

Report on Advisor Visit by Kim Williams

to Megan Nelson

Tagawa Greenhouses' Foothills Location, Arvada, CO

March 15-17, 2023

I conducted an advisor visit to Megan Nelson at Tagawa Greenhouse Enterprises' Foothills location on March 16, 2023, in Arvada, Colorado. To begin the morning, after meeting with Bill Kluth, Megan and I spent the next three hours touring the facility. I met her co-workers and supervisors, who all had wonderful things to say about her work. The facility was transitioning between young plant production to finish production, so it was great to see aspects of both processes. A highlight was talking with Matt Briggs, Director of Operations, and former Ball Intern, who has been with Tagawa for 5 years now since finishing his B.S. in Horticulture at Kansas State.



Megan and I with some K-State pansies!



K-Staters Matt Briggs, myself, and Megan Nelson.

On the evening of March 16, Randy Tagawa treated Bill Kluth, Megan, my daughter Allie and I to dinner in Boulder, Colorado, about 30 minutes from Arvada (photo next page). Randy had driven back from Tagawa's Estancia facility that day, and Megan was being reassigned to their new Picadilly facility the next day, so we had conversation about how operations were integrated across facilities. The fact that Megan was being assigned as Assistant Grower at the Picadilly facility as a stop-gap measure shows the confidence that they have in her skillset and work ethic. She is doing a fantastic job!



Megan, Bill Kluth, Randy Tagawa, and myself at the restaurant in Boulder, Colorado.



Heinrich, a newer grower from Iowa State, with whom Megan has been working.