



# AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP

where are you **GOING?**

## agricultural leadership

Because leadership is a discipline created from the combining of many other disciplines, it can be a difficult task to learn the complexities, contradictions and interrelated processes. While many students come to college with leadership experiences, it is in the college classroom where students can place those experiences into context and learn the theoretical reasons for their past leadership successes and struggles. Combining experiences with knowledge makes a strong leadership development foundation.

With its far-reaching impacts, the agricultural industry needs strong leaders to keep the industry thriving. The ever-increasing intricacies of the agricultural industry make it all the more important to have employees in the industry who understand the technical aspects of agriculture as well as the human aspects.

## the agricultural leadership student

The Agricultural Leadership major is for students who want a better understanding of agriculture and the connection between task completion and human relations. Specific topics within the coursework include leadership styles, leadership theories, bases of power, group facilitation, authentic leadership, motivational theories and group member roles. In addition, students develop an area of emphasis in agriculture and natural resources. Beyond the degree, employment opportunities for Agricultural Leadership students include organizational outreach, extension, human resources, management and governmental relations throughout the agricultural industry.

## expanded opportunities

Students in the Agricultural Leadership program complete a 10-week internship to gain professional experience while still being in a college learning environment. Internships are proposed by the student

to ensure that the experience meets the student's future employment interests and desires.

Classes within the Agricultural Leadership major use active learning methods with many opportunities for personal development in conjunction with your academic progression. For example, students participate in a study trip to Heifer International's global village where students spend one night experiencing the strengths and struggles of living in various villages around the world.

## student organizations

Students studying Agricultural Leadership are encouraged to join the Leadership League, an organization for students interested in adding to their college leadership experiences. Other departmental organizations that students can join include Collegiate FFA, Collegiate 4-H, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and Collegiate Farm Bureau.

## academic advising

All students are provided personal, one-on-one advising from departmental faculty to assist in general course advising as well as the creation of a specialization area. Because faculty understand both the academic requirements and the agricultural industry, students are best served when they develop a relationship with their faculty adviser.

## for more information

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CASNR Alumna Profile:

## Name:

Keri Boone  
Elk City, Okla.

## Current Occupation:

Extension Educator

## Keri's Story:

Keri Boone knows that leadership begins within. As a student, she also knew that she wanted to pursue a career in leadership and service. Keri found the degree program that would help her meet her goals in CASNR.

As an Extension Educator, Keri works with adults and teens in Cherokee County, and manages people, programs and resources.

"I knew that it was something I enjoyed and felt that this position utilized my strengths," Keri said. "I feel this position suits me well."

Each day, Keri is responsible for linking interested people with the appropriate programs, such as scholarships, clinics, workshops, camps, offices and projects, while working within a budget or grant.

While Keri knows that circumstances vary from county to county, there are a few skills she thinks are necessary for a job like hers.

Keri said that networking, multi-tasking, promptness, attention to detail, organization and accuracy are important to be successful in her job.

For students interested in her type of job, Keri recommends they get out-of-the-classroom experience.

"Do whatever it takes to broaden your horizons," Keri said. "Take an assortment of classes, read agricultural literature and listen to speakers. Do an internship and push your coordinator to show you every aspect."

If you like working with individuals and organizations and helping them to grow and develop, you might be led to a career in Agricultural Leadership.

"I learned a lot about professionalism from my professors at OSU and through my Leadership courses."

- Keri Boone  
CASNR Graduate

## MILE MARKERS

### Student Organizations:

- Leadership League
- Collegiate FFA
- Collegiate 4-H
- Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
- Collegiate Farm Bureau

### Experience:

- 10-Week Internship
- Study Trips

## which PATH are you taking?

### Careers for Agricultural Leadership Graduates:

- Human Resource Development
- Sales and Marketing
- Cooperative Extension Educators
- Project Managers
- Strategic Planners
- Organizational Trainers
- Management Consultants
- State and Federal Government
- Personnel Development Specialists
- Social Service Administrators
- Consumer Relations
- Community Development
- Retail Managers
- Political Officials and Advisers

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