Wilkes Community College Awarded $7,000 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant

TUCKER, Ga. – March 31, 2020 – The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a $7,000 student recruiting grant to Wilkes Community College in North Carolina. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Case Foods and was presented to Matthew Greene, Animal Science lead instructor.

The funds will be used to bolster the college’s current recruitment efforts and to spread awareness of the Animal Science and Poultry Management Technology programs available at the college. The college plans to hold a poultry evaluation contest on campus, sponsoring the top three teams to the State FFA Poultry Evaluation Contest. Additional plans include offering a Youth Poultry Workshop on campus that will educate local students about the poultry industry and the basics of poultry keeping.

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: Dr. Jeff Cox, Wilkes Community College president; Matthew Greene, Animal Science lead instructor; Frank Blevins, Animal Science/Horticulture instructor; Ronald Dollyhite, dean of Applied Career Technologies; Dr. Leslie Sparks; and several WCC Animal Science program students.