

Kasey Herrington

Kasey is from Vienna, Georgia and an Agriscience and Environmental Studies major. Kasey is a Summa Cum Laude graduate with an impressive GPA of 3.92. He has worked in Dr. Bob Kemeraït's lab as a student worker for several years and was named Student Worker of the Year in Plant Pathology in 2018. He is a Double Dawg and will begin his master's program under an assistantship with Dr. Kemeraït, who will also serve as his faculty advisor, next semester.

Anna Orfanou

Anna is originally from Greece, where she received her B.Sc. in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Thessaly. Then, she attended Aarhus University in Denmark and received her M.Sc. in Biosystems Engineering with specialization on Automation and Systems Technology.

In 2016, Anna joined UGA as a Ph.D. student under the direction of Dr. Porter in the Crop and Soil Sciences department. The focus of her Ph.D. was on the management and simulation of agronomic practices for pursuing high maize yields.

Dr. Joe West

Joe West was born and raised on a family farm in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. He worked for several years on the family farm before entering graduate school. He has been employed by the University of Georgia since 1986 and has been located at the Tifton Campus for the majority of his career. Dr. West served as a research and extension dairy scientist and his expertise is the management and nutrition of dairy cows in heat stress conditions. He served as interim department head for the UGA Department of Animal & Dairy Science in Athens from 2002 – 2004 and served as Location Coordinator for the Department of Animal & Dairy Science – Tifton Campus from 2004 through 2007. He became the assistant dean for the University of Georgia – Tifton Campus on July 1, 2008 and held that role until retirement last year. This year, he graciously came out of retirement to serve our College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as Interim Dean and Director.

Katie Murray

Katie Murray graduated from UGA in 2006 with a bachelor's in Agricultural Education. She went on to earn a master's in Agricultural Education in 2010 from NC State. Since then, Katie has worked in the agriculture sector from Colorado to North Carolina to Ethiopia to South Georgia. We were lucky to have Katie join our campus in 2017 as our admissions counselor. Her passion and enthusiasm for agriculture is evidenced by the students she brings to the Tifton campus. As an alumnus of the University of Georgia, Katie represents the best traditions of our university.