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Alcorn State University Awarded $4,620 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant

TUCKER, Ga. – Dec. 23, 2019 – The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a $4,620 student recruiting grant to Alcorn State University in Mississippi. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from the Peco Foods and was presented by Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation, to Don Smith, director of development for the Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.

A portion of the funds will be used in support of the university’s Dual Degree partnership with Mississippi State University, which provides increased educational opportunities and resources for the students in each of the institution’s agriculture programs. The remaining funds will be used for recruiting and educating students about opportunities and careers in poultry science, sponsoring an educational outreach program to high school students called “Poultry in Motion,” and attending 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.

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.

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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 Alcorn State University students and staff, Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation, presents a student recruiting grant check to Don Smith, director of development for the Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences.