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McNeese State University Receives $3,000 Student Recruiting Grant from USPOULTRY Foundation

TUCKER, Ga. – Mar. 2, 2017 – The Harold and Pearl Dripps School of Agriculture Sciences at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La., was awarded a $3,000 student recruiting grant from the USPOULTRY Foundation. The funds will be used to recruit students interested in pursuing degrees related to the poultry industry, and the grant was made possible by an endowing Foundation gift from Cal-Maine Foods.

“These funds will be used to support poultry science education, industry awareness and recruitment of students into our poultry science curriculum,” explained Dr. Chip LeMieux, school director.

Previous grants awarded to McNeese were used to provide poultry evaluation training, professional development trips and recruitment opportunities. Last year, McNeese’s program placed multiple students in poultry related internships and jobs.

In 2016, the USPOULTRY Foundation board approved student recruiting grants totaling $291,000 to 32 colleges and universities across the United States with a poultry science department or industry related degree program. The Harold E. Ford Foundation provides annual recruiting funds to colleges and universities to attract students to their poultry programs. The grants are made possible by gifts to the foundation from companies, individuals and families, in addition to funds earned over the years at the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo.

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Pictured (left to right): Spencer Albert; Heidi Gruspier; Dr. Chip LeMieux, school director; Angela Queenan, McNeese Foundation board of directors; and Devin Grady, agricultural sciences instructor