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From the chancellor



Chancellor Arrington and institute deans met yesterday with Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, pictured. Ramaswamy directs the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA and was on campus to learn more about our programs. In his Third Thursday letter, Chancellor Arrington discusses the visit, our 4-H'ers meeting with the Board of Trustees, and the institute's two new graduates of the Food System Leadership Institute. [More](#)

Does 4-H make a difference? Yes!

From making healthier choices to exceling in school and the sciences, as well as serving their communities, 4-H'ers build a strong foundation for life. UT 4-H Youth Development Director Steve Sutton discusses metrics that prove 4-H has wide-reaching impacts on young lives. [More](#)



Brighter holidays for third-world youth



Tennessee 4-H'ers are working to make the holidays brighter for youth in developing countries. Through Operation Christmas Child, 4-H'ers across the state are starting a 12-month project of collecting gifts and toiletries to assemble shoeboxes for their peers in other countries.



At Ag Day, retired Vice Chancellor Buddy Mitchell and



In memoriam -- William Hall, retired Extension agent for



Former Board of Trustees member Waymon Hickman

President Joe DiPietro unveiled a plaque dedicating key areas of the Plant Biotechnology Building in honor of Robert and Nancy Burchfiel. **More**

Marion County, where he worked for 42 years.

and his wife, Helen, have contributed \$100,000 to the Hickman Trust. Part of the trust supports scholarships for students, merit awards at Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center and funds to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.

UT leaders dedicate commemorative Morrill Act plaque

UTIA Chancellor Larry Arrington with UT Knoxville Chancellor Jimmy Cheek and UT President Joe DiPietro gathered during a special ceremony at Ag Day to dedicate a plaque commemorating the Morrill Act of 1862. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the act, which aimed to make higher education more accessible to the average person.



2012 awards and promotions



Twenty-five faculty members and Extension agents and specialists have been promoted, and 40 institute members have been honored with awards. See who you know. **More**

SEC academic leadership fellow

David Golden, professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology and president elect of the Faculty Senate, is one of 46 faculty and administrators from SEC schools who have been



40 faculty and administrators from SEC schools who have been selected as fellows for the conference's 2012-13 Academic Leadership Development Program. [More](#)



Ag Day 2012 a big success



Ag Day was a tremendous success. Thanks to everyone in the institute community who helped make the event fun and exciting for our friends and alumni. Attendance was estimated to be above 1,000. One six-year-old wrote to Chancellor Arrington saying it was the most fun he's had in his life and asking Arrington to promise the event will return in 2013. It certainly will.

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The UT Equine Extension and Research Center, which opened in November, wants to make the state's horse farms greener -- not just in pastures - - but by training Tennessee landowners in the best conservation practices for the equine industry. **More**



Third quarter grants and contracts total \$13,647,445. To the principal and co-principal investigators, congratulations. To everyone, we appreciate your support and efforts in seeking external funding. **More**



The Tennessee chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the international honor society of agriculture, has announced its 2012 honorees, including Outstanding Teaching Award recipient Michael Smith of Animal Science. **More**

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