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Frank Perdue Scholarship Student of the Year Awarded to Charles “Ky” Meeks, Jr. at USPOULTRY Foundation’s College Student Career Program

TUCKER, Ga. – March 4, 2019 – Charles “Ky” Meeks, Jr., University of Georgia, was named the Frank Perdue Scholarship Student of the Year at the USPOULTRY Foundation’s College Student Career Program, held in conjunction with the 2019 International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE). The scholarship is named in Frank Perdue’s honor, for his dedication to aspiring young people studying for careers in the poultry industry, and who, for many years as a long-time supporter of the program, attended and interviewed students. Holly Henry, University of Arkansas, was awarded second place, and Amelia Chapman, University of Arkansas, received third place.

Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation stated, “We had many students submit applications for Student of the Year. Judging was tough this year, as it is every year. We are excited to see the growth in the number of good, quality applications as well as the steady growth overall of the College Student Career Program.”

Students also participated in Club of the Year and Scrapbook of the Year competitions. North Carolina State University was named Club of the Year, which is based on yearlong activities and community engagement by the club. Wilkes Community College took home second place, and the University of Arkansas placed third. North Carolina State University also won the club Scrapbook of the Year contest.

The USPOULTRY Foundation College Student Career Program gives companies an opportunity to interview top students for industry-related jobs and internships in one location, during a three-day period. The program involves students from national universities and has been an important part of the hiring process for many companies for nearly 50 years.

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The USPOULTRY Foundation’s mission is to support 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 Captions:
Charles “Ky” Meeks, Jr., University of Georgia, winner of the 2019 USPOULTRY Foundation College Student Career Program Frank Perdue Scholarship Student of the Year award, and Jim Perdue (left), chairman of Perdue Farms.

North Carolina State University, winner of the USPOULTRY Foundation College Student Career Program Club of the Year and Scrapbook of the Year.