Position Announcement: County Extension Agent – Agriculture & Natural Resources – Muscogee County

Headquarters: Columbus, GA, NW District  Position Available: Immediately  www.columbusgachamber.com

Muscogee County is home to the city of Columbus with a population over 200,000, currently ranking 5th largest in the state. Columbus sits directly on the Chattahoochee River which is a water source for drinking and irrigation not only for the city, but also for communities and agricultural areas south including the states of Alabama and Florida. Muscogee County water quality and conservation education is critical. The large population base next to a major waterway creates an important need for non-point source pollution, water conservation, and other water related education programs for individuals and green industry businesses.

Qualifications: This position requires:
- Successful experience in program development and management, a demonstrated communication ability as well as skills in leadership and management, and a demonstrated ability to multi-task;
- A demonstrated ability to work as a team member and with groups and committees;
- The ability to design, coordinate, and teach educational programs to meet community needs; and
- A Bachelor’s degree in Horticulture, Crop & Soil Science, Plant Protection & Pest Management, Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Agricultural Education, General Agriculture, Environmental Sciences, or closely related area (a Master’s degree is strongly preferred).

Major Responsibilities:
- Responsible for managing the Agricultural & Natural Resources program in the county by providing educational opportunities to a wide variety of audiences utilizing a variety of teaching methods
- Utilizes the expertise of advisory groups, community leaders, public officials and representatives of intended audiences to analyze data, identify needs, and assist in developing educational programs
- Develops a plan of work that is equitable in meeting the varied socio-economic needs of the county
- Targets specific audiences for educational programs addressing critical issues identified in plan of work
- Implements the CAES Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity plan and ensures that clientele understand that UGA Extension offers its educational programs, assistance, and materials to all people without regard to race, sex, gender identity, color, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, or veteran status
- Develops and conducts relevant interdisciplinary programs with other staff members based on critical issues
- Collaborates with other agencies and community groups to plan and implement programs
- Conducts promotional efforts to expand the public’s view of extension programming
- Utilizes current research data and information on emerging issues in program development and teaching
- Demonstrates personal interest and involvement in community by participating in and supporting civic/community activities/organizations and networking with community leaders
- See www.caes.uga.edu/intranet/coextopr/pdfs/coextagentjd.pdf for a listing of other responsibilities.

Starting Salary & Benefits: $40,400/year for Master’s Degree (Bachelor’s $34,500) in appropriate subject area as well as an excellent benefits package is available as a faculty member of the University of Georgia

Administrative Relationships: This position serves as a UGA Public Service Faculty Member and a member of the Muscogee County Extension Staff (http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/muscogee/) and is under the direction and leadership of the Muscogee County Extension Coordinator and the Northwest District Extension Director.

Application Procedures: To ensure consideration, your application must be received in UGA Human Resources’ iPAWS system. Apply online at www.ugajobsearch.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=66552 (Posting Number 20151138) under “County Extension Agents”. Please direct any questions to: UGA CAES Business Office, 215 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602, (706) 542-2373, caesohr@uga.edu. You will be asked to provide an official transcript of the highest degree obtained and three letters of reference if selected as the final candidate. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status.

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