The Poultry Science Association Foundation (PSA Foundation) is pleased to report that two outstanding M.S. candidates supported by the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation Gift are currently enrolled as beginning students. Ms. Veronica Nacchia is a M.S. candidate in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at the University of Delaware working under the guidance of Dr. Hong Li, Assistant Professor. She is conducting research entitled “Impact of behavioral activity change with environmental enrichments on leg health of broilers”. Nacchia worked as an intern at Perdue Farms which was supported by the Andrew F. Giesen III Undergraduate Internship Program prior to beginning her academic career at the University of Delaware.

Ms. Brittany Wood is a M.S. candidate in the Department of Animal Science at the University of California-Davis. Wood will be working under the guidance of Dr. Maja Makagon, Assistant Professor, with support from Dr. Richard Blatchford, Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist in the Department of Animal Science. She will conduct research entitled “Is scatter feeding enriching for broilers”? Wood is a graduate of Tuskegee University where she majored in Animal Science. The Arthur W. Perdue Fellowship Awards through the Poultry Science Association Foundation are selected through a nationally competitive process. Arthur W. Perdue Foundation’s grant for the education of talented graduate students pursuing a career in poultry science was made through the PSA Foundation Capital Campaign (Charting Our Course – Securing Future Leadership for Poultry).

The Inaugural Arthur W. Perdue M.S. Fellowships currently awarded to these outstanding students will be followed by the award of the Inaugural Arthur W. Perdue Ph.D. Fellowship in 2018-19 with the focus on poultry housing enrichments as they affect the health and well-being of chicken broilers. The recipient of the Arthur W. Perdue Ph.D. Fellowship Award through the Poultry Science Association Foundation will be selected through a nationally competitive process.