

**2023 USAS Student Subunit Annual Report**  
USAS student Subunit at Auburn University

382 Mell St, Auburn, AL

**I. Membership**

**a. Number of Members: 22**

**b. Officers**

President: Ashley Hennessey

Vice President: Nicole Tripp

Secretary: Adela Araujo

Treasurer: Michael McDonald

Advisor: David Cline

**b. Subunit's Recommendation for the \$270 Student Early Bird Registration Travel Award to Aquaculture America**

a. Adela Araujo, Master's Student, Masters in Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Sciences

b. Adela has served diligently as secretary this year and she has contributed a significant amount of time and energy to cultivating the shrimp for the shrimp sale. She continuously volunteers at all our events throughout the year. She is also the designated presenter of the subunit's oral presentation at Aquaculture America 2024. Adela has the subunit's highest recommendation for this award.

**c. Chapter Activities and Events**

Dozens of members cultivated, harvested, and sold 5000 pounds of shrimp at the **Annual Shrimp Sale**.

10+ members participated in **Roadside and Stream Cleanups**.

10+ members assisted over 40 International students for an **International students' fishing day** event.

Dozens of members hosted/attended shrimp boil **tailgate socials** in collaboration with other campus organizations before Auburn football games

The subunit hosted an **Undergraduate Networking event** in collaboration with AFS subunit where stakeholders, government entities, and other private contractors connected with 20+ students.

Hosted **monthly meetings with high-level lectures** to 15+ students by outstanding speakers from both industry and academia.

10+ members volunteered with local **Ag-day** hosting a painted fish press station and "backyard bass" station reaching over 200 community members.

As well as many other casual socials and meetups for members to fraternize.

### **III. Chapter Changes from previous year (if applicable)**

Membership has dropped from 25 to 22. We have changed bank accounts and updated the procedure for officer turnover.

### **IV. Chapter Struggles/Concerns or areas for improvement**

We continue to strive to reach undergraduate students, our membership is primarily comprised of graduate students. We also always strive to retain member interest and increase membership status overall. Our organization has prioritized improving officer transitions this year. In the future, this should also include social media accounts, as we currently do not have access to old accounts.

### **V. Photos**



**Members (Kate Pottle, Leticia Hoag) and their friends and families package shrimp for the Annual Shrimp Sale. It can take 12+ hours to process and package shrimp on the day they are harvested, and every year the most amazing volunteers show up to participate.**



**Member, Matthew Rudd, waits to catch shrimp from the delivery truck that arrived from Dauphin Island, AL.**



**Members, Michael, Sam, and Max, sell the iconic “Auburn fish” merchandise at the Ag Round Up event hosted by the College of Agriculture at Auburn University.**



**A tailgate hosted in collaboration with the American Fisheries Society subunit whom we work very closely in most of our events.**



**Students enjoy the fruits of their labor at the Shrimp Boil Tailgate after the Annual Shrimp Sale.**



**Members, Lexie, Nicole, Hannah, and Ehlana, assist children and adults in making fish prints using molds made from local fish and mollusk species.**



**Members held a welcome-back social at Good Times Bowling Alley.**

**V. Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance: **\$8,906.21**

We have awarded **\$1,213 across 5 scholarships** in conference attendance grants and hope to provide even more in the future.

**V. Updated Bylaws (if applicable):**

**Auburn University has instituted an additional clause on discrimination:**

No university student may be denied membership on the basis of sex (sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression), race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or protected veteran status as outlined in the Auburn University Policy against Discrimination and Harassment.