FACULTY IMPACT STORIES

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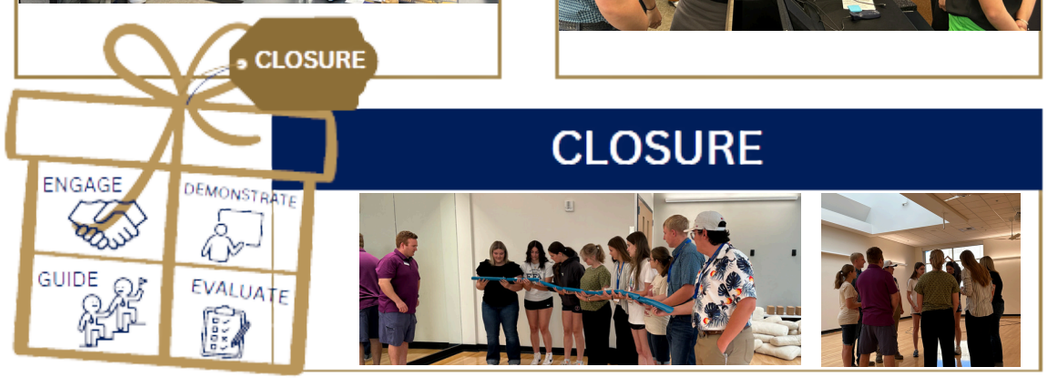
eDucATE



- The Bobcat Experience at Montana State
- Agricultural Education Major Exploration
- Build Community with Peers and Mentors
- Enhance Knowledge in Ag and Tech Ed

eDucATE
Montana State University

RECRUTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS

Dr. Emily Sewell's research agenda is focused on a sustainable educator workforce. Three critical components to this workforce are 1. recruitment for future educators, 2. professional development for quality educators, and 3. programming that actively and effectively retains educators. As a new teacher educator in Montana, Dr. Sewell introduced a new program to recruit current high school students to pursue a degree in agricultural education at their Land Grant Institution, Montana State University.

eDucATE is a three-day program during the summer for Montana High School students to explore their future as an Agricultural Education student within the Department of Agricultural and Technology Education. eDucATE offers students an on-campus experience that exposes them to the campus housing, Rendeavous Dining Pavilion, various learning spaces, and student resources such as the Student Wellness Center. Dr. Sewell and undergraduate program leaders cultivate a cohort for these future students to learn about their career options while experiencing the personalized support and community that will guide them through their undergraduate journey at Montana State University and into their professional careers.

Dr. Sewell's introduction of the eDucATE program is meerly an extension of the work she is doing in the classroom with pre-service agricultural education teachers and her involvement with the Montana and National Association of Agricultural Educators. This program is the first step she has taken in building programming that will create a sustainable educator workforce in the state of Montana.