

Happy October! We have some exciting events going on this month! It is Regional Conference time once again! In this Issue of the College Comment, you will find all the information you need for each of the regional locations! But first, we would like to recognize one of our chapter in a special activity they recently participated in!

This past September members of the Utah State University (USU) chapter of TEECA participated in the annual Tractor Parade at USU. Every academic year each college at USU has a week of celebration all to itself. The USU TEECA chapter is in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (CAAS). True to its roots, the CAAS has a tractor parade around campus on the last day of CAAS week. Students and community members take to the streets to watch the parade make its way around campus. This was the first year for USU TEECA to participate and all of the members had a blast showing off TEECA and related majors.



USU TEECA members participating in the annual College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (CAAS) tractor parade, September 2018. Members from left to right, Emma, Andrew, Aaron (Resource Man), Jessie, Brendin (safety helmet), Mono (robot), and Caleb. (Photo by Trevor Robinson)



The line of tractors forming the CAAS tractor parade. (Photo by Trevor Robinson)

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First up this month on our Officer Q&A is our National Reporter, Benjamin Applegate.

**What was your favorite summer activity?**

In the summer, I enjoy watching America's Pastime, working on restoring antique tractors, and going camping.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

I would have to say that my favorite vacation spot is either a remote lake in Minnesota or going out to the mountains of Utah and Bear Lake in Utah.

**What are you most looking forward to this school year?**

I am looking forward to another great year of UNI athletics, Go Panthers, and completing my student teaching in the Cedar Valley.

**What are your three most over-used words/phrases?**

For anyone who knows me, they would all say that I probably so "Let's Go Panthers", "Can it be Purple", or "It's not the 4 tooth logo."

**What did you want to be when you were growing up?**

I wanted to be a farmer when I was growing up but with the price of farmland in the state right now, all I can hope is to take over the family farm someday.

**What do you like to do for fun?**

I like to go to any UNI athletic event I can. I also enjoy spending time on the farm working on machinery and restoring tractors and antique cars.

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

In five years, I hope to be teaching and coaching football at one of the many small town Iowa schools.

**Where is your favorite place to eat?**

My favorite place to eat is either HuHot or Pepper's Sports Bar here in Cedar Falls.

**What is your least favorite food and why?**

My least favorite food is probably any fish or seafood because "Fish is for sport only, not for meat. Fish meat is practically a vegetable". -Ron Swanson

**What have you most enjoyed about TEECA?**

I have enjoyed my four years in TEECA because I have met a great group of future educators, like myself, who are all passionate about the field they teach and the students they may teach. It has been a great four years of getting to know the students in my major at UNI and students nationally.

- TEECA Southwest Region  
October 7-9 Branson, MO  
Co-locates with International STEM Association
- TEECA Midwest Region  
November 2-3 Normal, Ill  
Co-Locates with Illinois Technology Education Conference(ITEC)  
<http://www.teaillinois.org/ITEC>
- TEECA East Region  
November 8-10 Rehoboth Beach, DE <https://teecaeast.org/>

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Next up is out National President-Elect, Jackson Otto.

### **What was your favorite summer activity?**

Over the summer I was lucky enough to go to Sweden for a study abroad! We were able to experience the many different aspects of the Swedish school systems and gain insight as to how they view STEM education.

### **What is your favorite vacation spot?**

My cousins live in Portland Oregon and it's one of my favorite places because of it's interesting culture and amazing hiking near by.

### **What are you most looking forward to this school year?**

I'm super pumped to see what the clubs I am a part of are able to accomplish, specifically how my role as president-elect will influence TEECA nationally!

### **What are your three most over-used words/phrases?**

Yikes, ope, and Not to be dramatic, but What did you want to be when you were growing up? Fun fact; when I was younger I told all my friends and family I wanted to be a Pizza Hut delivery driver... look how far we've come.

### **What do you like to do for fun?**

I love being outside, over involving myself on campus, and hanging with my buds

### **Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

I want to work in a high school for a few years after I graduate but then I want to get involved in governmental curriculum development so hopefully in 5 years I'll be doing something along those lines.

### **Where is your favorite place to eat?**

Honestly Arbys is so slept on, the buffalo chicken slider is straight fire.

### **What is your least favorite food and why?**

I like a majority of foods I believe, but the one thing that I've yet to come around on is seafood so I guess that's it.

### **What have you most enjoyed about TEECA?**

I love the conferences so much and being able to meet all the other future STEM educators and learn from all the assorted discussions and panels. Plus I'm super competitive and love participating in the challenges alongside my fellow Purdue TEECA members!

And finally, we have our National Advisor, Dr. Trevor Robinson.

### **What was your favorite summer activity?**

My wife and I enjoy being outside traveling the country. We love to camp and visit national parks. This past summer we traveled to seven different parks from California to Ohio.

### **What is your favorite vacation spot?**

My favorite vacation spot is away from most civilization, in a peaceful area surrounded by God's creation of nature and animals.

### **What are you most looking forward to this school year?**

This school year is going to be great. It is the second year for the Technology Systems major, the major I work most closely with. I want to meet as many of the new students as I can.

### **What are your three most over-used words/phrases?**

Awesome, sweet, and whatever. I'm a 90's kid.

### **What did you want to be when you were growing up?**

Ever since the seventh grade I wanted to be a teacher of technology education. . . I am living the dream!

### **What do you like to do for fun?**

I watch a lot of sports. Obviously I am a huge USU aggie fan. My wife and I go to all of the home football games. We are debating getting into the basketball games too. I love my Buckeyes!

### **Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

I want to be where I am currently. Teaching at USU surrounded by great students of technology and engineering education and technology systems.

### **Where is your favorite place to eat?**

You can never go wrong with McDonald's, but if I am feeling "fancy" a prime rib steak from Texas Roadhouse is pretty good. The ultimate though is all you can eat shrimp at Red Lobster, I'll take on anyone!

### **What is your least favorite food and why?**

Food that is burned, it ruins the taste.

### **What have you most enjoyed about TEECA?**

I love working with the students and helping them grow into great teachers!