

## Clary's Cool Job Keeps Her Down On The Farm

Bridgette Clary's job is cool because it allowed her to follow her heart into farming, something she was raised on and dearly loves. She started her new job on March 6 and is the Virginia Territory Sales Representative for Zeigler's Distributor, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

"I am responsible for overseeing existing accounts and generating new sales for my territory. Zeigler's is a family-owned pet food and supply distributor that distributes several high-quality brands," she said.

An SVCC alumnus with an Associate of Applied Sciences with specialization in Agribusiness, she said, "When I first started college I was on a totally different career path than Agribusiness, but growing up on the farm and being involved with it my whole life, eventually my heart led me 'home'."

She notes that she grew up on her great grandparent's farm near Alberta where they raised beef cattle, tobacco and small grains. She spent her childhood on the farm and her parents often had to beg her to come home. This is also where she was introduced to cattle or 'moo cows' and continues her love of raising these animals.

"I currently live on a beef cattle and small grain farm with my fiancé, David, where we breed and raise Sim/Angus and Black Angus cattle along with wheat and soybeans. When I'm not working or showing dogs, I enjoy spending my time riding my horses and working cattle," she said.

After her graduation from SVCC, Clary continued to work in the agriculture field with a sales job at E.E. Vaughan and Sons in Lawrenceville and, with animals, at Brunswick Veterinary Clinic in Lawrenceville.

"My biggest piece of advice to any new student, or any student for that matter, would be to never give up on your dreams.

It was important for me to be able to study the field I wanted to major in and remain close to home on the farm. I compete in AKC dog shows across the country all throughout the year and

being able to remain close to home and study my field of choice while being home on the weekends to attend shows was ideal. I have been involved with competition hunting and showing Coonhounds since I was 13 and currently raise, breed and handle national winning UKC and AKC registered Treeing Walker and Bluetick Coonhounds.

My advisor and AGR teacher, Dr. Dixie Watts Dalton was a huge part of my success at SVCC. I will forever be grateful to her and SVCC for offering such an amazing program!

In the future, continuing my education in anything that is agriculturally based is very important to me. My goal is to continue to be actively involved with the agriculture field through my current job and any future job I may hold as well as continue to produce and raise beef cattle.”