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## Foundation Ends Year on High Note

The AMSA Educational Foundation recorded over \$55,000 in year-end gifts for 2016, significantly surpassing the goal. Through these gifts, members and friends of AMSA have demonstrated a strong commitment to their values, turning them into real-life solutions for the future. The investments mean more scholarships, significant support for current and future student programs and other initiatives of AMSA.



## Atlanta Here We Come!

AMSA will be at booth C48 for the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) taking place January 31 to February 2, Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. IPPE will showcase the latest technology, equipment, supplies, and services used by poultry, feed, and meat companies. Along with the expo, a comprehensive educational program will be presented. On Monday, January 30th from 1-5 pm, AMSA will be hosting a four-hour version of the much sought after PORK 101 Symposium to be led by AMSA members Dr. Davey Griffin of Texas A&M University and Dr. Dean Pringle of the University of Georgia. The PORK 101 session, though shortened, will still provide participants with an all sensory experience. Don't

### AMSA Membership Information:

*To update your AMSA membership information please [click here](#):*

### AMSA's Sustaining Partners

#### *Diamond Sustaining Partner:*

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forget to drop by booth C48 and get additional information on upcoming AMSA events or simply to say hello to AMSA staff. See you in Atlanta!



## AMSA News

### AMSA 70th RMC Updates ~ "Where History, Tradition, and Science Meet"

#### AMSA RMC Call for Abstracts

AMSA invites the submission of original research and abstracts on any aspect of meat science for presentation at the AMSA 2017 RMC in College Station, Texas. Anyone interested in presenting a poster (Open, Technical Summaries, Graduate Student or undergraduate competitions) at the 2017 RMC can submit their abstract online. Complete guidelines for abstract submission, ePoster preparation and the Student Research Competitions are posted [online](#). In 2017, RMC programming will focus on the following general areas. Abstract submissions should fit into one or more of these categories.

- Animal Welfare
- Consumer Topics
- Environment, Production Systems and Meat Quality
- Measurement and Prediction of Meat Quality and Composition
- Meat Processing, Ingredient Technology and Packaging
- Meat Quality
- Meat Safety
- Meat Science Education and Extension Tool
- Muscle and Lipid Biology and Biochemistry
- Technical Summaries
- Undergraduate Research Competition

The deadline for submitting your abstract is no later than 11:59 pm, Central Time, on March 31, 2017. [To submit your RMC abstract click here!](#)

#### Student Research Competition Intents Due Soon

Students if you would like to engage in high quality, sound and pertinent meat research and develop your skills in effective communication for dissemination of research information, then make sure you sign up to participate in the 2017 RMC Student Research Competition.

- Master of Science Division
- Doctor of Philosophy Division
- Undergraduate Division

Only two students from one university may enter the graduate competition, regardless of the division in which they will compete. In addition, two students from one university may enter the undergraduate competition. Each university can have up to four total participants. [An online intent form](#) is required for the undergraduate and graduate competitions, more information is posted [online](#). **Make sure you submit**

Poultry and Seed Program

#### Bronze Sustaining Partners:

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Colorado State University  
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Oklahoma State University  
Perdue Foods  
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**AMSA Educational Foundation General Fund - used in the area of greatest need**

**AMSA Meat Judging Fund**

**Mentor Recognition Funds, [click here to donate today!](#)**

- *Chris Raines (supports agriculture advocacy and consumer outreach efforts for the meat and livestock industries)*
- *Tom Carr (supports AMSA youth programs including meat judging)*
- *Melvin "Hunter" Hunt (supports student travel to international meetings)*
- *Robert G. Kauffman (support meat science student development)*
- *William Moody (supports meat*

***your intent form no later than January 24, 2017.***

### **AMSA RMC Award Nominations**

Do you know a friend or colleague that deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions in research, education, extension and industry outreach? If so, take a minute and nominate them! AMSA is excited to open nominations for the 2017 AMSA RMC Awards Program! Nomination guidelines have now been posted online for the awards below:

- Distinguished Teaching Award
- Distinguished Research Award
- Distinguished Extension-Industry Award
- Meat Processing Award Intercollegiate
- Meat Judging Meritorious Service Award
- Achievement Award

Please submit your intent to nominate notice by February 2, 2017. All supporting nomination materials must be submitted no later than February 20, 2017. Complete information is located [online](#). [Click here for the Awards Intent form](#).



### **Student News**

**AMSA 2017-2018 Calendar:** The time has arrived to think about purchasing a month on the AMSA calendar for your school or company. The cost will be \$200 a month and when you sign up, we ask that you give us your top three possible months. We will assign months to each participating university or company by the end of January. Act quickly so we can get the ball rolling! A survey will be sent out to all AMSA members next week. There are only 12 spots available so make sure to watch your email in order to sign-up! For questions about the AMSA calendar and scholarships please contact [Judson Smith](#).

**AMSA Scholarship Deadlines Approaching:** Applications are currently being accepted for three different AMSA scholarships. Interested applicants can find more information and the application on the [AMSA website](#). You can also contact Rachel Adams at [radams@meatscience.org](mailto:radams@meatscience.org) with additional questions. Applications for all AMSA scholarships must be received no later than March 10th, 2017 11:59 p.m. central standard time.

#### **Kinsman International Award**

Eligible students must present verification of their plan to travel internationally with primary intent toward meat science education. Appropriate international activities involve the international travel of a student for the primary purpose of meat science education. Examples include: study research, or internship opportunities, as well as attendance at meetings that are international for the student such as ICoMST or RMC, for the purpose of presenting their research findings. This year one cash award of \$1250 will be awarded. The recipient will also be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

- science students)
- Robert Rust (supports meat science students)
- H. Russell Cross (supports meat judging and student activities)
- Robert Cassens (support PhD students)
- C. Boyd Ramsey (supports undergraduate students)
- Jimmy Wise (support meat judging activities)
- F. C. Parrish (support will endow AMSA student activities)
- Dell Allen (supports meat judging)
- John Forrest (supports AMSA programs)
- Dale Huffman (supports AMSA programs)
- Robert Bray (supports R.C. Pollock Award)
- Vern Cahill (supports R.C. Pollock Award)
- C. Ann Hollingsworth (supports student scholarships)
- Donald Kinsman (supports student international program)
- Roger Mandigo (supports RMC)
- Robert Merkel (supports RMC)
- Gary Smith (supports meat judging program)
- R. C. Pollock (supports R.C. Pollock Award)

### **Robert Cassens Scholar Award**

The Robert Cassens Scholar Award is available to a current PhD student to support their efforts in completing and communicating their research and to help establish a professional network that will sustain their meat science careers. One award of \$1500 will be awarded in 2017. The recipient will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

### **C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Award**

The C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Award was established to assist undergraduate and graduate students with interests in meat science by providing a travel scholarship to the AMSA Reciprocal Meat Conference. This year, four undergraduate and two graduate awards of \$530 each will be awarded to offset travel costs associated with attending the 70th Reciprocal Meat Conference on June 18-21, 2017 in College Station, Texas. Recipients will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences. This scholarship is co-sponsored by the C. Boyd Ramsey Mentorship Fund and the AMSA Student Membership.

**The 2017 Student Leadership Conference is Set:** The 2017 Student Leadership Conference (SLC) will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on March 24-25. The conference will focus on starting your career and the many ways in which you may be interviewed before landing your dream job. AMSA professionals will walk you through the details of phone, skype, and in person interviews as well as how to interact with potential employers during a meal. Students will also have the opportunity to get feedback on their resume or CV as well as complete a personality assessment through workshops. Industry tours and valuable networking will also be on the preconference agenda. Mark your calendars. It's going to be a fun filled weekend! Registration and a tentative schedule is now posted [online](#).

**Student Leadership Conference Scholarship Award – University Award:** Travel scholarships will be given to a number of universities this year for the SLC. Each university will be presented with a predetermined travel scholarship at the 2017 SLC to assist with the travel costs to SLC. The objective of this travel scholarship is to assist universities with students interested in attending the 2017 AMSA Student Leadership Conference March 24-25, 2017 in St. Louis, Missouri. As a student association, it is important to create opportunities to benefit those interested in the meat industry by providing them with educational and networking opportunities. This university travel scholarship is sponsored by the AMSA Student Membership. Applications for the Student Leadership Conference must be received no later than February 13, 2017 11:59pm. Applications and additional details can be found on the AMSA [website](#) or contact [Rachel Adams](#) for more information.

## AMSA Member News

**AMSA Member Amy Virden Will Be Missed:** AMSA member Amy Virden passed away in mid-December. She will be missed by her colleagues in AMSA, especially her co-workers at Foster Farms. Amy was University of Wyoming graduate in Food Science and had worked for Hudson Foods and Kerry Ingredients before joining Foster Farms in 2000. She was a member of the Extension-Industry Service Award Selection Committee. Condolences may be made to the family by mailing to 1050 Pioneer Avenue, Riverton, WY 82501. Memorials may be made to Quilts of Valor for supplies to finish quilts in care of Davis Funeral Home, 2203 West Main Street, Riverton, WY 82501.

**Virginia Hedrick, 1926-2016:** Virginia Hedrick, wife of long-time AMSA member Harold Hedrick passed away on December 26. The Hedricks were fixtures at AMSA events, including numerous RMCs during Dr. Hedrick's tenure as meat science professor at the University of Missouri. He preceded her in death in 2005. A graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Mrs. Hedrick was a trained dietician and worked as assistant director of Housing and Food Service at the University of Missouri from 1970 until her retirement. Memorial contributions can be made to Missouri United Methodist Church in her honor.

## Industry News

**International Rendering Symposium 2017:** The National Renderers Association will be having their annual International Rendering Symposium from noon on February 2 to noon on February 3, 2017 at the International Poultry and Production Expo in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme for this year is ***The Rendering Industry: Keeping Agriculture Sustainable.*** This is the perfect opportunity for meat scientists to expand their knowledge of the rendering industry. This symposium will focus on the opportunities and challenges to the industry today. Topics include everything from a virtual tour of a rendering plant to facts or fiction on livestock and climate change and more. AMSA members Dr. Jessica Meisinger and Dr. Ansen Pond, will be speakers among many others, check out more [online!](#)

**Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School debuts in Oregon Willamette Valley:** The 31st annual Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School sponsored by the National Lamb Feeders Association will debut March 12-15, 2017, in Albany, Oregon located in the heart of Oregon grass seed country. The school was moved from summer to spring to allow participants to get the most out of seeing the area's unique grass fed lamb production and marketing systems in operation. Planned visits within the 70-mile radius of Albany, include a startup sheep dairy in Jefferson, a three-year old on-ranch harvest facility, a fiber mill in Lebanon, vineyard grazing and winery tour in Eugene, plus a unique

variety of large and small sheep growing operations. An optional tour to the Oregon Coast that ends up at Portland International Airport is available for those wishing to stay an extra day.

The first Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, held in Fort Collins, CO, has rotated between Sioux Falls, SD, San Angelo, TX, Greeley, CO, Columbus, OH, Philadelphia, PA and Dixon, CA over the last 30 years. Known for its intensive program balancing classroom time, site tours and one-on-one exchanges, the program also offers participants opportunities to listen to industry leaders, academic experts, as well as make connections with other producers representing different parts of the country.

Cost to the individual participant consists of their transportation to and from the selected school site plus a \$200 per person registration fee. NLFA provides meals and lodging for the participants, as well as the cost of the site tours and program supplies. Cost for the optional Oregon Coast Tour will be announced later.

Participants must be 20 years of age to apply. The application process consists of a written essay. A group of approximately 24-26 participants will be selected for the school. Deadline for registration is January 6, 2017. For more information, contact NLFA or visit [www.nlfa-sheep.org](http://www.nlfa-sheep.org).

## AMSA Career Center

### Kickoff 2017 with a Bang!

Start your 2017 recruitment efforts today! The month of January is an opportunity for job seekers to make significant changes – that includes renewing their job efforts from last year or beginning a new search for the perfect career opportunity. This is your chance to present an employer brand that continually attracts qualified candidates regardless of whether a position is available.



AMSA is not only a source for invaluable information, but we are also one of the best resources for finding the most qualified candidates in the industry. With the AMSA Career Center, you'll have the tools to find experienced applicants at your fingertips.

Visit the AMSA Career Center at <http://careers.meatscience.org/> and register to post jobs today. Contact Jen Persons with any questions by email [jpersons@meatscience.org](mailto:jpersons@meatscience.org) or call at (217)689-2440.

[New Job Postings:](#)

- FSQA Research & Development Coordinator ~ Clemens Food Group
- Food Safety Quality Assurance Supervisor - Fresh ~ Clemens Food Group
  - Food Safety Quality Assurance Supervisor - Harvest ~ Clemens Food Group
  - Director of Quality ~ Food Safety Net Services
  - Scientist, Meat and Food ~ AURI Labs
  - Nancy Roma Paech Chair in Extensive Animal Production ~ University of Sydney
  - AMSA Communication and Technical Writing Summer Internship ~ American Meat Science Association
  - Quality Assurance Technician ~ Slovacek Foods
  - Outside Sales Associate ~ Carlton Farms
  - Director of Quality Assurance ~ Busseto Foods

To post your job openings or your resume visit the [AMSA Career Center](#) today.

## Upcoming Conferences

**Tyson Beyond Fresh - Processed Meat Short Course:** The American Meat Science Association is very excited to announce a new student event hosted by Tyson Foods. The "Beyond Fresh Meats" Short Course: Introduction to Marination and Batter/Breading Technologies in Poultry and Red Meats will be held at the Tyson Discovery Center in Springdale, Arkansas on February 3rd through the 5th, 2017. The course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are AMSA members and interested in further processed meat products. The course will consist of instruction focusing on marination technologies and batter/breaded product development. Topics to be covered will include raw meat processing, dry ingredient functionality, developing formulations, controlling quality, and food safety. Students will then have the opportunity to develop their own new products in Tyson's state of the art industry pilot plant and test kitchens. It is sure to be a fun filled and educational weekend.

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**PORK 101 Offered at IPPE:** AMSA and the North American Meat Institute (NAMI) will jointly host the PORK101 education workshop at the 2017 International Production and Processing Expo (IPPE). The four-hour, hands-on session offers attendees a brief look into AMSA's three-day Pork 101 Conference. The

workshop will address quality and consistency issues in the pork industry, providing insight on the value differences in swine, pork carcasses, pork primals and processed pork products. The session will feature Davey Griffin, Ph.D., professor and extension meat scientist at Texas A&M University, and Dean Pringle, Ph.D., associate professor and undergraduate coordinator at the University of Georgia. The workshop, which is free to all registered IPPE attendees, will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30. For more information about this session, click here. To register to attend IPPE, visit [www.ippexpo.org](http://www.ippexpo.org).

**Petfood Forum Announces Randi Zuckerberg and Temple Grandin, PhD, as Keynotes:** Representatives from Petfood Industry have announced that Randi Zuckerberg and Temple Grandin, PhD, have been selected as Petfood Forum keynote speakers. The 2017 event marks the 25th anniversary of the unique exhibition and conference for the pet food industry, to be held on April 3-5, 2017 in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. Randi Zuckerberg, the CEO and founder of Zuckerberg Media, will open the show on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. During Zuckerberg's opening address, she will share expert business insights, tips and best practices for utilizing social media, as well as other platforms, in order to maximize reach to today's consumers. Zuckerberg is well-versed in the realm of social media, as she created and managed the marketing programs for the social media giant, Facebook, from 2005-2011. In addition to Zuckerberg's experience with Facebook and being the founder of her own media company, Randi has also authored two books, including *Dot Complicated*, a New York Times bestseller about how to deal with ways that technology has both enhanced and complicated everyday life.

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, Temple Grandin, PhD, another member of the New York Times bestseller list for her book, *Animals in Translation*, will take the stage to share her expertise on animal behavior. Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University, as well as a designer of livestock handling facilities. In addition to the curved chute and race systems Grandin has designed for cattle that are used worldwide, she has also developed an objective scoring system for assessing handling of cattle and pigs at meat plants that is being used by many large corporations to improve animal welfare. Details on the educational sessions that will follow each keynote presentation are expected to be released soon. Topics will cover the latest research and innovations in pet nutrition and pet food ingredients, safety and processing, market data and trends, packaging and more. Early Bird registration is available now and provides attendees with the opportunity to save up to \$300. For further details and the most up-to-date information on Petfood Forum 2017, please visit [www.PetfoodForumEvents.com](http://www.PetfoodForumEvents.com).

**2017 Beef Industry Safety Summit.** Save the Date: 2017 Beef Industry Safety Summit will be held February 28-March 2, 2017 in Houston, TX. More information to come on [www.bifsc.org](http://www.bifsc.org) or [www.beefresearch.org](http://www.beefresearch.org).

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## 2017 AMSA Calendar of Events

**January 15 - National Western Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest** - Greeley, CO  
**January 29 - Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest** - Fort Worth, Texas  
**January 30 - AMSA PORK 101 IPPE Short Course** - Atlanta, GA  
**January 31-February 2 - International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE)** - Atlanta, GA  
**February 3-5 - Tyson Beyond Fresh Meats Short Course - Tyson Foods Discovery Center** - Springdale, AR  
**February 11 - Iowa State University Meat Evaluation Contest** - Ames, IA  
**February 28-March 2 - 2017 Beef Safety Summit** - Houston, TX  
**March 8-9 - International Livestock Congress-USA** - Houston, TX  
**March 24-25 - AMSA Student Leadership Conference** - St. Louis, MO  
**April 2-4 - Meat Animal Evaluation Contest** - Kansas State University - Manhattan, KS  
**April 3-5 - Petfood Forum** - Kansas City, MO  
**April 7-8 - Southeastern Meat Judging Contest** - Columbus, OH and Lexington, KY  
**May 23-25 - PORK 101** - Texas A&M University - College Station, TX  
**June 18-21- AMSA 2017 70th RMC - Texas A&M University** - College Station, Texas  
**October 23-25 - PORK 101** - Iowa State University - Ames, IA

## Reciprocal Meat Conference 2017-2020

**June 18-21, 2017 - Texas A&M University** - College Station, Texas  
**June 24-27, 2018 - Kansas City, MO**  
**June 23-26, 2019 - Colorado State University** - Fort Collins, Colorado  
**August 2-7, 2020 - RMC and ICoMST** - Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA

## International Congress of Meat Science and Technology

August 13-18, 2017 - **Cork, Ireland**  
2018 - Australia  
2019 - Germany  
August 2-7, 2020 - Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA (joint meeting with the Reciprocal Meat Conference)

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