



Department of Animal Science

NEWSLETTER

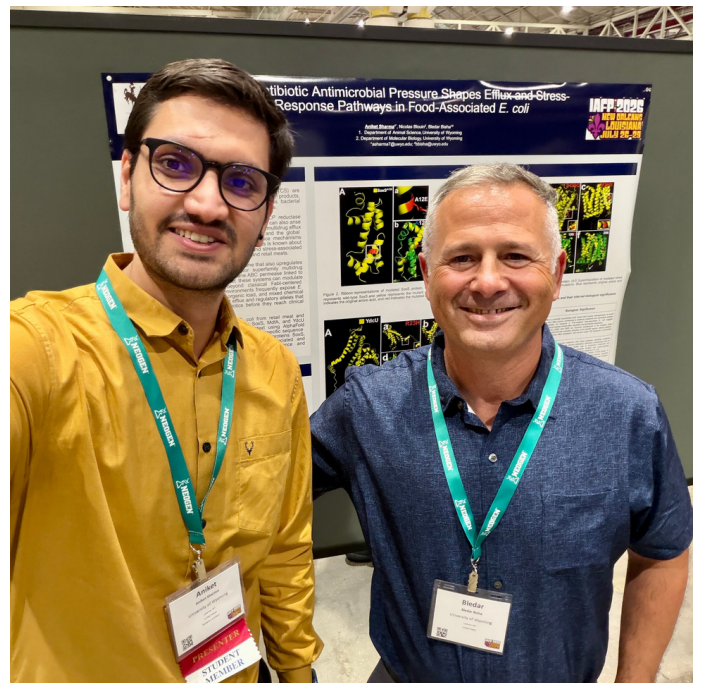
Summer 2026

Conferences:



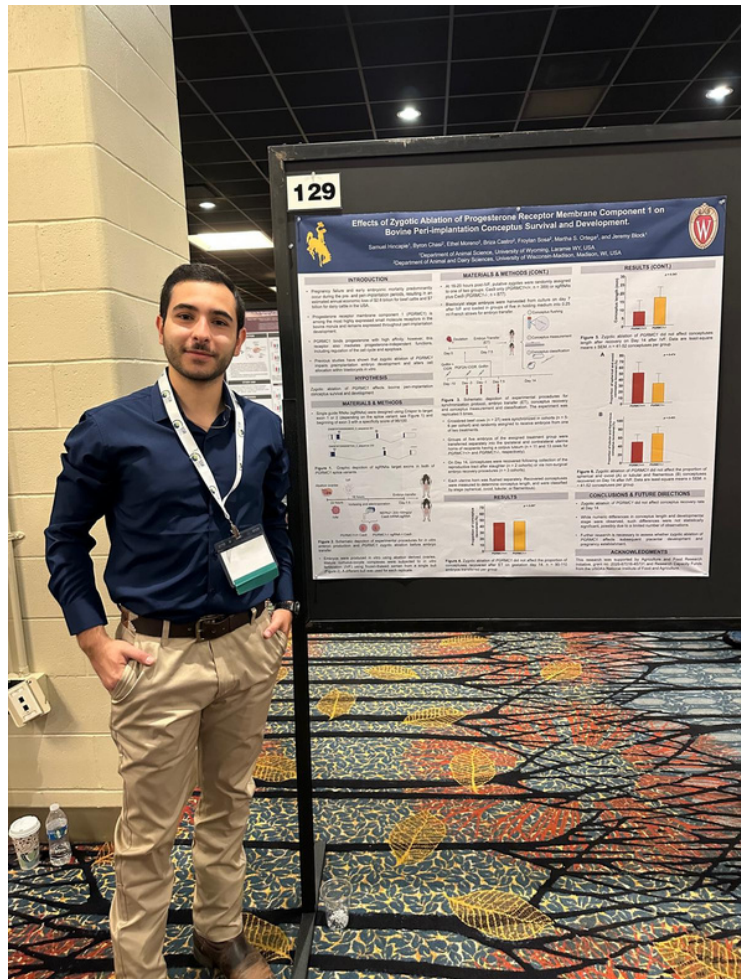
The Bisha Lab at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) meeting in Washington, D.C., in June, where the lab presented work in the form of posters (Puja Boidya, Aniket Sharma, Anahita Ghorbani Tajani, left to right).

The Bisha Lab at the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, in July, presenting the lab's research (Aniket Sharma, Bledar Bisha).



Martin Akandawen and Brenda Alexander went to national ASAS meetings in Madison, Wisconsin where Martin presented his data. At the meeting they met up with UW Animal Science alumni Amanda Mirto (with husband John Venturino) and Rebecca Cockrum (group photo).





Samuel Hincapié presented his poster on “Effects of Zygotic Ablation of Progesterone Receptor Membrane Component 1 on Bovine Peri-implantation Conceptus Survival and Development” at the Society for the Study of Reproduction in Indianapolis.

Sheep & Wool Festival



UW Animal Science faculty, students, and Extension personnel participated in the Wyoming Sheep and Wool Festival in Powell, sharing research, Extension updates, and wool education with Wyoming sheep producers. The festival also featured the annual Lamb-A-Year awards, recognizing producers and department members for outstanding lamb performance and program contributions. UW also showcased Wyoming Premium Lamb at the festival dinner. The 2027 festival will be held July 9–11 in Laramie.

Reciprocal Meat Conference:



Four undergraduate students put their knowledge to the test in the Meat Science Quiz Bowl and one undergraduate student presented her research on beef skirt steak yield and quality in the Research Poster Competition.



Four students showcased their work during the research poster sessions, and the entire group spent the day attending reciprocation sessions covering topics including meat color, food waste, pork quality, and more.

The day wrapped up at the RMC Family Picnic, where they celebrated 100 years of collegiate meat judging!

New Cowboy Joe Handlers



Chase is a senior at UW, studying Criminal Justice with a minor in History. When she is not wrangling Cowboy Joe, she serves as the President of the Chi Omega Sorority.



Sage is a sophomore studying Animal Science with a concentration in Pre-Vet medicine. She is currently the Public Relations Director for the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Outside of academics, she volunteers at the Cheyenne Frontier Days.



Tess is going into her third year as a Cowboy Joe Handler. She is a senior at UW studying Physiology. In her free time she loves to rock climb and bake sourdough.



Upcoming Events this Semester

Thursday,
August 27th

ANSC DEPARTMENT DAY

Monday,
August 31st

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Thursday,
September 10th

ANSC WELCOME BACK
BBQ

Friday,
October 23rd

FARM CREDIT SERVICES
TAILGATE

Stay up to date with
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Upcoming Events



MEAT JUDGING
YOUTH CONTEST SERIES
2026/2027

Hosted by UWyo Meat Judging
OPEN TO YOUTH NATIONWIDE

Contests
Oct. 5
Jan. 8
Feb. 15
Mar. 24
April TBD

Divisions
• Junior
• Intermediate &
• Senior
• Novice
• Limited
• Experienced

Prizes
Contest awards 1st & 2nd
Year-end awards 1st & 2nd

Series rules can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Urgd47>
Stay updated via Facebook @University of Wyoming Meat Judging Team

Contact: mckensie.phillips@uwyo.edu (307) 766-2334



2026-27
WYOMING EQUESTRIAN
ZONE 8 REGION 5 IHSA SHOW
SCHEDULE

 OCT 24-25 (WESTERN) @ CSU	 NOV 7-8 (HUNT SEAT) @ HOME	N NOV 14-15 (WESTERN) @ UNL	 DEC 5-6 (HUNT SEAT) @ CU
 FEB 6-7 (WESTERN) @ CSU	 FEB 20-21 (HUNT SEAT) @ UCCS	N FEB 27-28 (WESTERN) REGIONALS @ UNL	 MAR 6-7 (HUNT SEAT) REGIONALS @ UCCS

Upcoming Events



Toll Free 1-877-644-KEMI (5364)

Leslie Janecka with the
Kentucky Equine Management Internship Program

Will be ON CAMPUS with University of Wyoming,
Animal Science
SEPT. 3RD, Animal Science
AB 104
8:10 AM to 12 PM

Please join us to find out more about this unique
internship opportunity-working with horses in
Lexington, Kentucky
Can't join in? You can email Leslie at
lesliej@kemi.org
See their website here



WELCOME BACK TO LARADISE!

FALL 2026 ANIMAL SCIENCE WORK STUDY POSITIONS - UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

FAFSA FEDERAL WORK-STUDY REQUIRED

Students **MUST** be FAFSA Federal Work-Study
eligible to apply for these positions.



LABORATORY & RESEARCH ROLES

SPECIALIZED LAB ASSISTANCE

- Positions focus on general lab support, reproduction, genetics, and advanced multi-omic research.

ROLE TITLE	JOB ID
Animal Science Lab Assistant	#262376
Reproduction/Genetics Lab Assistant	#262373
Multi-omic Lab Technician	#262377



MEAT & FOOD SCIENCE OPERATIONS

FACILITY & RETAIL OPERATIONS

- Roles range from office administration and sales to hands-on processing and food science.

ROLE TITLE	JOB ID
Meat Lab Office/Sales Assistant	#262366 / #262369
Pre/Post-Operation & Processing	#262370 / #262371
UW Meat & Food Science Assistant	#262375



HOW TO APPLY

Scan QR codes or search Job IDs on the UW Oracle Cloud portal.



SCAN FOR ANIMAL
SCIENCE WORK STUDY
ROLES