

# THE ACHIEVER

## OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Secretary, Amber Dunnaway



Amber Dunnaway, our Secretary, is a senior at Tennessee Tech University majoring in Agriculture with a concentration in Agronomy and Soils. After graduating Amber hopes to get a job working for the NRCS as a soil conservationist and own a small farm.

### **A Little about Amber:**

**Achievements:** Completed a creative inquiry grant titled “Increasing the population of varroa mite resistant honey bees in the Upper Cumberland region” in the summer of 2016. Out of this grant came an increase in the populations of honey bees at TTU and a documentary covering honey bee biology

and current events and concerns in the beekeeping industry today. This documentary has served as a teaching resource for agriculture teachers in Tennessee.

**3 of her favorite things:** Her blue heeler, Leo; honey bees, and coffee.

**Interests & Activities:** She loves being outdoors; hiking, biking, kayaking, or exploring a park with her husband, Brandon. One of her favorite activities is helping take care of the honey bees at Tennessee Tech.

**3 words she would use to describe herself:** hard-worker, outdoorsy, ambitious

**Why is Agriculture important to her?** Agriculture is all around us. From the coffee we pour in the morning, the cloths we put on, each meal throughout the day to the fuel we put into our cars to travel from place to place. Getting to be a part of agriculture and knowing I will make a difference in agriculture throughout my life and career is truly fulfilling.

Words to live by: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5



## DTA AROUND THE NATION

Sam Houston State University- Discussed several chapter functions such as t-shirts for members, service projects, social events and their Corbus book. Also had their Fall Initiation inducting 29 new members and having a guest speaker.

Eastern Kentucky University- Committees gave updates on planning National Convention and many chapter activities such as a social bonfire, apparel sales for a fundraiser, etc. Members also voted on future meeting dates, changes to chapter by-laws and to participate in new service projects.

Tennessee Tech University- New initiates were voted on and plans were made for a ceremony with their families, service and fundraising projects were discussed, reports were read, and guest speakers for future meetings were voted on.

### Final Announcements:

Check out the national website at <http://nationaldta.weebly.com/>

Checkout our Facebook Page: National Delta Tau Alpha Agriculture Honor Society

Be sure to send your Form 40's, on the national website, to our president Bethany McKinney at [bethany\\_mckinney19@mymail.eku.edu](mailto:bethany_mckinney19@mymail.eku.edu)

National Convention will be April 5th-7th 2018 at Eastern Kentucky University!

