

# LAUREN COWDEN

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## EDUCATION

### Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce TX

- Master of Science in Agricultural Sciences, May 2017 | GPA: 4.0
- Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Minor in Animal Science, May 2016 | GPA: 4.0

## EXPERIENCE

### *Credit Analyst/Lending Assistant/New Accounts, November 2017-Present*

#### Texas Heritage National Bank, Sulphur Springs, TX

- Assist loan officers with production and maintenance of consumer, commercial and agricultural loan documents
- Service new and existing loan profiles
- Conduct credit analysis for new and existing loan portfolios
- Open new accounts for savings, checking, and time deposits

### *Adjunct Faculty-Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, August 2016-Present*

#### Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX

- Agricultural Communications (AG 300)
- Natural Resources Management (AMC 423)

### *Field Representative Intern, May 2015-September 2017*

#### Dairy Farmers of America, Sulphur Springs, TX

- Completed Gold Standard Farm Evaluations across Southeastern United States
- Developed data reports evaluating milk quality and check comparisons
- Developed electronic data base for Sulphur Springs Lab to track state and DFA samples

### *Graduate Assistant, June 2016-May 2017*

#### Texas A&M University – Commerce, School of Agriculture, Commerce, TX

- Coordinated Agriculture Networking Night event
- Organized recruitment efforts for new students
- Taught Professional Agricultural Communications (Ag 300) and assisted with research projects

## ACTIVITIES

- President, Women's Agriculture Society, 2014-2016
- Secretary, Women's Agriculture Society, 2016-2017
- Vice President, Agribusiness Club, 2015-2016
- School of Agriculture Ag Ambassador 2015-2017
- Secretary, Cumby Young Farmers, 2019

## HONORS

- Texas FFA Lone Star Degree, Summer 2012
- Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities Award, 2014
- President's List at Grayson College, December 2013, 2014
- President's Scholar at TAMUC, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Most Outstanding Agribusiness Student Award, 2015
- School of Agriculture Most Outstanding Junior Award, 2015
- School of Agriculture Most Outstanding Senior Award, 2016
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, SAEA Ag Communications Poster Presentation, 2017
- School of Agriculture Most Outstanding Graduate Student, 2017
- Employee of the Year, 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Latinos in Agriculture Leaders Conference, 2015
- Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Beef Cattle Seminar, 2015
- Women in Agriculture and Small Business Conference, 2015, 2016
- Southern Agricultural Economics Association Conference and Quiz Bowl, 2015
- Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Conference, 2016
- TAMUS 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium (Poster Presentation), 2016
- Strategic Planning Committee (Academic Excellence & Recognition for School of Ag), 2016
- Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists Ag Communications Conference, 2017

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Judge, Texas A&M University – Commerce Invitational LDE Contest (Radio Broadcasting), 2014
- Annual School of Agriculture Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Volunteer, Texas A&M University – Commerce Invitational CDE Contest, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Volunteer, TAMUC Blueberry Farm, 2015, 2016
- Volunteer, TAMUC Greenhouse, 2015
- Fundraising Coordinator/Team Captain for Women's Ag Society Relay for Life Team, 2015, 2016
- Volunteer, Hooves and Halos Special Needs Rodeo, 2015
- Judge, Texas A&M University – Commerce Invitational LDE Contest (Ag Issues), 2015
- Judge, East Texas State Fair Public Speaking Contest, 2015, 2016
- Judge, District LDE Contest, North Forney High School, 2015
- Recruitment at Texas FFA State Convention, 2016
- Recruitment at Texas 4-H Round-up, 2016
- Teacher Workshop Facilitator, National FFA Convention, 2016
- Judge, Ag Sales Area V & VI CDE Contest, 2017, 2019
- Cumby FFA Dinner & Auction, 2017-2020