

Successful year for Prairie View students at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo



The 2009 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Open Dairy Goat Show proved to be a fruitful event for members of the 2008-2009 Prairie View A&M University's Goat Exhibition team. The team took home several awards, including a grand champion distinction.

Team Advisor Chandra Adams said some team members put in over 100 hours preparing for the show. "It's been a challenge and it was exciting. For some kids who've never had hands on experience, to give up time to work on goats is great," she said. "They were very dedicated and it showed in their work. It was good see the work that everyone put in paid off."

Sophomore La'Joya Wilburn's Alpine goat, named Nibbles, brought home the Grand Champion Doeling prize. "I started working with her in the spring semester. I worked with her everyday to prepare for the show. I'm very proud of her," Wilburn shared shortly after her win.

The 14 students chose their newborn Alpine, La'Mancha and Nubian milker kids in February 2008 from the International Goat Research Center. Each student was responsible for feeding, walking and milking their chosen kids. A total of 12 doelings and 12 milkers were brought to the Livestock Show. The team participated in nine classes of shows and also won the first place Good Herdsman Award, a first in Prairie View A&M's history of HLSR participation.

"It was a very rewarding experience. The atmosphere with all the international people coming out with the different breeds of goats is something that is educational for me," Sophomore Phillip Wheeler said. "I learned so much and I experienced so much. I'm just glad that I was there."

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo award recipients include:

Grand Champion Doeling

La'Joya Wilburn (Alpine)

First Place Premium

Jamie Green (Nubian Cross)

La'Joya Wilburn (Alpine)

Second Place Premium

Vanessa Walker (Alpine)

Carde' Allen (Alpine Cross)

David Butler (Alpine)

Third Place Premium

Ray Green (La'Mancha Cross)

Danielle Keller (Alpine)

Corylee Thomas (Nubian)

David Butler (Alpine)

Fourth Place Premium

Danielle Keller (Alpine)

Justin Woodard (Alpine)

Carde' Allen (Alpine)

Phillip Wheeler (Alpine)

Ashley Ward (La'Mancha)

Fifth Place Premium

Danielle Keller (Alpine)

Jennifer East (Alpine)

Jamie Green (La'Mancha)