

# NEW TO AGBIO



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# WELCOME



You are now part of the best college on campus! The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has fabulous undergrad programs that will show you how to link environmental awareness with efficient production of healthy food for a growing world, use your business acumen and understand the government policies that control things—all providing you with a foundation for a wonderful career in the province, the country and the world.

Although Agros only make up about eight per cent of the University of Saskatchewan's undergraduates, we provide 90 per cent of the fun on campus! Your fellow students are diverse and welcoming, so you can make friends quickly and get involved in activities with them that will give you fun stories to remember all your life. Your classes will be interesting — challenging yes, but exposing you to ideas you never dreamed of. Your professors are great teachers who enjoy teaching and being with you, in class, and in the many labs, hands-on field courses, at your events, and just chatting with you whenever and wherever you bump into each other.

Those professors also do amazing research — addressing issues such as climate change, animal impacts on environments and humans, precision agriculture, big data, improving crops, developing policy and business models, reclaiming damaged land, creating better feed for animals, designing and processing healthy human foods, discovering genes that code for robustness and disease

resistance, producing fuel or fibre or plastics from wastes or from crops grown on land where food crops can't grow, and improving global food security and water quality and availability — things the world needs now more than ever. Your professors are prolific and active researchers on campus, and you will have lots of opportunities to join them in their efforts during your years here.

Over 90 per cent of our students have jobs every summer and most have several jobs to choose from upon graduation. That's because we focus on renewable resources and sustainably producing healthy food and bioproducts that are always in demand by consumers locally and globally.

As Agros we are dedicated to stewarding our precious world and addressing the diverse needs of people locally, nationally and globally.

Welcome to the best college on campus!

**Mary Buhr, Dean**  
**College of Agriculture and Bioresources**



# AgBio Students' Association

Congratulations on being accepted into the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and becoming an official Agro! The AgBio Students' Association (ASA) is a volunteer group elected by the student body. Our goal is to encourage AgBio students to make your experiences as an Agro and as a USask student rewarding, memorable, and lastly, a good time. Throughout the school year, the ASA organizes a variety of different events for social, academic and athletic levels that benefit students and the community.

Starting university can be challenging, but the sooner you get involved, the easier the transition will be. It may be scary at the start and a little overwhelming, but get out there, start a conversation, meet some new friends and know there are many students in the same situation. The ASA and other students in the college are here to help make sure you succeed and enjoy your time at USask as an Agro!

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has opportunities for everyone. Our diverse programs, clubs and teams allow you to find your niche and to apply yourself in a variety of ways. We have clubs and teams that cover a number of different interests, including the environment, bioresources, horticulture, food science, animal production, range management, marketing and many more! There are also Agro Campus Rec sports teams, from hockey to inner-tube water polo. There are endless ways to get involved and meet new people. University is a place to explore, expand your interests and find your passion.

To make sure you know what's going on in AgBio, visit the student lounge just off the atrium and buy an ASA Membership. You can also follow us on Twitter @UofSAgros and join the UofS Agros on Facebook to keep up with events and special



AgBio student Raela Colliness and ASA President Tyler Crowe at the AgBio student awards ceremony.

dates. To keep things old fashioned, we have a weekly ASA newsletter available in the lounge and a monthly calendar to let you know about upcoming events and deadlines.

You have chosen to be a part of the best college on campus! Students in our college have an abundance of career opportunities over the summer breaks and after graduation. There is a ton of fun to be had, so make sure to attend every event possible and make the most of your time here!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [tyler.crowe@usask.ca](mailto:tyler.crowe@usask.ca). The ASA's job is to make every year the absolute best for each student. University is what you make it, so get involved and get out there! Let the countdown begin for some of the most memorable times!

**Tyler Crowe**  
**ASA President**

# Expand your world

AgBio student groups are a wonderful way to meet like-minded individuals and grow as a person, The College of Agriculture and Bioresources is lucky to have very engaged students who have developed a diverse selection of thriving student groups for you to be a part of!

## STUDENT GROUPS

- **Agricultural Students' Association (ASA)**
- **U of S Stockman's Club**
  - Beef Team
  - Dairy Team
  - Judging Team
  - Rangeland Team
  - Rodeo Team
- **Ag Bizz Club**
- **Canadian Agri-Marketing Association Student Chapter**
- **Environmental and Bioresources Student Association**
- **Environmental Sciences Student Association**
- **Food and Bioproduct Sciences Club**
- **Horticulture Club**
- **SASK 4-H Club**
- **Animal (Bio)Science Club**

## JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY

Learn to adapt more quickly to university by taking part in a Learning Community. You will benefit from the mentorship and support of successful upper-year students, as well as recent graduates, who will help you develop the skills you need to be successful in this new academic environment.

In a Learning Community, you will take a set of the same classes together with other new students in your college/program and take part in a weekly LC hour designed to enhance your learning, skills and community connections.

Sign-up for Learning Communities opens May 1 at noon. Spaces are limited, so make sure to get your spot early! Sign up online at [usask.ca/lc](https://usask.ca/lc).

## READ YOUR USASK EMAIL

Access your USask email by logging into PAWS ([paws.usask.ca](https://paws.usask.ca)), with your Network Services ID (NSID) and password. For assistance, contact the ICT Service Desk by telephone at 306-966-2222 or 1-800-966-4817 (toll free in Canada). It is essential that you check your email regularly to ensure you receive important communications from the university—it is the only way we communicate with you regularly.

# RBC LEARN TO WORK, WORK TO LEARN PROGRAM

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has expanded experiential learning opportunities for students and has launched the RBC Learn to Work, Work to Learn Program. This program helps students develop the necessary skills to enter the workforce and to enhance their career opportunities. These workforce skills have been identified by our industry partners.

## Students can be involved in the program by:

- **Attending workshops** on communication, professionalism, resume building, negotiation, critical thinking and networking.
- **Attending college events** such as AgBio Challenge (a case competition with cash prizes), AgBio Career Fair, Career Meetups, Canada Ag Day, and local conferences to interact with industry partners, faculty and fellow students.
- **Completing AGRC 445: Experiential Learning in the Workplace.** This course provides a skills-focused learning course for students before, during and after summer work experience under the shared guidance of industry mentors and faculty facilitators. Built around the summer work experience are numerous employment workshops, seminars and industry networking events to enhance student learning through professional practice and direct mentorship.

## LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

### [students.usask.ca](https://students.usask.ca)

Your guide to being a USask student.

### [paws.usask.ca](https://paws.usask.ca)

Your personalized access to web services.

### [agbio.usask.ca](https://agbio.usask.ca)

Your source for all things AgBio.

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