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Dear FACAA Educational Committee,

I would like to thank you for the \$607 scholarship. I attended both the NACAA Animal Science Pre-Conference Tour and the NACAA AM/PIC in Fort Wayne, Indiana, September 5-11, 2019. The scholarship was combined with County travel budget and program enhancement funds to cover the expenses of this Conference.

The pre-conference animal science tour provides a first-hand look at some of the elite livestock operations in the host state. The two-day trip also provides a forum for interaction with fellow agents from across the country, to gain programing ideas to take back for use in my home county. I serve on the NACAA Animal Science Committee and will be working with this group to develop future plans for 2020 when Florida will host the National meeting.

I also participated in the NACAA AM/PIC that provided numerous invited speakers, as well as poster and abstract presentations from agents all over the country. The four day schedule was jam packed with valuable training. I also participated in a livestock tour on the final day of the conference. I gained new ideas on cattle production and agritourisim that I can utilize in my programming back in my home county.

In my opinion there is no better national professional training available for agricultural extension agents than the NACAA AM/PIC. The training agents receive from fellow agents and specialists working directly in agricultural extension have been the most valuable In-service trainings I have received over the years. Thank you for this opportunity.

Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Mayo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Mayo
Jackson County Extension Director