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North Carolina A&T Awarded $6,820 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant

TUCKER, Ga. – Jan. 17, 2019 – The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a $6,820 student recruiting grant to the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences’ Poultry Unit at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (N.C. A&T). The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Pilgrim’s and was presented by John Starkey, president of USPOULTRY, to Dr. Ralph Noble, chairman of the Department of Animal Sciences at N.C. A&T. Joining in the presentation were several N.C. A&T staff and students.

A portion of the funds will be used for the N.C. A&T Poultry Science Club, which introduces students to the various professional opportunities available in the poultry industry, including USPOULTRY’s College Student Career Program at the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo, where the students can interview for full-time careers and internship opportunities.

The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded recruiting grants totaling $328,300 for the 2018-19 school year to 34 colleges and universities across the United States with either a poultry science department or a poultry studies program. The student recruiting program dates to 1994 when the USPOULTRY board of directors established the Foundation to provide annual recruiting funds to attract students to poultry studies and ultimately into careers in the poultry industry.

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The USPOULTRY Foundation’s mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.
Photo Caption: Dr. Ralph Noble, chairman of the Department of Animal Sciences at N.C. A&T, receiving a $6,820 student recruiting grant donation, from John Starkey, president of USPOULTRY. Joining the presentation ceremony were, from left and standing, Yewande Fasina, assistant professor; animal sciences students Maxwelle Barnes, Re'Jae Holland, Jasmine Franklin and Sierra Muzquiz; and Anthony Hooks, poultry unit coordinator. Kneeling, from left, are students Jasmine Johnson and Bryant Wiley.