

2019 Tennessee Extension Internship Program



WELCOME TO INTERN ORIENTATION

Extension internships give college juniors, seniors and graduate students hands-on experience as Extension educators in Tennessee. The Tennessee Extension Internship Program brings parts of four individual internship programs together under one collaborative effort. Internship programs from Agriculture, Natural Resources & Community Economic Development, Family and Consumer Sciences (Career Edge), and the Minority Internship Programs from both UT and TSU are managed as a cooperative effort while maintaining the flexibility needed to meet diverse needs.

2019 Tennessee Extension Interns

Name	Placement
Trystan Alek Bordeau	Plant Sciences
Zoe Bruce	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries
Chelsea Eley	Rutherford County
Kasey Harmon	Davidson County
Casmen Jackson	Shelby County
Mary Lynn Marks	Agricultural Res. Economics
Mary Morris	Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science
Jason Connor Murphy	Family & Consumer Sciences
Kaitlyn Riffey	Animal Science
Allison Rison	Union County
Shay Stutts	Family and Consumer Sciences
Saron Tolossa	Davidson County
Summer Treece	Anderson County
Gabrielle Younginer	Hamilton County
Oluwatosin(Elizabeth)Ekundayo	Davidson County
Elenora Trajanovskaye	Wilson County
Milan Winrow	Rutherford County
Ashley Warner	Shelby County



Trystan Alek Bordeau | Supervisor: Amy Fulcher
Location: Plant Sciences



Trystan Alek Bordeau is a Junior at UTK studying Geology and Environmental Studies with a concentration in Environmental Studies along with a minor in Sustainability. He is an active member in SPEAK, and is the director of SGA's E&S Committee. Trystan is also an active research student in the GES department and will present his research at the Ecological Society of America conference. After graduation, he hopes to either be a graduate student or in the Peace Corps teaching sustainable agriculture to impoverished communities. His hobbies include climbing, hiking, traveling the world, and eating good ice cream.



Zoe Bruce | Supervisor: Wayne Clatterbuck
Department: Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries

Zoe Bruce is currently studying Forestry with a concentration in Wildland Recreation at the University of Tennessee. She enjoys spending her time outdoors such as camping with her friends and family, hiking, and kayaking. After college, Zoe plans on pursuing a career in outdoor education.



Chelsea Eley | Supervisor: Misty Layne-Watkins
Location: Rutherford County

Chelsea Eley is a senior at the illustrious North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, matriculating in Child Development and Family Studies. On campus, she is involved in Housing and Residence life as a Resident Assistant, and she also serves as Founder and President of the C.H.I.L.D. Up Club. She has a strong passion to help others and advocate for children and families. After graduating in December 2019, she plans to attend graduate school where she will be working towards a master's degree in counseling.



**Kasey Harmon | Supervisor: Michael Barry
Location: Davidson County**

Kasey Harmon is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee majoring in Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communications with a concentration of Agriculture Education along with a minor in International Agriculture and Natural Resources. She plans to teach high school agriculture courses after graduation. Kasey's interests are spending time with family and friends- along with going to concerts. She has been a member in 4-H since the 4th grade, and has been involved with Extension for multiple years. She is excited to gain experience from an employee view.



**Casmen Jackson | Supervisor: Karen Bernard
Location: Shelby County**

Casmen Jackson received her associates of applied science as a Dietetic Technician from Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis in 2015. She recently graduated with her bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville in 2019 with a degree in Family and Consumer Science with a concentration in Foods and Nutrition. Casmen was inducted into two Honors Societies: Kappa Omicron Nu (KON) for human sciences and became the treasurer in 2018 and the National Society of Leadership and Success in April 2019. Casmen plans to start on her master's degree in the fall and apply for the necessary internships to sit for the registered dietitian exam. She loves spending time with her daughter, cooking/baking, and exploring.



**Mary Lynn Marks | Supervisor: Aaron Smith
Department: Agriculture and Resource Economics**

Mary Lynn Marks is a Food and Agricultural Business major at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a concentration in Law and Policy along with an English minor. Mary also serves as a Herbert College of Agriculture Ambassador and an officer for the Food and Agricultural Business Club. Her hobbies include swimming and reading.



Mary Morris | Supervisor: Andrea Ludwig
Department: Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science

Mary Morris is a senior at UT, studying Biosystems Engineering and minoring in Environmental Engineering. She has worked as an undergraduate student worker for the Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science department for one year. She has also worked as an undergraduate research assistant and student worker for UT Extension for two years. She is passionate about water quality and storm water management. Mary hopes to pursue a master's degree and a Ph.D. in Biosystems or Environmental Engineering in the coming years.



Connor Murphy | Supervisor: Aneta Eichler
Location: Cheatham County

Connor Murphy is an undergraduate student at Middle Tennessee State University. He studies Family & Consumer Studies, with a focus in child development and family studies. His studies at MTSU range from human development across the lifespan, interpersonal relationships, and family life program development. He will be graduating in August 2019. Some of his interests outside of my studies are bicycling, music, reading, collecting art and antiques, and spending time outdoors. This summer, he will be located in Cheatham County, and is very excited to see what Extension has to offer.



Kaitlyn Riffey | Supervisor: Jennie Ivey
Department: Animal Science

Kaitlyn Riffey is a student at Pellissippi State Community College. Before Pellissippi, she graduated from Tennessee College of Applied Technology with a diesel mechanic certification and worked full time. Though she enjoyed working in the field, she wanted to further her education. Riffey is potentially going to transfer to the University of Tennessee.

Allison Rison | Supervisor: Sharon DeWitt
Location: Union County



Allison Rison is a senior at Tennessee Tech majoring in agriculture communications. She competes with TTU's equestrian team in the intermediate western division. In the past, she has competed in horse, goat, and sheep shows, and was an Elder Scout for the Eastern Region All Stars during her sophomore year of high school with 4-H in Claiborne County. Allison was awarded the Agricultural Leadership award her junior year and attended National 4-H Congress. She worked for Clyde Austin 4-H Center last summer where she taught archery and 'Health Rocks'.

Shay Stutts | Supervisor: Starla Hardin
Location: Maury County



Shay Stutts received her Bachelors in Exercise Science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She is currently in the Master of Public Health program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and will graduate in 2020. She is a Graduate Assistant, an active member of the Public Health Student Association, and the Exercise is Medicine on Campus Student Representative! Her heart is in rural areas, and she aspires to find a career serving that population after graduation! Her hobbies are anything outdoors, being at the dirt track, or concert hopping.

Saron Tolossa | Supervisor: Eboné Colclough
Location: Davidson County



Saron Tolossa is a recent graduate from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science with a minor in Health Care Services. In college, she was an active member of the Nutrition and Dietetics Association, and was also on the dean's list for numerous semesters. After this internship, her goal is to explore job opportunities in the field of Nutrition. In the future, she is interested in being a nutrition nurse advisor. Though she does not have background in directly working with the Extension program, she is currently working for a senior woman where she cooks healthy foods for her. Additionally, she has learned to write lesson plans, co-taught a nutrition education, and presented a nutrition class to a group of young children.

Summer Treece | Supervisor: Donna Carter
Location: Anderson County



Summer Treece is a sophomore at the University of Tennessee majoring in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications with a concentration in Extension. Summer owns her own beadwork business. She is extremely involved on the university's campus with the following leadership roles: President of the Native American Student Association, Mentor for the Student Disability Service, and former Vice President of Collegiate 4-H and FFA. While in high school with 4-H, she achieved Vol State, Level 1 & 2 poultry project state titles, runner up for the citizenship project, and Eastern Region Elder scout. Her hobbies include making handcrafted items along with dancing. Summer's future goal is to be a 4-H agent.

Jenna Williams | Supervisor: Andrea Ludwig/Lori Duncan
Department: Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science



Jenna Williams is a rising senior at the University of Tennessee Knoxville majoring in Biosystems Engineering along with a minor in environmental engineering. She has worked as an undergraduate research assistant and is involved with clubs on campus including: the Society of Women Engineers, The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, Tau Beta Pi, and Gamma Sigma Delta. After college, Jenna would like to attend graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. to work into the consulting industry then as a professor.

Gabrielle Younginer | Supervisor: Nancy Rucker
Location: Hamilton County



Gabrielle Younginer is from McDonough, Georgia. She is a recent graduate of Tennessee State University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science with a concentration in Food Science & Technology. She is a triple and long jumper for TSU women's track and field team—The Tigerbelles. Younginer is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated in which she participates in community service activities- as well as activities with the track and field team. Throughout her time at TSU, Gabby has been recognized for her academic achievements such as making the Dean's list from 2016-2019. Gabby's main goal is to become a Food Scientist.

**Oluwatosin (Elizabeth) Ekundayo | Supervisor:
Elizabeth Sanders
Location: Davidson County**



Ms. Ekundayo graduated from Tennessee State University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration; concentration in E-Commerce and Supply Chain Management. She returned to pursue a second degree in Agri-Business and volunteers with the Nashville Women Rescue mission from time to time because the issue of homelessness. One day, she hopes to be more invested in helping those without means. She enjoys singing in her church Choir as well as reading a novel or writing a song.

**Ashley Warner
Location: Shelby County**



Ashley Warner is a 2019 graduate with a Bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University in Agriculture - Food Bioscience and Technology concentration with a Chemistry minor. She was recently inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 2018 and was the recording secretary for the 2018-2019 academic year. She is also active in an organization called Minorities in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences (MANRRS) where minorities are connected through networking, education and other great opportunities. She is not new to extension this will be her second term with everyone. Ashley enjoys time interacting with 4-H and hands on community projects. Learning new ways to be involved in community growth it is a priority for her.

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**Eleonore Trayanovskaya | Supervisor: Ruth Correll
Location: Wilson County**

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**Milan Winrow | Supervisor: Anthony Tuggle
Location: Rutherford County**

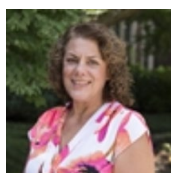
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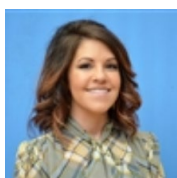
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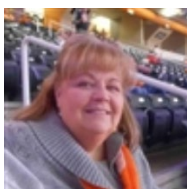
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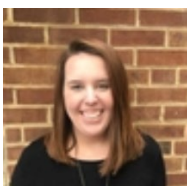
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