

Shawn Russell

Mr. Russell, a dedicated professional with a rich background in agricultural education and research. With 3.5 years of experience as a farm team supervisor at the Blackwood Educational Land Institute in Waller County, he has been at the forefront of cultivating the next generation's interest in agriculture.

In his role, Mr. Russell led diverse groups of volunteers, spanning from elementary age to older adults, in engaging field projects, imparting essential agricultural skills, and fostering a love for sustainable farming practices. His commitment extended to assisting with summer camps, teaching farm school to youth aged five to eleven, and delivering educational tours and programs to schools and independent groups.

Notably, Mr. Russell played a crucial role in educating vulnerable populations, particularly youth involved in the juvenile justice system, about farming, decision-making, and crucial life skills. His passion for making a positive impact on the community through agricultural education shines through in every aspect of his work.

Before his tenure at the Blackwood Educational Land Institute, Mr. Russell served as a research technician at the Cooperative Agriculture Research Center at PVAMU for 3.5 years. There, he honed his skills and earned an undergraduate degree in Agribusiness, laying a strong foundation for his future endeavors in the agricultural field.

Adding a touch of international experience to his journey, Mr. Russell spent a year as an assistant chef and farmhand at the Eits Cafe, Farm, and Resort in Jamaica. Through this unique experience, he further expanded his knowledge and skills, bringing a global perspective to his work.

Mr. Russell's holistic approach to agriculture, blending hands-on experience, educational outreach, and research, sets him apart as a well-rounded professional dedicated to fostering a sustainable, and knowledgeable farming community. Mr. Russell is looking forward to serving Waller County and its members.