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Spring 2010 Commencement

Please Mark Your Calendars!

The College of Agricultural Sciences Spring 2010 Commencement exercises will be held at Eisenhower Auditorium on **Saturday, May 15th at 9:00 AM.** Watch for more details!

New Eco-Friendly Student Academic Regalia

Beginning with the Spring 2010 commencement, the Penn State graduation gown is going "green." Commencement attire will remain blue, but it will be environmentally friendly as well. The new "blue" is noticeably different from the color of the gowns worn at previous commencements. The new "blue" more accurately represents the official Penn State Blue. For that reason, we ask graduating students to refrain from wearing gowns from past commencement ceremonies. For more information on the environmentally friendly gown, visit: <http://live.psu.edu/story/43562>.

Graduation Brunch

This special brunch, hosted by the Alumni Society, provides an opportunity for our newest graduates and their families to mingle with faculty, administrators, other graduates, and our alumni family. The brunch will be served as guests arrive. We are happy to provide you with one complimentary ticket for the event, and additional tickets may be purchased at \$15 each; however, all tickets must be reserved in advance. There will be no admission at the door without tickets. Please register online at www.agsci.psu.edu/alumni by clicking on the header Spring Graduation Brunch – May 15, 2010. All reservations must be made by **Monday, May 10, 2010.** We look forward to having you with us to celebrate this happy event in the lives of our students.

Gamma Sigma Delta Research Expo

Wednesday-Thursday, March 17-18, 2010 at Forestry Building Lobby

This annual Expo provides both graduate and undergraduates with the opportunity to share their research with a larger audience - those not in the same areas of professional interest. The Expo's purpose is to communicate the value of science to a general audience in terms that the public can

understand, and to those in other areas of professional interest.

Undergraduate and graduate students advised by a faculty member in the College of Agricultural Sciences are eligible to participate. About \$3700 in prize monies will be awarded.



Academic Advising Corner!

eLion Updates

AIS has discovered a number of recurring problems affecting ARUEC and eLion Advising Notes that we believe are caused by copying email messages and pasting them directly into the eLion "Adviser Comments" box. Please discontinue this practice immediately. Although it can be convenient to paste email messages to/from students into eLion, it's better to paraphrase this information for several reasons. In addition to the problems that copying and pasting can cause to student records, it is (according to the University's Privacy Office) inappropriate to record a student's e-mail message as a verbatim advising note. It is acceptable, however, to summarize and record the academic content of that e-mail in your own words, if it is relevant to advising the student.

The Registrar's office has added a Holds application to the adviser section of eLion. Advisers can use this app to view any holds that have been placed on a student's record. The adviser version is very similar to the student version, which was made available earlier. Any questions/comments should be directed to Carol Findley (csf3@psu.edu) in the Registrar's office.

Digital Commons in ASI 109 is Coming Soon!

Faculty Participation in Needs Assessment Survey Requested

The College of Agriculture and the Penn State Media Commons are currently in the process of planning a new facility in the Agricultural Sciences and Industry Building where faculty and students will be able to work on and get support for the creation of digital media for teaching and learning. In order to ensure that this facility meets your needs, we are asking that you complete the following short survey. Thank you for your time!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P6CPS9Y>

Office for Undergraduate Education Campus Visits

The Office for Undergraduate Education will visit a number of campuses this fall, and department faculty and staff are

welcome to come along. This is a great opportunity to connect with Ag Sciences students throughout the state.

The schedule of visits is below. If any faculty or staff would like to attend, please contact Debbie Little (dxm16@psu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the visit date.

March 17	University Park visits Penn State Beaver
March 24	Penn State Altoona visits University Park
March 31	University Park visits Penn State Abington
April 1	University Park visits Penn State Brandywine
April 5	Penn State Erie and Penn State Shenango visit University Park via Adobe Connect
April 10	Link UP, a University-wide, day-long transition program at University Park
April 20	Penn State Altoona's Ag Awareness Day

Second Annual College of Agricultural Sciences' Ag Day 2010

Join us on the **HUB lawn on Wednesday, April 21st 11 am - 4 pm** as for the second annual College of Agricultural Sciences' "Ag Day 2010." Help us celebrate the goals and accomplishments of the College, its students and the agricultural field as we look towards the future and the dynamic roles agriculture will fulfill. (*Rain Date: April 22, 2010*)

The event is a joint effort between the Ag Advocate organization and Ag Student Council (ASC) and will be placed along the southern edge of the hub lawn to increase visibility and take advantage of the often busy area. The areas will be sectioned according to the related areas of interest:

- **Animal Sciences and Pre-Vet studies**
- **Biomedical and Food Sciences**
- **Business**
- **Education and Multidisciplinary Studies**
- **Engineering and Technology**
- **Environmental Sciences and Policy**
- **Forest Resources**
- **Plant Sciences**



The departments within an area are invited to showcase what they believe to be one of their most important contributions to the agricultural issues of today. Student clubs and organizations from the College of Ag Sciences will be invited to participate and represent their organizations with displays and posters. Student organizations will be located with their respective departments if applicable. Additional activities will include games, a scavenger hunt "passport" to get free creamery ice cream, and a few other possible surprises. Be on the lookout for future updates, sign-ups and information through Ag Student Council and Ag Science Student News.

For more information feel free to contact Dustin Brown (dzb134@psu.edu) or Mairen Fitzpatrick (mef5069@psu.edu).

Summer 2010 Teaching Case Studies in Science Workshop



May 17-20, 2010, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Presented by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, The Summer 2010 Teaching Case Studies in Science Workshop will be held May 17-20 at the University of Buffalo (NY). Past workshops have included faculty from biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, computer science, mathematics, geology, psychology, anthropology, nursing, science education, dentistry, engineering, medicine, and other science-related disciplines.

The workshop focuses on training science faculty (all levels) to teach with case studies, to write their own cases, and to assess their students' learning with cases. During the final two days of the workshop, all participants are required to teach a case before a student audience using a case they have developed during the workshop. In addition, workshop participants are expected to produce a case study within six months of the workshop for our national, peer-reviewed case collection. Workshop Director Clyde F. (Kipp) Herreid is a Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Biological Sciences Department at the University at Buffalo.

He has conducted numerous workshops around the country on case method teaching, team learning, and problem-based learning. He is the author of a column on case studies regularly featured in the Journal of College Science Teaching and directs the work of the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science.

Registration will open at 9:00 a.m. on January 26th, on our website (see URL below) and will remain open until the workshop is filled (limit 35 people). The Registration Fee is \$750, and it includes many of the workshop and per diem costs. Arrangements have been made for reduced price lodging at the University campus dormitories \$39 (single) and \$32(double) for all attendees as well as at a conveniently located hotel (Ramada Hotel & Conference Center: \$69.00 per night for double bedded queen room).

Detailed information about the workshop, including online registration and housing options, will be available on January 26th at: (the site currently contains the 2009 workshop information): <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/workshop/>

Questions or would like more information? Please contact the workshop coordinator, Carolyn Wright, at nccsts@buffalo.edu or at 716-645-4900.

LeaderShape Applications Available NOW

The Office of Union and Student Activities needs your help!! Do you know a dynamic student leader looking for the experience of a lifetime? The Office of Union and Student Activities is sponsoring a campus-based session of the national recognized LeaderShape Institute®. We are seeking **your nominations** to find the best, most diverse, and dynamic student leaders at Penn State. If you know an exceptional student-leader looking for growth, a bright and engaging student from one of your classes, or a young dynamic emerging leader with untapped potential, you can nominate them by emailing their name and email address to leadership@sa.psu.edu and will send them a personal nomination letter inviting them to apply for this once in a lifetime experience.

Students who participate in LeaderShape...

Will **inspire** and be inspired.

Will **grow** and **encourage** others to discover their **full potential**.

Will **change**.

LeaderShape® promotes a commitment to leading with integrity that results in extraordinary change. Participants experience intense fun in a relaxed learning environment where lessons learned will be remembered for a lifetime. The LeaderShape® mission is to improve society by inspiring, developing, and supporting students committed to leading with integrity. LeaderShape® is a six day leadership institute held **May 9-14, 2010**.

For more information please contact leadership@sa.psu.edu or call 863-4624.

Curricular Affairs Committee — College of Agricultural Sciences

2009-2010 Curricular Calendar

Proposals Due in CSCS System *	Send to ACUE Deans (if necessary) Then to Committee Members for review	College Curricular Affairs Committee Meeting Dates and Locations	Revisions Due in CSCS System and Begin Final Approval Process (required signatories)	Proposals due to Faculty Senate	Curriculum Report Publication Date (on Blue Sheets for 30 days)	Senate Committee Curricular Affairs (SCCA) all day meeting
Friday Feb. 12, 2010	Feb. 15-16, 2010	Thurs. March 4, 2010 1:30-3:00 p.m. 342 Food Science Bldg.	March 19, 2010	March 26, 2010	for the April 13, 2010 Issue	April 27, 2010
Friday April 9, 2010	April 12-13, 2010	Thurs. April 29, 2010 1:30-3:00 p.m. 342 Food Science Bldg.	May 14, 2010	May 28, 2010

* **Note:** for course proposals submitted in CSCS, paper copies no longer need to be submitted.

For PROGRAM proposals (not done in CSCS), **you must submit one paper copy and a PDF file of the proposal** by the due dates listed above (first column) to: K. Pletcher, 101 Ag Admin. Bldg.



Announcing the 56th Annual NACTA Conference, June 22-25, 2010

“Collaborate, Communicate Celebrate” Hosted by Penn State University, University Park, PA

Make sure you hold the dates now for the 56th Annual Conference of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA; www.nactateachers.org), which will be hosted right here at Penn State University **June 22-25, 2010**, at the Penn Stater Conference Hotel and Center. Join us for an engaging week of oral presentations, poster sessions, roundtable discussions and exciting tours as we **“Collaborate, Communicate, Celebrate”** teaching and learning around agricultural, human, and renewable natural resources. The annual NACTA conference is a wonderful venue focusing on the educational mission of agricultural institutions, including issues related to teaching, learning, co-curricular opportunities, student recruitment, advising and retention, programmatic assessment, etc.

The college’s Office for Undergraduate Education provides partial funding toward registration costs to college instructors presenting oral and/or poster presentations at the conference (abstracts are normally due in early-March); more information will be made available in the Spring, so make sure you check future editions of Undergrad Ed Updates!



Spring 2010 Undergraduate Program Coordinators’ Meeting Schedule

The Program Coordinator Meetings for Spring 2010 are scheduled on the following days, **1:30-3:00 PM**:

- ◆ Monday, March 22, Room 118 ASI
- ◆ Tuesday, April 13, Room 324 ASI
- ◆ Monday, May 10, Room 118 ASI

Meeting notices and reminders containing tentative agenda items will be emailed to Program Coordinators before each meeting.

We welcome your input and ideas for agenda items, so please feel free to contact us at any time to add an item for discussion.

Jim Dunn	AG BM, and 2 AGB
John Ewing	AEE and AG SC
Paul Heinemann	A S M and B E
Kate Butler	AGECO and ESOIL
Les Griel	ANBIO and VB SC
Harold Harpster	ANSCI
Jill Findeis	CED and E RRE
Rob Shannon	E R M
Stephanie Doores	FD SC
Ellen Manno	FORSC, W F S, and W P
Charles Heuser	HORT
James Howell	IID and TOX
Dan Stearns	LSCPE
Andrew Mc Nitt	TURF
Al Turgeon	TURF (WD)



Instructor Resources @ UP

Check out these Web sites for more information

Technology Classroom Overview

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/Classrooms/>

Reserving a Technology Classroom

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/Classrooms/Scheduling/>

Getting Help and Reporting Problems

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/SendMail/hotline.aspx>

Faculty Learning Opportunities

<http://its.psu.edu/training/>

<http://digitalcommons.psu.edu/>

Assistive Technology & Physical Access

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/AssistiveTech/>

Student Response Systems

<http://clc.tlt.psu.edu/classrooms/prs/>

Using Personal Laptops

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/Authentication/>

Specialized Software Installation

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/labs/Instruction/>

File Storage Options

<http://clc.its.psu.edu/DiskSpace/>

Collaborative Learning Spaces

<http://tlt.its.psu.edu/learningspaces/about.html>

Podcasts at Penn State

<http://podcasts.psu.edu/>

Penn State Testing Center

www.testing.psu.edu/



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COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2010

April 9

April 30

April 30

May 1—2

May 3—7

May 14—16

Late Drop—Deadline

Withdraw—Deadline

Classes End

Study Days

Final Exams

Commencement