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***FAPC honors meat pilot plant student workers through Student of the Month program***

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***(Stillwater, Okla. – Feb. 18, 2010)*** Oklahoma State University's Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center is honoring its meat plant student employees through a Student of the Month program.

Jarred Campbell, OSU agricultural leadership senior from Idabel, Okla., was named the FAPC Meat Pilot Plant Student of the Month for January 2010.

"It's a big honor and privilege to be selected as student of the month," Campbell said. "To be put in the same category as the other students who have been named student of the month is very humbling."

Campbell has worked for the FAPC for more than one year. Following graduation in May, he plans to work as a feed sales representative for the Livestock Nutrition Center in Foreman, Ark.

"I always try to put myself around good people, and the environment at the FAPC is friendly and happy," Campbell said. "It's great to work at a place where people take pride in their jobs."

The FAPC started the Meat Pilot Plant Student of the Month program in March 2009 to encourage a competition among student workers in the pilot plant that focuses on being safety and quality conscious, said Kyle Flynn, FAPC meat plant manager.

"We wanted to create a reward-based program for students to follow rules with positive reinforcement instead of negative reinforcement," Flynn said. "The program is working well because we have not had a safety incident with any FAPC student employee since starting the program."

In addition to Campbell, other students who have been named Student of the Month include Kacie George, March 2009; Tyler Lovett, April and December 2009; Sara Settlemire, September 2009; Byron Jones, October 2009; and Zach Robertson, November 2009.

In addition to bragging rights for that month, the Student of the Month gets a \$50 bonus and the individuals name and picture on a plaque hanging in the FAPC.

"It's a friendly competition because you are competing against your friends," Campbell said. "Once you are named Student of the Month, you have to uphold it. Do your job and don't mess around."

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