Jones County Junior College Awarded $1,300 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant

TUCKER, Ga. – Jan. 10, 2020 – The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a $1,300 student recruiting grant to Jones County Junior College in Mississippi. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Wayne Farms LLC and was presented by Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation, to Tim Ishee, instructor of agriculture and technology services at Jones County Junior College.

The funds will be used to strengthen the existing ag-science program at the college, as well as the college’s partnership with Mississippi State University (MSU). Many ag students transfer to MSU after finishing their Associates of Arts degree at Jones County Junior College, a two-year institution. This partnership will include visiting the MSU poultry science department, where students can interact with the university’s poultry faculty and discover the educational opportunities available at the university’s poultry research farm.

In September 2019, the USPOULTRY Foundation board approved student recruiting grants totaling $383,577 to 35 colleges and universities across the United States with a poultry science department or industry-related degree program. The USPOULTRY 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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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: Joined by several Jones County Junior College students, Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation, presents a student recruiting check to Tim Ishee, instructor of agriculture and technology services.