



# Field Notes

Growing Opportunities  
in Agriculture at Rhodes State

January 2025

## Diggin' In



## What's on the Horizon?

### Lead the Change in Agriculture

Rhodes State College proudly presents the “Lead the Change in Agriculture” event on March 21st, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, designed to inspire and connect the next generation of agricultural leaders. This dynamic event brings together high school students with top agricultural employers for an engaging day filled with hands-on activities, demonstrations, and networking opportunities. Students will gain valuable insight into how their coursework translates into real-world agricultural careers, explore diverse career paths, and make connections that could shape their futures in this ever-evolving industry. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to unlock your potential and lead the change in agriculture. Register your students now!

[Click to Register!](#)

## A Great Kick-off in the New Year

The new year is off to a strong start here at Rhodes State College! January kicked off with exciting progress, fueled by the AG REACH grant. Danielle Banks, our Outreach Specialist, has been hard at work connecting with the next generation of agricultural leaders.

This month alone, Danielle visited seven school districts and engaged with over 130 students, introducing them to the world of agricultural innovation. These students are preparing to participate in the Ag Commodity Tester Exam, hosted at Rhodes State on Friday, January 31. This hands-on experience gives students valuable insight into the critical role commodities play in agriculture and opens doors to future career opportunities in the industry.

Want to keep up with Danielle's journey? Follow along on Facebook to see which school she visits next and catch highlights from her travels throughout the year. Her efforts are paving the way for students to explore new possibilities in agricultural technology, and we're excited to see the impact this initiative will continue to have in our community.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue growing and advancing agricultural education in 2025!

## Women in Ag

### Lunch and Learn Continues

We are excited to continue the Rhodes State College Lunch and Learn series in 2025!

Join us virtually on February 20, 2025, at noon for an engaging session with Tomika Walker, Assistant State Conservationist with the Ohio Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). With extensive experience in conservation and outreach, Ms. Walker plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and implementing NRCS initiatives throughout Ohio.



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This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand from a leader dedicated to protecting Ohio's natural resources. Don't miss the chance to gain a deeper understanding of conservation efforts and their impact on local communities.

Join us for this informative discussion and be inspired to contribute to sustainable practices in agriculture. To register, contact Danielle Banks at banks.d@rhodesstate.edu. We encourage instructors to organize class watch parties to make it an interactive learning experience!