

MENTOR PROGRAMS

We realize it is often a drastic transition for students when they first arrive on campus. Connections with their peers, faculty and staff, and campus programs can enrich their college experience and help them persist through to graduation.

Our department offers the Leaders in Agriculture Mentoring Beginnings (LAMBs) mentor program led by our faculty and graduate students. Monthly meetings bring students together to promote a collegial and familial atmosphere and often feature presentations by the ASU Multicultural Center, student organizations and other speakers designed to engage students in college life.

In addition to LAMBs, students can participate in the Multicultural Center's RAMS program. It helps provide first-generation students with the knowledge and skills needed to transition to campus life and successfully navigate their college careers.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

All incoming freshmen majoring in our Department of Agriculture degree plans and living on campus are housed in our reserved Living Learning Community (LLC) in the Plaza Verde residence hall. The LLC is a one-year program that provides new freshmen with a supportive environment while encouraging them to get involved on campus, make new friends and succeed in their classes.

CAREER PREPARATION

The Agriculture Department works closely with students to place them in internships and experiential learning opportunities that will not only expose them to the wide array of career options, but also give them the experience and skills necessary to successfully obtain quality jobs within the industry. Some of these opportunities include training with state-of-the-art, industry-grade equipment and technology, as well as touring various industry facilities as part of upper-level courses and student trips. The department also works closely with the Career Development Office, which provides quality services to guide ASU students and graduates through all stages of the career decision-making process and teaches job search skills students will utilize throughout life.



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"I feel like ASU is specifically dedicated to each individual student and provides all the needed tools to make them as successful as possible."

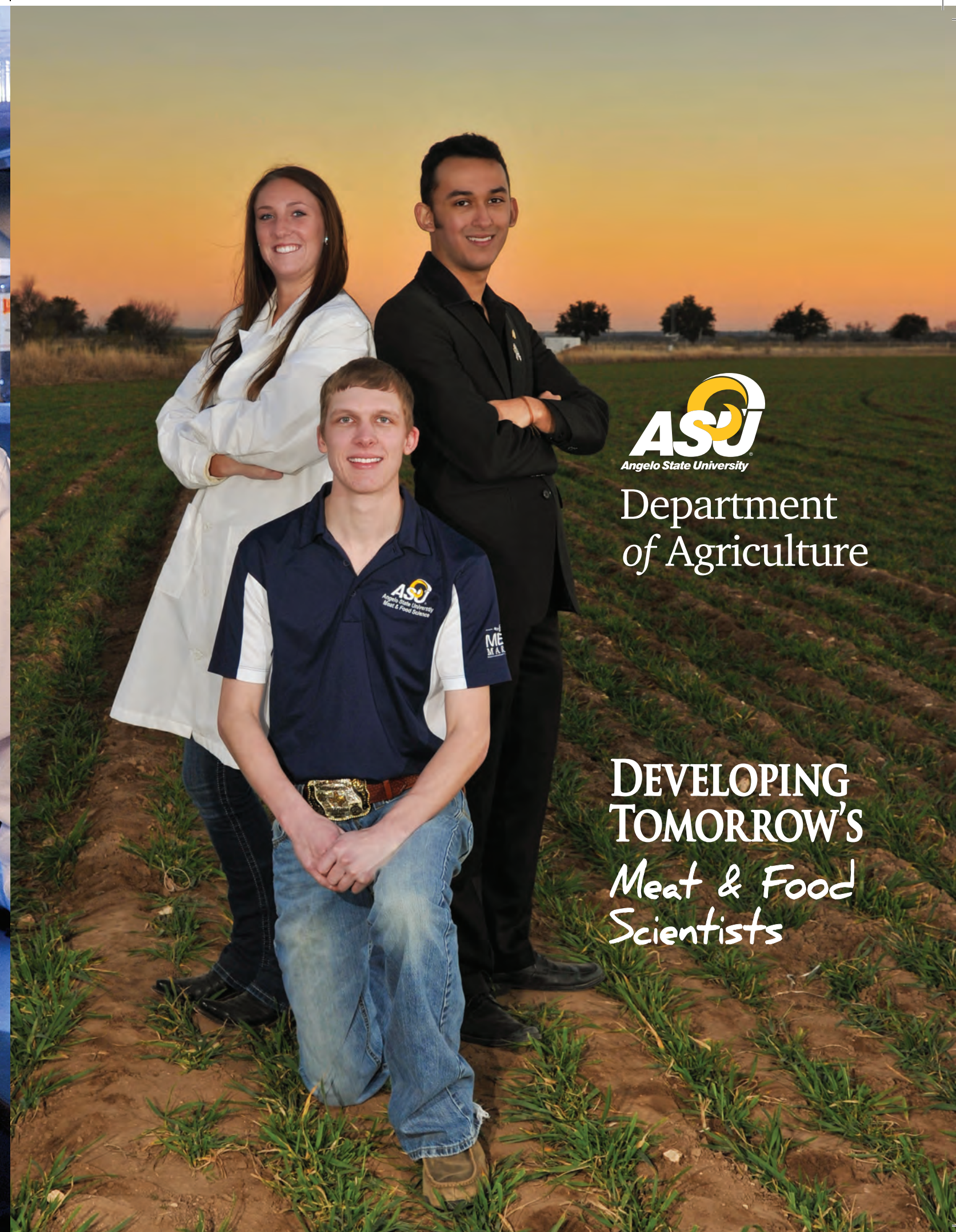
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DEVELOPING
TOMORROW'S
Meat & Food
Scientists

The Developing Tomorrow's Meat and Food Scientists (DTMFS) program prepares students for rewarding careers in the meat and food science industries. That preparation actually begins before students attend their first ASU class. Students interested in the meat and food science career fields can get a jump on college life by participating in our hands-on summer LIFT program.



"The friends I made and the hard work that has gotten me where I am today are valuable aspects of my time at ASU. Being part of the judging/showing teams was also a great experience."

KAYLA EARNSHAW, Alumna
Texas Meat Safety Assurance

LEADERS IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY (LIFT)

Students can get a preview of college life and look inside the world of meat and food science research during LIFT, a week-long summer camp for incoming freshmen on the ASU campus. Activities include hands-on research projects in our Food Safety and Product Development Lab, where students will produce their own food products while investigating the science of modern meat and food production and safety. Participants will also learn about ASU's wide variety of student organizations and scholarship opportunities, take campus tours and get help compiling their fall class schedules.

LIFT is also a competitive program, and each selected student will receive a monetary award. Lodging, meals and travel costs are also covered for participants.

ACADEMIC MAJOR

DTMFS students will major in food animal science and marketing through the ASU Department of Agriculture. This multi-faceted degree plan is the first of its kind in Texas designed for students interested in meat and food science career fields. The curriculum includes meat/food science, animal science and management/marketing to give students a solid foundation in meat/food production and sales as they prepare for careers in industry, government and academia.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Our food animal science and marketing courses feature many hands-on learning opportunities as students investigate the quality and safety of our food supply through sampling, producing and evaluating meat and food products. Utilizing the state-of-the-art facilities and equipment in our Food Safety and Product Development Lab, students learn how science is integrated with food production as part of their regular coursework, as well as through undergraduate research projects.

INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

Food animal science and marketing students must complete an internship and/or an undergraduate research project prior to graduation. ASU has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) and various local businesses and industries to provide an impressive pool of internship opportunities.

Undergraduate research areas include food and meat safety, quality, production and/or development. Along with their coursework, research and internship opportunities have led many of our graduates to fulfilling careers with industry leaders, including Hillshire Brands, H-E-B and Bobby Cox Foods.



"ASU students came to my high school to discuss all the benefits the Agricultural Department could provide throughout our college careers. At that moment, I knew I wanted to attend ASU and get a degree in agriculture!"

SAVINA ROBLES, Class of 2015
San Antonio, Texas



"I work as a product developer for a major food company, and others with the same ASU degree(s) have held positions in sales, marketing, education, communications, agronomy and more."

BARBARA COTY, Alumna
Tyson Foods