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The February SAEA meetings are right around the corner and I look forward to seeing everyone in Louisville, Kentucky on February 1-4, 2020! In addition to being able to attend an excellent meeting, Louisville is a great place to visit (<https://www.gotolouisville.com/things-to-do/>; let's hope the weather stays good). The 2020 annual meetings will be held at the Omni Louisville Hotel. The deadline for booking hotel rooms at the group rate is January 16, 2020 at 5 pm EST. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664) and asking for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group room block or online at <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/louisville/meetings/2020-annual-meeting-01302020>. Hotel room rates are: Single/Double \$159; Triple \$169; Quad \$179 (SAAS group rates apply 3 days prior and 3 days after meeting dates, if rooms are available). Additional information can be found at <https://www.saasinc.org/hotel-info-1>.

The annual meetings will have many teaching, research, and Extension related sessions discussing economic issues relevant and interesting for graduate students, faculty, and industry professionals. Undergrad students attending the meeting on their way to quiz bowl participation will have opportunities to listen to presentations and network with fellow students from other universities. They may even find a graduate school to further their education. In addition, we have industry panel session and policy session. The panelists from these two sessions will be available to interact with students. I encourage meeting attendees to arrive early enough to attend these and many other sessions as these should allow for more networking throughout the meeting. We also have two new student presentation sessions: 3MT and dissertation paper competition sessions. It is our first year of launching these two new presentation categories. I am looking forward to seeing students presenting in both categories.

The annual meeting program is finalized and can be found at <https://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/prog2020.pdf>. This year, the program contains, 3 invited symposia (including the Emerging Scholars symposium), 7 organized symposia (including the Legends vs Quiz Bowl Champs), 168 selected papers, and 42 selected posters. If you have a selected paper/poster for the 2020 annual meetings, please don't forget to submit selected paper or the presentation slides to Conftool (<https://www.conftool.org/saea2020>) by Friday, January 17, 2020.

I want to thank Tim Woods for coordinating the invited and organized symposia sessions and Luis Ribera, Michael Vassalos and Chris Boyer for coordinating the selected paper sessions. I would also like to thank all of the award committee members for their hard work in selecting the award recipients for the 2020 meeting. Please make plans to join us as we recognize colleagues during the Lifetime Achievement Awards breakfast.

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I want to congratulate our newly elected SAEA officers: President-Elect David Anderson and Director Rebecca Dudensing, both at Texas A&M University. I very much look forward to working with these new officers whose terms will begin with the 2020 annual meetings. I also wish to thank Lynn Kennedy, Louisiana State University, and Sierra Howry, University of Wisconsin - River Falls, for their willingness to stand for election and serve in the leadership role. Both have provided much appreciated service to SAEA and I look forward to working with them more in the future. We had good responses for the SAEA election this year, with 200 total responses.

The association has also selected a new set of JAAE editors. Those are Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University, Olga Massa, Virginia Tech, and David Willis, Clemson University. They will start their editorial responsibilities on July 1st, 2020 and serve as editors of the journal for three years. I congratulate the new set of editors for getting selected by the SAEA Executive Committee and I look forward to working with them. The association is very thankful for the job well done by Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian for the last four years. They processed manuscript in the record speed and published quality issues on time throughout their tenure. Their term ends on June 30, 2020. The JAAE is an important contribution to the Agricultural and Applied Economics literature, and one of our association's most valued services to our members. We appreciate the leadership and professionalism of both our past and present editors.

I want to thank Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia, and Nathan Smith, Clemson University, in advance for all of their work putting together the meetings.

I look forward to seeing you in Louisville!

**Krishna Paudel**, SAEA President

## **2020 SAEA Annual Meeting**

Make your plans now to attend the 2020 SAEA Annual Meeting to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, February 1-4, 2020.

### **What – SAEA Annual Meeting**

**Where – Omni Louisville Hotel, Louisville, KY**

**When – February 1-4, 2020**

**Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.**

Registration will begin December 1, 2020. Access the SAAS website at [www.saasinc.org](http://www.saasinc.org) for more information about the 2020 meetings. Hotel Information for reservations is below and is posted on the SAEA website, <https://www.saea.org/annual-meeting/>.

**Omni Louisville Hotel**  
**400 2nd Street**  
**Louisville, KY 40202**

**RESERVATIONS:** For lodging reservations, click on this link which is specific for our Louisville SAAS conference: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/louisville/meetings/2020-annual-meeting-01302020>.

Or, call the Omni Louisville Hotel at 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664). Be sure to ask for the SAAS (Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists) group rate.

**Deadline to reserve lodging: Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST  
(Eastern Standard Time)**

**RATES:** Single/Double \$159; Triple \$169; Quad \$179  
(SAAS group rates apply 3 days prior and 3 days after meeting dates, if rooms are available.)

**CHECK IN:** 3:00 pm

**CHECK OUT:** 11:00 am (\$60 charge for late check out till 4:00 pm)

**NOTE:** Early departure fee of one night's room and tax will apply if attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date. To avoid fee, advise hotel at or before checking in of any change in plans.

**AIRPORT:** Hotel is 5.9 miles (8 minutes) from Louisville International Airport (SDF). Hotel does not provide shuttle to/from airport. Estimated taxi fee is \$28 one way. Estimated Uber or Lyft fee is \$13-17 one way.

**PARKING:** Hotel has only valet parking. Cost is \$32/night. Click here for public parking lots near the hotel for less cost.

**AMENITIES:** Complimentary access to fitness center.

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# **2020 ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, KY**

## **Undergraduates and Student Advisors!**

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Louisville! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for another record turn-out of schools and student participants. We will again host a graduate program Recruitment Fair which provides graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. Please contact Dusty Menzies, Undergraduate Committee Chair, to sign up for the competition. He can be reached by phone at (979) 845-7046 or email [d-menzies@tamu.edu](mailto:d-menzies@tamu.edu). Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl. The grant amount is increased to \$150 per student. Also, note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.

## **QUIZ BOWL RECRUITMENT FAIR**

### **Graduate Program Coordinators!**

The SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl is great opportunity to recruit participants to your department's graduate program. More than a hundred undergraduate students compete annually representing twelve or more schools. Booths are available for \$100 per table. Departments interested in participating in the Recruitment Fair can sign up on the payments page by visiting: <https://www.saea.org/payments-page/>

## **BUSINESS INFORMATION/EMPLOYMENT BOOTH**

If businesses/companies/universities are interested, they can set up a booth to advertise their entity and recruit employees. Applied economists are known for their well-versed skill sets so this is a great place to hire a new and qualified employee. Booths are available for \$100 per table. Entities interested in participating in the employment booth can sign up on the payments page by visiting: <https://www.saea.org/payments-page/>

## 2019-2020 SAEA COMMITTEES

Much of the important work the SAEA performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on these committees.

**Selected Papers Committee:** Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020); Michael Vassalos, Clemson University (2021); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2022).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University (2020); Kim Jenson, University of Tennessee (2021); Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University (2022).

**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee:** Alan Hodges, University of Florida (2020); Aaron Smith, University of Tennessee (2021), Michael Deliberto, Louisiana State University (2022).

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Dr. Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020); Mathew Interis, Mississippi State University (2021); Ram Acharya, New Mexico State University (2022).

**Master's Thesis Award Committee:** Michee Lachaud, Florida A&M University (2020); Naveen Adusumilli, Louisiana State University (2021); Jeff Luckstead, University of Arkansas. (2022).

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** Ryan Williams, Texas Tech University (2020); Denis Nadolnyak, Auburn University (2021); Ashok Mishra, Arizona State University (2022).

**Poster Committee:** Daniel Solis, Florida A&M University (2020); Ariun Ishdorj, Texas A&M University (2021); Aditya Khanal, Tennessee State University (2022).

**Undergraduate Committee:** Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University; Jerrod Penn, Louisiana State University; Aaron Shew, Arkansas State University.

**3MT Thesis Committee:** Jim Larson, University of Tennessee (Chair); Kalyn Coatney, Mississippi State University; Jeff Mullen, University of Georgia.

**Ph.D. Job Market Paper Competition Committee:** Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University (*Ad Hoc* chair, President, SAEA); Darrel Bosch, Virginia Tech; Ruiqing Miao, Auburn University; Zhifeng Gao, University of Florida.

**JAAE Editorial Team:** Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian, University of Kentucky.

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**Social Planner for 2020 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University

**IT/AV Committee for 2020 Meetings:** Michael Vassalos, Clemson University; Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee

**Outreach and Engagement Committee:** Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University (2020)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 65-69 years of age = \$195

\_\_\_\_\_ 60-64 years of age = \$225

\_\_\_\_\_ 70+ years of age = \$150

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$20

### INTERNATIONAL (all other countries)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35

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