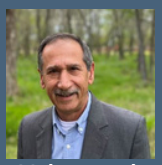

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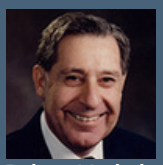

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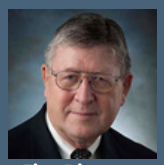

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Roger Mandingo


Robert Merkel


William Moody

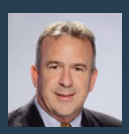

R.C. Pollock

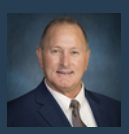

Jim Riemann


Bob VanStavern

YOUTH PROGRAMS ENDOWMENT FUND

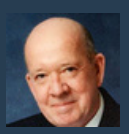

Dell Allen


Craig Bacon

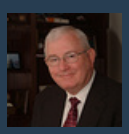

Keith Belk

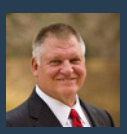

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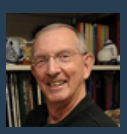

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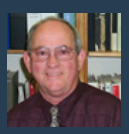

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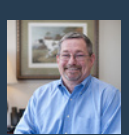

John Forrest


Melvin Hunt


William R. Jones


Donald Kinsman


Gretchen Mafi


Benjy Mikel


Mark Miller


F. C. Parrish


Chris Raines

Boyd Ramsey

Robert Rust

Jeff Savell

Joseph G. Sebranek

Gary Smith

Jimmy Wise

LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society allows members to contribute to the overall endowment over a longer period, honoring those who have included AMSA as a beneficiary in their estate plans and helping secure AMSA's long-term financial health.



Benjy & Amy Mikel



Dan & Kandee Schaefer



Gordon & Joyce Davis



Dave & Carol Anderson



Bill & Fredda Moody



Susan Shivas



Jimmy Wise



Randy & Dana Harp



Randal & Andrea Garrett



Tom & Jo Carr



Tommy & Robin Wheeler



Mark & Celia Miller



Anonymous

THANK YOU

We sincerely appreciate the commitments made by the following companies.

BURKE

Cargill

CAVINESS BEEF PACKERS

COLORADO PREMIUM
CRAFTING QUALITY MEATS

empirical

Gordon and Joyce Davis Foundation

HAWKINS

Johnsonville

JOHN R WHITE CO INC

JBS

Pilgrim's

IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group

STANDARD MEAT



Impact Through Science

Endowment Funds are Utilized to Position AMSA as an Objective Scientific Resource as Demonstrated by:

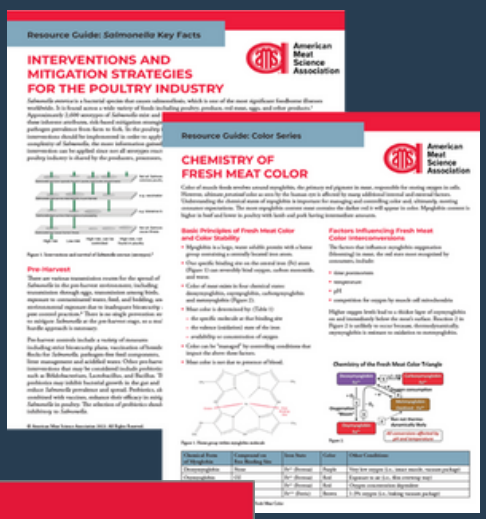
- Elevating data driven science to inform critical decision making.
- Equipping members and key stakeholders with accurate information so they can confidently contribute to decision making conversations.
- Being at the forefront of thought leadership in what impacts our industry.



HOW WE UTILIZE AND SHARE SCIENCE









STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Prepare comments (oral and written) for submission relative to regulations that impact our business. Solicit input from members and ensure comments are objective and science based.

- Dietary Guidelines for Americans - multiple comment submissions
- *Salmonella* Framework

ADVOCATING FOR RESEARCH

- Collateral Developed
  - Peer reviewed, published paper
  - "Marketing" Report
  - Executive Summary
- NIFA Engagement
- USDA Transition Team Meeting
- Ag Appropriations Member Meetings

SHARING MEAT SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

Varied formats are utilized to share science and technical information.

Resource Guides

Resource guides convey complex scientific concepts in shorter simplified format. They are a compliment to peer reviewed, full scientific papers, and an addition to the numerous existing materials available on our website, meatscience.org

Journals and Publications

Meat and Muscle Biology, the official journal of AMSA published a record number, 65 papers, in 2024. The journal is growing in popularity and credibility as it gets indexed in more data bases. An Impact Factor, a metric among journals, approval was gained which will further enhance the attractiveness of the journal.

AMSA is responsible for one issue per year in Animal Frontiers according to our collaborative agreement. The 2024 April issue focused on global assessment and valuation of meat principles and technologies.

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SHARING MEAT SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

MeatsPad Podcast

The *MeatsPad* podcast, AMSA's official podcast, is a valuable platform for sharing insights with members and allied industries. Co-hosted by AMSA members Dr. Francisco Najar and Dr. Phil Bass, the podcast delivers weekly expert-led discussions on science, industry issues, research, student experiences, equipment, global perspectives, and more. Listen on Facebook, YouTube, MeatsPad.com, LinkedIn, Instagram, or your favorite podcast platform.

Webinars

Ten webinars were offered to members in 2024. Topics address deep science, current issues, professional development and more. The Scientific Information and Education Committee is pivotal in providing guidance and speakers. All webinars are recorded and can be viewed on demand at meatscience.org

Online Courses

The need for access to training on demand, combined with the gap in training materials on specific topics, led to development of a platform to offer online courses. The Business of Meat was the first launched to provide the common terminology and basic business principles connected with meat beyond the production floor. Two more courses are in planning and development stages.

In-Person Courses

Six in-person courses were offered in 2024 with most filled to capacity, enabling people to directly gain meat science, meat production and processing principles in person. Collaborations with various institutions and subject matter experts make these classes possible, along with valuable sponsors.

Fayetteville, Arkansas	Sandusky, Ohio at JBT	Iowa State University & Penn State University	North Carolina State University

RECIPROCAL MEAT CONFERENCE

A FORUM TO EXCHANGE AND LEARN

The Reciprocal Meat Conference is AMSA's annual scientific conference addressing current research and important issues in all aspects of the production and distribution of meat. RMC enhances the cooperation and scientific information exchange between the academic and industry researchers in the field of meat science and technology running the gamut from basic cellular biology to applied processing work.

RMC 2024
RECIPROCAL MEAT CONFERENCE

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2024 RMC Numbers

110 Speakers	146 Total Companies	608 Professionals
48 Sessions	59 Total Universities	394 Students
234 Abstracts Submitted	12 Countries Represented	53 Guests

The 2024 RMC garnered **1,055 attendees** which is a new record for AMSA!

CONNECT WITH US

SHARING SCIENCE AND CONNECTING TO OUR MEMBERS

Staying connected and keeping our members informed is a priority. In today's digital world, we do this through three social media channels and a weekly newsletter. A bonus? Social media helps our information reach those less familiar with meat science, equipping them with facts and insights about meat. Follow us to stay informed!



@American Meat Science Association

@AmericanMeatScience

@American Meat Science Association
@Meat And Muscle Biology



Students Are The *Future*

Investing in programs and opportunities that help them develop skills, passion, and excitement is a key focus of AMSA's Core Strategies. Endowment funds play a crucial role in supporting these initiatives, ensuring that students have access to valuable learning experiences that shape the next generation of meat scientists. Read on to explore the opportunities available and the impact that AMSA Endowment funds have on students.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AMSA

SLC

Student Leaders Connecting Conference

- National SLC
- East Region SLC
- West Region SLC

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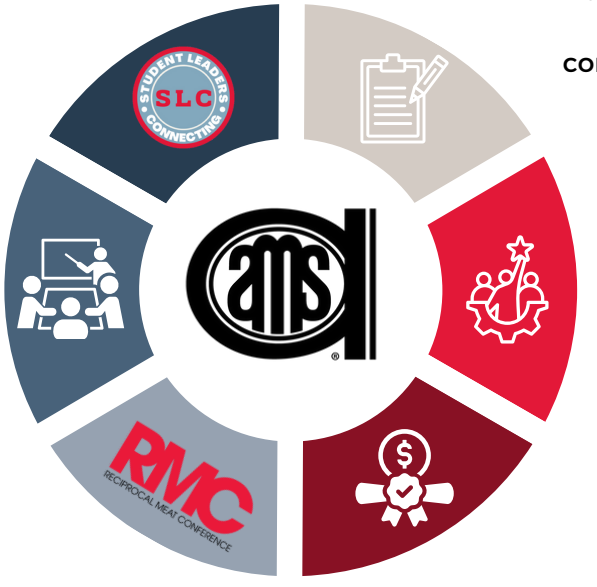
Student Training and Education Programs

- Tyson Beyond Fresh Meats
- JBS Global Ingenuity
- Gate to Plate

RMC

Reciprocal Meat Conference

- Research Competition
- Processed Meats Judging
- Career & Networking Fair
- Meat Science Quiz Bowl
- Iron Chef



Meat Judging

Join an Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team! Elevate your meat evaluation skills by competing in contests across the country!

Leadership

Serve in a leadership capacity as a Student Board Member

Awards & Scholarships

Over $10,000 awarded!

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Micheal Dikeman Mentor Recognition Fund

Jimmy Keeton Mentor Recognition Fund

Chris Raines Mentor Recognition Fund

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Innovation Fund

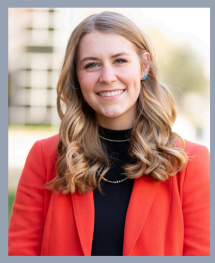
2024-2025 STUDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



President- Clint Lee
Past President- Megan Eckhardt
West- Lizzy Flanagan
Midwest- Stephanie Witberler
South- Ryan Heitschmidt
East- Madi Welch
At- Large- Kadie Graves
At- Large- Anna Wyle

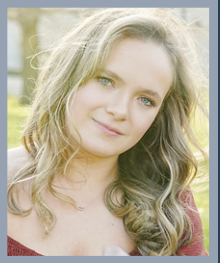
INTERN PROGRAM

Summer 2024 Intern



Grace Bryson
Oklahoma State University

RMC 2024 Event Interns



Laura Dorrian
Virginia Tech



Tessa Barrett
West Texas A&M University

"The AMSA internship provided me with invaluable knowledge and experiences. I was able to better understand the industry from technical and communicative perspectives, and grew in my relationships and professionalism. I am extremely grateful for my time with AMSA."

Grace Bryson
Summer 2024 Intern

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2025 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



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C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Awards
Katherine Sierra, *Auburn University*

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Robert Rust Award
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California State University, Fresno

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West Texas A&M University

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MEAT JUDGING PROGRAM

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> "Meat judging provides a mechanism for students to develop and drive their passion for meat science. Students obtain critical skills in evaluation, decision-making, and attention to detail through hands-on experiences that strengthen their understanding of the meat industry and enhances their professional opportunities in agriculture and meat science."

Dr. Loni Lucherk
Intercollegiate Meat Judging Coaches Committee Chair
West Texas A&M University

2024 Intercollegiate Meat Judging Results

National Western
in Honor of R. Paul Clayton

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division	*National Division*
Texas A&M University	Australian National

Southwestern

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division	*National Division*
Kansas State University & Texas A&M University	*Fort Scott Community College*

South Plains

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division	*National Division*
Texas A&M University	University of Georgia

Eastern National

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division
Texas A&M University

American Royal

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division	*National Division*
West Texas A&M University	*Clarendon College*

Cargill High Plains

Banquet Sponsor: Gordon Davis Mentor Recognition Fund

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division	*National Division*
West Texas A&M University	Clarendon College

International

Gordon Davis Mentor Recognition Fund
TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS OVERALL

1. Dillon Prokop, Texas A&M University
2. Reagan Staab, Tarleton State University
3. Reece Geer, Kansas State University
4. Hailey Wurtz, Kansas State University
5. Madison Bruna, Kansas State University

Jimmy Wise Mentor Recognition Fund
HIGH TEAM OVERALL: KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Reece Geer, Hailey Wurtz, Madison Bruna, Hayden Lott
Coaches: Stephanie Witberler and Dr. Travis O'Quinn



Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division	*National Division*
Texas A&M University	Clarendon College

Southeastern

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

American Division
University of Illinois

Beef Empire Days

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

National Division
Garden City Community College

Dell Allen Mentor Recognition Recipient List

2024 INTERCOLLEGIATE MEAT JUDGING ALL-AMERICANS

American Division First Team

Dillon Prokop, Texas A&M University
Reece Geer, Kansas State University
Will Hauerland, West Texas A&M University
Reagan Staab, Tarleton State University

American Division Second Team

Wade Sanders, Texas Tech University
Hailey Wurtz, Kansas State University
Kyla Beck, Texas A&M University
Hayden Lott, Kansas State University

National Division First Team

Lydia Sharp, Clarendon College
Libby Modisette, Clarendon College
Aaron Morales, Garden City Community College
Sara Thomas, University of Georgia

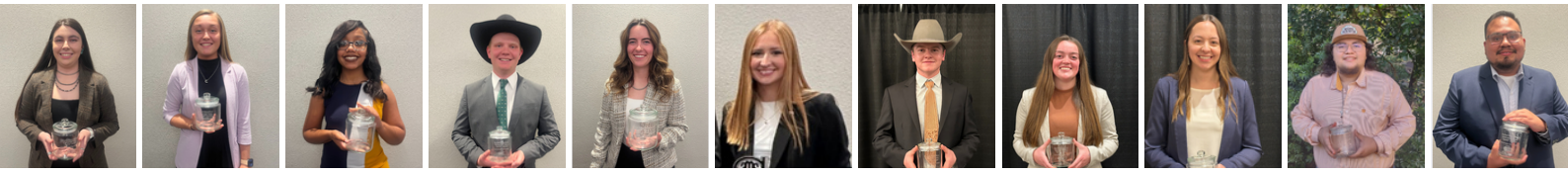
National Division Second Team

Scott Phillips, Clarendon College
Emma McConnell, University of Georgia
Trayten Grabast, Fort Scott Community College
Maebry Wallace, Eastern Oklahoma State College



Rachel Hamilton Memorial Fund

2024 RACHEL HAMILTON SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS



National Division

Karla Mancilla- Texas State University
Zachery Rosenbaum- Texas A&M University - Kingsville
Nick Canales- South Texas College
Bexlei Good- Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Janessa Dwyer- Garden City Community College
Maebry Wallace- Eastern Oklahoma State College
Daci Elbrader- Fort Scott Community College
Phaith Boyce- Fort Valley State University
Jace Hall- Clarendon College
Aria Christianson- New Mexico State University
Sara Thomas- University of Georgia

American Division

Jordan Brekke- University of Florida
Charlee Petersen- South Dakota State University
Stella Ordahl- University of Wyoming
Lily Hooser- West Texas A&M University
Tate Lane- Texas A&M University
Kara Tift- Tarleton State University
Eric Quisenberry- Oklahoma State University
Bailey Thornton- Kansas State University
Lauren Daugherty- University of Illinois
Wade Sanders- Texas Tech University
Corrine Sanders- Michigan State University



RECIPROCAL MEAT CONFERENCE



> As a student, the Reciprocal Meat Conference is my favorite time of the year for many reasons and this past year was no different. Each year, I continue to be able to grow my knowledge, industry connections, and personal relationships in a way that is unmatched. This is all possible through the interactive student events, opportunities to lead students, the knowledge provided, and the social settings for members. Each year RMC continues to exceed my expectations, and I continue to look forward to the next year!

Clint Lee
Student Board President

AMSA broke RMC attendance records once again this past June in Oklahoma City. Lopez Dorado and Oklahoma State University cohosted the 77th RMC which welcomed over 1,000 attendees and celebrated 60 years of AMSA. We have exciting plans for the 78th RMC in Columbus, OH July 22-25!

How Does Raw Material Meat Quality Influence Finished Product Performance in Pet Food?
Sponsored by Robert Merkel and Roger Mandigo AMSA Mentor Recognition Funds
Speaker: Yuka Mitsuhashi, Ph.D., General Mills, Inc.

How To Succeed As An AMSA Student
Sponsored by Robert Kauffman AMSA Mentor Recognition Fund
Moderator: Clint Lee, University of Georgia
Hosted by AMSA Student Board

How To Apply For Scholarships & Awards
Megan Eckhardt, West Texas A&M University and KatieRose McCullough, Ph.D., Meat Institute

How To Apply For Internships & Jobs
Kathryn Hearn, Oklahoma Panhandle State University; Trent Schwartz, Ph.D., West Texas A&M University; Danika Miller, Tyson Foods, Inc. and Sarah Bludau, HEB

How To Coach & Compete in Competitive Events
Blake Foraker, Ph.D., Washington State University; Erin Beyer, Ph.D., North Dakota State University and Tricia Harlan, JBT

Residues of Anabolic Agents an Other Veterinary Compounds: Implications for Foreign Trade to Human Antidoping
Session Sponsored by Roger Mandigo AMSA Mentor Recognition Fund
Speaker: Brad Johnson, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

The RTE Shelf-Life Toolbox: Reliable Approaches and Techniques
Session Sponsored by Robert Merkel AMSA Mentor Recognition Funds
Speakers: Daniel Unruh, Ph.D., Iowa State University and Christine Alvarado, Ph.D., Dr. G's Ingredients

ePOSTER WINNERS



Dr. Bob VanStavern Beef Quality Research Student Presentation	Undergraduate Division	Master Division	Ph.D. Division
Will Boyd	**Nathan Barrett**	**Marvin Tzirin**	**Samantha Barker**
West Texas A&M University	***Texas A&M University***	***Kansas State University***	***Texas Tech University***
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R.C. POLLOCK AWARD

The R. C. Pollock Award is presented in honor of the first general manager of the National Live Stock and Meat Board. Pollock, a leader dedicated to the advancement of meat science, was the moving force in establishing the Reciprocal Meat Conference.

The award honors a dedicated AMSA member whose work through teaching, extension, research, or service represents an extraordinary and **lasting contribution to the meat industry.**

2024 RECIPIENT

Dr. Rhonda Miller

Professor, Texas A&M University



> I was speechless when I got the call—this humbling honor means so much after a **lifetime of dedication to the meat industry**.

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