



# SERVICE-LEARNING EXCELLENCE

## Meet Dr. Steven Rayburn – Our new director

“Through service-learning, students not only learn the content and skills they need for their career, they gain a broader sense of themselves and their purpose in the world. The service-learning program exists to promote and support the growth of service-learning opportunities for students across the university.”



### Fiscal Year 2023 metrics

95 Service-Learning Fellows taught 3,746 students!

*Dr. Merritt Drewery*  
Department of Agricultural Sciences



Dr. Merritt Drewery is an associate professor from the Agricultural Sciences department devoted to researching how to enhance the sustainability of beef production through identification of novel feeds or feeding strategies.

**COURSE OFFERED**  
RESEARCH METHODS - AG5365  
COMMUNITY PARTNER: High School students

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Students host a STEM exploration day for high schoolers visiting the university. The day includes a tour of laboratory facilities, an introduction to research and how to conduct it and different science projects.

**STUDENT'S OUTCOMES:** Students learn about various research methodologies and outputs required for the scientific inquiry process for life sciences Master's students.

**ABOUT SERVICE-LEARNING:**  
Service-learning highly impacts students' education by the application of knowledge to real-world situations and soft skills development.  
Service-learning projects brings faculty more satisfying interactions with students and also provides an additional research avenue.  
Community partners can benefit from the closer relationship with the university and the service and knowledge provided by the students.

“My most memorable and impactful classroom moments have all been in my service learning courses.”

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## OUR FELLOWS

Feeling grateful for the dedication of our fellows, we introduced the “FACULTY” section on our website.

Featuring each one of the professors teaching a Service-Learning course, their teaching approach and their research focus.

**MEET THE FACULTY**

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# BUY YOUR GRADUATION HONOR CORDS

If you've completed a Service-Learning Excellence Designated (SLSD) course, you can purchase the Service-Learning Excellence Honor Cords in our website. These cords are to be worn at your commencement ceremony.

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW IMAGE



## SERVICE-LEARNING GOALS

- Students have increasing opportunity for service-learning experiences across the university.
- Students learn by doing and gain a broader perspective of themselves and their potential.
- Students realize their power as change-makers and how they can make a difference in others' lives, in their community, and in the world.



## GRANTS & AWARDS

- Service-Learning Course Development Mini-Grant
- Service-Learning Research Grant
- Service-Learning Teaching Award
- Service-Learning Research Award

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