Murray State University Awarded $7,000 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant

TUCKER, Ga. – Jan. 21, 2020 – The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a $7,000 student recruiting grant to Murray State University in Kentucky. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Shepard Exposition Services and was presented to Dr. Amanda Davis, professor of animal and equine science, by Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation.

The funds will be used to support the university’s existing recruitment efforts, which take place at a variety of events held on the university’s campus. In addition to career fairs and ag-focused educational events, the Murray State School of Agriculture also hosts the Kentucky State FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event. The university plans to construct two mobile poultry project houses, which agriculture students will be responsible for designing and maintaining.

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: Barbara Jenkins, executive director of the USPOULTRY Foundation, presenting a USPOULTRY Foundation student recruiting check to Dr. Amanda Davis, professor of animal and equine science for Murray State University, along with several animal science students.