

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA TAKES SECOND PLACE AT THE 2007 ALL-AMERICAN COLLEGIATE JUDGING CONTEST IN HARRISBURG, PENN.

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Nearly 150 individual youth in 37 teams competed in the All American 4-H, FFA and Collegiate contests. The competition consists of ten classes dairy cattle placings and five sets of oral reasons. The tropical storm made the trip up a little longer than planned. We checked into our motel at 2am on Friday night. The team practiced on 11 classes at three beautiful dairy farms across Maryland prior to the contest. After a little fun in Lancaster Co. and Chocolate World in Hershey, it was time to head to Harrisburg. Competing against 18 other collegiate teams, UGA was awarded second place. The team, led by Coach Dr. Bill Graves, was comprised of Heather Savelle, Matt London, Amanda Eade and Meredith Stovall. The team lost by only two points out of a possible 2250 to the top place team from University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

University of Georgia student Heather Savelle was named high individual of the collegiate contest with 695 points out of 750 points. Matt was fourth with 690 points. Heather also placed first in oral reasons. The team was eighth in oral reasons. Matt London also placed first in placings, Heather was 5th and the team was first, out placing the other teams by 12 points. Both Heather and the team were first in Ayrshires and Matt was eighth. Matt was 7th in Brown Swiss and the team was 4th. The team was 8th in Guernseys, 9th in Holsteins and 3rd in Jerseys. Heather was 5th and Matt was 6th in Jerseys as well. A huge thank you to Bobby Smith, Morgan Co. Extension Leader, for traveling with the team to PA and helping with the trip and practices.

