The College of Forest Resources is a great place to not only pursue your education, but also to get involved in student organizations. These organizations are a great way to meet friends and colleagues, but also a great way to build your résumé for potential internships and your overall careers. I encourage each of you to get involved in our student organizations to enhance your college experience. Your involvement will make these organizations better, and it will benefit you in your overall career.

Cory Bailey
Admissions Coordinator/Recruiter

The Society of American Foresters Student (SAF) Chapter and Forestry Club at Mississippi State is a student organization devoted to serving students in the department of forestry through networking and student events. We have been a top 3 chapter in the nation for the past 17 years, and we take pride in representing our university. We went to Clemson University to compete in the 59th Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave and finished 7th overall out of 15 schools. Guest speakers and employers continue to come to our monthly meetings to speak to our chapter and interview our students for both seasonal and full time positions. These employers continue to come back because they realize that the students at MSU are the best forestry candidates to fill their job positions. Each year we go to the SAF National Convention to meet and compete with forestry students from across the region, and this year we made it to the semi-finals in the quiz bowl. We also do several community service events such as tree planting with the Starkville Academy, Arbor Day, Habitat for Humanities, and Adopt-a-Highway. Come join us for meetings every month and see what we are about!

2015-2016 Officers:
- President: Zach Pardue
- Vice President: Kaleb Ross
- Treasurer: Lisa Garrigues
- Secretary: Savannah Fenaes
- Conclave Chair: Jason Warner
- Social Chair: Jade McCarley
- Graduate Student Representative: Taylor Hall
- Junior/Senior Representative: Drew Etheridge, Clayton Cooper, and Steven Gray
- Freshmen/ Sophomore Representative: Daniel Harrison
American Fisheries Society

The Mississippi State University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) became an official student chapter in 1999. Our Subunit has held true to its mission to promote strong communication and professional development among fisheries students and current professionals at MSU and within the state of Mississippi. With the provided support and opportunities of AFS, our members continue to strive towards excellence as they progress towards becoming the next generation of fisheries professionals. Our subunit received the Best Student Chapter Award at the Southern Division American Fisheries Society meeting in February. Our Subunit conducted multiple fisheries techniques and maintenance workshops for subunit members and students at Mississippi State’s College of Veterinary Science. We introduced and provided instruction on different types of sampling to include electro-fishing, setting trap nets, and seine nets as well as boat and trailer maintenance. Again, the workshops were well received and our subunit would like to continue these workshops in the future. Our Subunit is also involved with the Starkville School District’s Science Club which provides excelling 4th and 5th graders an excellent opportunity to learn about the different facets of science each week. This year, we taught the students anatomy and physiological functions of fish while conducting class wide fish dissections. Our members continue striving to provide their peers and the community technical assistance whenever the opportunity presents itself. Our subunit also had the tremendous opportunity to participate in the Wildlife Weekend and BioBlitz events in Tupelo, MS this April. We had a great time sharing our love for fish and some of our handy field knowledge with the families that attended the events. Finally, we had both undergraduate and graduate student members present their phenomenal research at conferences at all levels (national, regional, and state) of AFS. We look forward to another eventful year and welcome anyone interested in fisheries to check out our meetings at 5:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month in Thompson 118.

2015-2016 Officers:
- President: Clay Raines
- Vice President: Kevin Keretz
- Secretary: Hallie Tompkins
- Treasurer: Jason Bies
- Dean’s Council: Colin Dinken
- President Elect: Kevin Keretz
- Subunit Website: http://msuafs.org
- Subunit Facebook page
(locate where most events, fundraisers, photos are posted):
https://www.facebook.com/msu.afs

Deans Council

The CFR Dean's Student Council provides the means of exchange of information and ideas between the student body, faculty and administration. It coordinates and supports activities that enhance professional growth, social welfare of students, and provides counsel to the Dean on academic and extra-curricular aspects of student life. The Dean's Student Council plans and conducts the CFR Welcome Back BBQ, CFR Alumni Tailgate, the Annual Student Awards Banquet and assists in welcoming visitors to CFR events such as Discovery Day. Membership is comprised of four elected officers (CFR Interschool Council) and the President/Chairman of each recognized CFR student organization.

2015-2016 Officers:
President: Zach Pardue
Vice President: Taylor Hackemack
Secretary: Savannah Fenaes
Editor: Kaleb Ross
Pre-Veterinary Club

The Mississippi State University Pre-Veterinary Club promotes fellowship and service among students that possess a passion for veterinary medicine. This organization is dedicated to informing its members about the diverse career opportunities within the veterinary profession, preparing them for the veterinary school application process, and providing opportunities to gain experience that will prepare them for a professional program. The Pre-Vet Club boasts over 100 members. Members acquire leadership and team-building skills while serving on a committee every semester by completing a variety of tasks such as planning club meetings and events, organizing fundraisers, providing educational opportunities to members, and constructing community service projects. Members actively volunteer with the Oktibbeha County Humane Society, the Golden Triangle Horse Rescue, Grassroots Animal Rescue, the Elizabeth A. Howard Therapeutic Riding Center, and numerous other organizations. The club is actively incorporating more activities in which members can earn direct veterinary experience including canine CPR labs and a chicken necropsies.

In addition to these local accomplishments, the club represents Mississippi State University at the American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association’s national symposium every year. In 2016, 30 members attended APVMA Symposium at Purdue University pursuing opportunities to learn from veterinary professionals from an abundance of different backgrounds from all over the country. Pre-Vet Club officer, Marissa Gonzalez, was elected to serve on the APVMA executive board. These young men and women are committed to serving the community, taking on numerous leadership positions, and preparing to become excellent veterinary professionals in the future. They already embody the values and ideals of the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and will continue to do so for years to come as they enter their professional careers.

2015-2016 Officers:
- President: Travis Noto
- Vice President: Scott Pless
- Treasurer: Caitlin Light
- Secretary: Margaret McKibben

-Social Chair: Sydney McConnell
-Public Relations: Micaela Tompkins
-Webmaster: Marissa Gonzalez
-Advisors: Dr. Marc Seitz, Dr. Derris Burnett, and Dr. Sharon Grace
The Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society at Mississippi State University had a very active 2015-2016 year. The club had over 25 active members from throughout the university with the majority hailing from the College of Forest Resources. The chapter participated in numerous on-campus recruiting events in the Union, during Academic Insight, and at the CFR Welcome Back Barbeque. Officers helped organize and offer professional development opportunities to TWS members such as a Project Learning Tree certification and an ATV safety certification. TWS has planned a full week of festivities including seminars, a movie on The Junction, bat education, and a 5k/10k/fun run to celebrate Earth Week. During the course of the academic year, members attended activities such as archery safety, knot tying, animal identification, and quiz bowl practice to better prepare for the 2016 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave hosted at Eastern Kentucky. Sixteen members attended Conclave representing Mississippi State University in various events, with Treasurer Taylor Hackemack finishing second in landscape photography and the quiz bowl team turning in a sixth place finish. The MSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society looks forward to hosting the Southeastern conclave in 2017, anticipating the attendance of 25 schools from around the Southeastern United States.

2015-2016 Officers:
- President: Luke McDonald
- Vice President: Andrew House
- Treasurer: Taylor Hackemack
- Secretary: Aung Chan
- Executive Officers: Kelly Bufkin and Travis Noto
- Advisors: Dr. Lesie Burger and Chris Ayers

Ducks Unlimited Bulldog Chapter
Ducks Unlimited is the leader in wetland and waterfowl conservation. Ducks Unlimited focuses on habitat conservation. The Ducks Unlimited Bulldog Chapter at Mississippi State contributes to this conservation mission year after year. Each year, the Bulldog Chapter hosts two fund raising events in which all proceeds go straight toward wetland and waterfowl conservation. The Bulldog Chapter raised over $20,000 this past fall at the annual fall dinner banquet. The annual spring event is a crawfish boil and is coming up on April 23rd, 2016 at Ricks Café from 1 to 5 p.m. The Bulldog Chapter has been working very hard in hopes of having a great turnout for this year’s spring event.

Chairman: Chris Cox
Co-Chairman: Tori Crawford
Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society was founded at the University of Washington on November 24, 1908. The College of Forest Resources Alpha Theta Chapter at Mississippi State University was founded in 1971. Our chapter developed a logo in 2015. We will now have something to distinguish the chapter! Xi Sigma Pi has expanded its objectives to include honoring the academic achievements of students in fisheries, environmental, and wildlife sciences. This year on April 8th, we inducted 23 neophytes into our chapter! It was a great day. It is a fantastic feeling to see our chapter grow each year and the dedication our members put forth.

Objectives
The objectives of Xi Sigma Pi are:
Secure and maintain a high standard of scholarship in forest resources education.
Work for the improvement of the forest resources profession.
Promote a fraternal spirit among those engaged in activities related to natural resources.

Qualifications
Nominations for membership are carried out during the spring quarter of each year. Some of the qualifications for election to membership are:
74 semester hours completed with 10 semester hours in CFR professional courses. Regular registration in the CFR for one semester. A minimum 3.00 GPA in total and CFR courses. Showing outstanding character and personality. All students enrolled in the CFR are eligible for nomination.

Benefits
Relationships forged in Xi Sigma Pi outlast time spent at the University; your fellow members will remain friends, mentors, and colleagues long after graduation.
A great accomplishment and tool to have in common with your professors for references and members from other colleges that may be conducting the interview process for companies.

2015 – 2016 Officers:
- Forester – Andrew Etheridge
- Associate Forester – Zachary Pardue
- Secretary/Fiscal Agent – Kelsey Nicholas
- Forest Ranger – Lisa Garrigues
- Faculty Advisor – Dr. Hui Wan

2016 – 2017 Officers:
- Forester – Clayton Cooper
- Associate Forester – Steven Gray
- Secretary/Fiscal Agent – Catherine Masingill
- Forest Ranger – Davis Pigg
- Faculty Advisor – Dr. Hui Wan
Mississippi State University Chapter of ASPRS

The ASRPS chapter at Mississippi State University is continuing its efforts to enhance the knowledge and understanding of photogrammetry and remote sensing technologies throughout the University. Our informal, seminar-like meetings include free pizza and drinks, and visiting technology focused centers to improve perception of concept applications.

Fall 2015: A chapter meeting was held on October 26th at Room 118 Thompson Hall with guest speaker, Dr. Kim Wood, assistant professor from the MSU Department of Geosciences. Her presentation was “Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes (GRIP) experiment, a field campaign that used NASA’s DC-8 to study hurricanes”. Another meeting was held on November 23th at Room 118 Thompson Hall with guest speaker Dr. Qingmin Meng, assistant professor from the MSU Department of Geosciences. His presentation was “A Landsat remote sensing approach for very large area natural resources management”.

Spring 2016: A chapter meeting was held on January 25th at 6:00 at Room 118 Thompson Hall with guest speaker Dr. John Rodgers, a professor from the MSU Department of Geosciences. His presentation was “Spatial Vegetation Changes in Coastal Settings: two case studies from the Bahamas and Mobile Bay, AL”.

2015-2016 Officers:
- President: Casey Johnston
- Vice President: Shaoyang Yang
- Secretary: Katy Limpert
- Treasurer: Jun Zhai
- Faculty Advisor: Dr. David L. Evans

Forest Products Society

Forest Products Society Student Chapter of Mississippi State University is a student run organization that strives to connect students with potential employers. We provide an excellent basis for establishing off-campus contacts within the industry and private sector. We also give our members the opportunity to showcase their work in poster competitions and connect them to the resources that will prove useful for years to come. We strive to create a community of young professionals and offer networking opportunities to them. We frequently invite industry speakers to present for our members so that we may gain a better understanding of the Forest Products industry and the many opportunities that await there. Typical chapter activities range from hosting industrial speakers, visiting scientist lecturers, and graduate seminars to sponsoring forest products displays and career promotion exhibits. Chapter members also engage in fundraising activities and sponsor social events. Students are also actively involved in the Forest Products Society annual meetings, and our Chapter offers qualifying members’ financial assistance for Annual Meeting attendance.

Our meetings are held once monthly during the Semester, usually Thursdays @ 12:00 pm in Franklin Center SBD.

2015-2016 Officers:
Yan Wang - President
Julianna Stratton - Vice President
Bhawna Soni-Membership President
Tamara Amorim Franca – Secretary
Fred Franca – Treasurer
Chapter Advisor: Dr. Jeremic Nikolic Dragica
Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences

The mission of the Mississippi State University MANRRS chapter is to promote the inclusion of ethnic and cultural groups that are under-represented in agricultural, natural resources and related fields in all phases of career preparation and participation. MANRRS offers unlimited opportunities for those in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences: Internships & cooperative Training; Professional and scholarly development; Inclusion in national student registry and professional registry; Annual meetings, conferences and career fairs; and Regional Meetings/Clusters. This year's theme was Growing the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders. The MSU MANRRS chapter has gone above and beyond in letting this theme guide our actions this year. A few of our chapter accomplishments include: National Chapter of Excellence, First Place in the Animal and Dairy Science's Poster Board Competition, over $1300 fundraising dollars raised by member efforts, all graduating seniors attending professional school or entering the workforce, and eighty percent of membership attended regional and national conferences in Atlanta, GA and Jacksonville, FL. Our main goals for next year are to increase membership, fundraising efforts, and on campus events.

2015/16 officers:
President: Christian Imani Henry (Dept. of Agricultural & Biological Engineering)
Vice President: D'Ebonee Blakemore (Dept. of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology & Plant Pathology)
Treasurer: Tina Tran (Dept. of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology & Plant Pathology)
Secretary: Lauren Agcanas (Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture)
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Hunt (Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture)
Co-advisor: Dr. Scott Willard (College of Agriculture & Life Sciences)
Co-advisor: Dr. Derris Devost-Burnett (Dept. of Animal & Dairy Sciences)

Newly Elected Board Members:
   President: MaKayla Brister
   Vice President: Lauren Agcanas
   Treasurer: Nastassja Crawford
   Secretary: Amber Owen
   Community Service Chair: Nia Blair
It has been a good year for the Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture Graduate Student Association (WFAGSA). In the spring of 2015, we conducted the 1st Annual Riffell Run 5K at North Farm. The Riffle Run was organized in memory of Dr. Sam Riffell, a WFA professor who passed away in 2014. Seventy people were in attendance on a beautiful April day and all proceeds were donated to a graduation fund for Dr. Riffell’s daughters. This fall, we hosted the 4th Annual Chili Cook-off. With 30 people in attendance, Cory Shoemaker, a graduate student from the Biology department took home the 1st place prize. This spring we welcomed seminar speaker Dr. Gary Hepp, Professor Emeritus in Wildlife Ecology & Management from Auburn University in giving a talk on his wood duck research.

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Riffell Run 5K for the Fall 2016 semester as well as additional seminar speakers. Elections for 2017 officers will be held in December. The WFAGSA is looking forward to another busy year with the support of fellow graduate students and the WFA faculty & staff.

2015-2016 Officers:
- Graduate Student Representative: Craig Marshall and Jordan Youngmann
- Seminar Series Chair: Joe Lancaster
- Secretary/Treasurer: Leah Moran
Letter from the President

What a great year we have had! The members of this college have an entire list of awards and achievements that confirms my belief that we are one of the greatest colleges at one of the best universities in the nation. I would like to thank all the faculty and staff for their support of the Dean’s Council and all the student organizations – you enable us to develop into the seekers of change, thinkers, and leaders that this world needs. I would also like to thank my executive council: Taylor Hackemack, Savannah Fenaes, and Kaleb Ross. This year has been busy and I wouldn't have been able to do without your endless support. The College of Forest Resources is a special place due to the close cooperation of the students, faculty, staff, and donors—may we always keep it that way.

Forever in Maroon and White,

Zach Pardue
Dean’s Council President

CFR Snap Shots