

THE SFAAS NEWSREEL

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The semester is quickly coming to an end. Classes are in their final third and several graduate students are scheduled to present their thesis and dissertation work at our “presentation day” on November 22.

In this issue, we mark the passing of Nick Nichols. Nick was a graduate of our program and became Chief of Fisheries in ADCNR. As a State fisheries biologist, and later as chief, he always stayed in touch and supported our programs.

After nearly ten years in the hot seat, I will be stepping down in March as director of the School. Dr Andrew Rypel has been selected as our next director. Andrew holds a MS from our program and is currently a professor at UC-Davis. More on Andrew later.

Joe Tomasso / Professor & Director (and *Newsreel* editor!)



You can find past *Newsreels* at <https://agriculture.auburn.edu/research/faas/newsletters/>



NEW ALUMNI PROFESSOR

Ash Bullard was recently selected as an Auburn University Alumni Professor. The professorship is sponsored by the Auburn Alumni Association and represents the highest achievement in teaching, research, and service.

Dr. Bullard is director of the Southeastern Cooperative Fish Parasite and Disease Laboratory which provides diagnostic services and advice to several state resource agencies. His research program has so far attracted over \$20 million in funding and produced over 160 scholarly works.

NEW MAq STUDENT

Ilerioluwase Rhema Oyedele will join Luke Roy's lab in January. Rhema is originally from Nigeria and will be completing her bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences from EARTH University - Costa Rica this year

She previously interned at Auburn University with the aquaponics and hydroponics group and is excited to return as a Master of Aquaculture student. Her MAq project will focus on catfish production.

Rhema hopes to contribute to the development of sustainable aquaculture practices that support global food security.





NEW MS STUDENT

Brittany Martin will join Luke Roy's lab in January. She is from Little Rock, Arkansas and holds a BS in Biology from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

She is currently a laboratory technician at the USDA-Aquatic Animal Health research facility in Auburn working with Dr. Julio C. García. Dr. Roy and Dr. García will serve as her co-advisors. Her thesis topic will be in the areas of shrimp health and aquaculture.



NEW MS STUDENT

John Ikyoive will soon join Tham Hoang's lab. He holds a BS in Zoology from the University of Maiduguri and a MS (non-thesis) in Ecology and Environmental Biology from Bayero University in Kano Nigeria.

John hopes to have a career in environmental management.



NEW MS STUDENT

Pabasari Mallikarachchi will soon join Tham Hoang's lab. She holds a BS in Aquatic Resources Management from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Sri Lanka.

Pabasari's career goal is to work as a toxicologist with a focus on the aquatic environment.



STAFF PROMOTION

Leticia Fantini Hoag was recently promoted to Research Associate IV.

She works at the EWSFC and oversees fish production operations while supervising the student crew.

Leticia has been in her position for three years. Her supervisor is Larry Lawson.

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FISHERIES & COMPANY
INTRAMURAL SOCCER TEAM

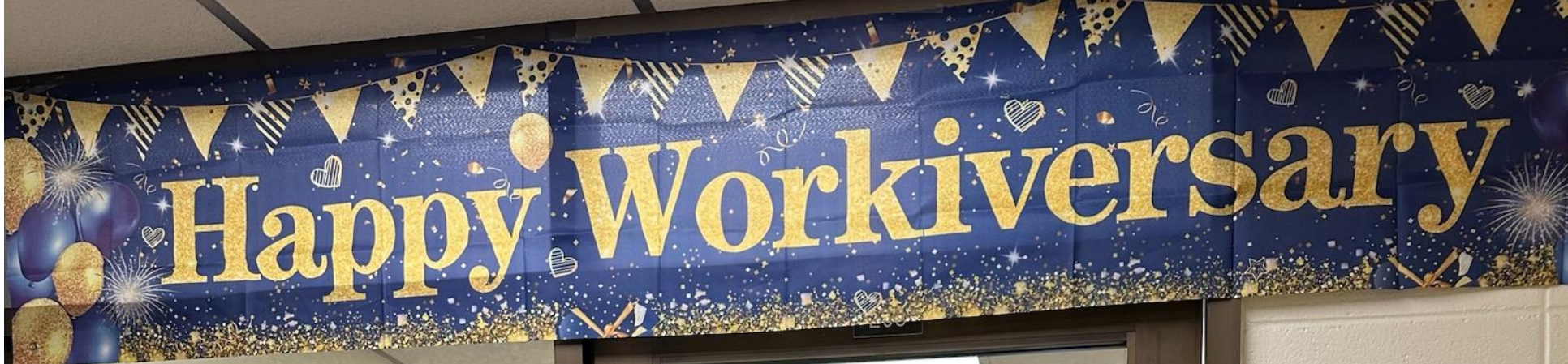


From left to right: Nick Obregon (not Fisheries), Ashley Hennessey, Owen Yoder (not Fisheries), Matthew Rud, Matthew Gladfelter, Peyton Johnson, Quinn La Fontaine, Kate Merrill, Kate Pottle, Michael McDonald, Cooper Parker (not Fisheries), Savanna Wooten (not Fisheries), Parker Rae Menefee, Annamarie Steed, Nelson Sharma Parajuli, Jairo Gonzalez

STUDENT SUBUNITS CLEAN UP AUBURN LAKES ROAD



Christian San Andres, Courtney Harrison, Abdulmalik Oladipupo, Uthpala Padeniya, Aakriti Khanal, Sailor Reynolds, Matthew Rud, Jairo Gonzalez (in no particular order!)



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SERVICE**

**Carolyn “CJ”
Jones, our
purchaser and
institutional
memory, just
celebrated her
30th anniversary
of working for
Auburn
University**



ALABAMA FISH FARMING CENTER 2023 STATISTICS

- 244 fish disease diagnostic cases
- 526 water quality samples
- 15 feed mill visits and 12 processing plant visits to provide technical support, carry out research projects, or deliver educational content
- 265 farm visits to provide technical support, investigate fish kills, or perform research and results-oriented extension demonstrations



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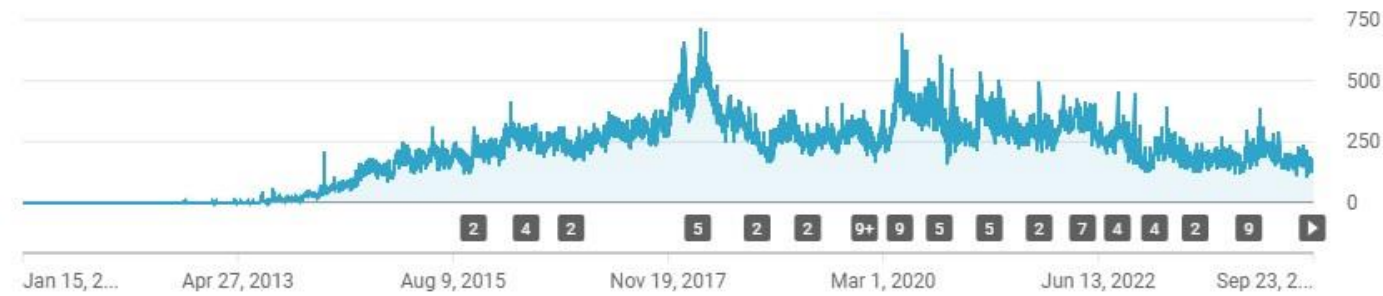
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Nick Nichols died on September 8. He held an MS (1986) from our program.

Nick spent his career with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources rising through the ranks in the hatchery section and eventually serving as Fisheries Chief from 2015 to 2019.

His obituary may be found here:
[William Carey Nichols Jr. Obituary 2024 - Lawrence Brown Service Funeral Home](#)