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## **\$6,938 USPOULTRY Foundation Student Recruiting Grant Awarded to Wallace State Community College**

The USPOULTRY Foundation awarded a \$6,938 student recruiting grant to Wallace State Community College (WSCC) in Alabama. The grant was made possible in part by an endowing Foundation gift from Peco Foods and was presented to Dr. Melanie Glasscock, poultry science instructor, by WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. Joining in the presentation were several poultry science students and Jason Bynum, agriculture/horticulture production instructor.

Grant funds will be used to produce informational materials regarding Wallace State's Poultry Science 2+2 option, allowing students to take two years of courses at WSCC before transferring to Auburn University to complete a bachelor's degree in poultry science, with options to focus on production, processing and products, pre-veterinarian or food science. Additionally, a networking luncheon is also planned to provide poultry science students with an opportunity to speak to poultry industry representatives.

The USPOULTRY Foundation board approved student recruiting grants totaling \$306,366 to 28 colleges and universities across the United States with a poultry science department or industry-related degree program. The USPOULTRY Foundation provides annual recruiting funds to colleges and universities to attract students to their poultry programs. The grants are made possible by gifts to the Foundation from companies, individuals and families, in addition to funds earned over the years at the International Poultry Expo, part of the International Production & Processing Expo.

### **About USPOULTRY Foundation**

The USPOULTRY Foundation's mission is to support the recruitment and training of the brightest students, seek and fund scientific research, foster student scientists and promote careers in the poultry and egg industry.



Braxton Marshall of Cullman, Vickie Westbrook of Bankston, Nancy North of Hayden, Dr. Melanie Glasscock, biology and poultry science instructor, WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, and Jason Bynum, agriculture/horticulture production instructor