



Undergrad Ed Updates



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Harbaugh Entrepreneurship Forum

Tuesday, November 2nd 2010

Time: 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. 112 Forest Resources Building (FRB)

The College of Agricultural Sciences is pleased to present an Open Forum featuring:

Michele Thornett, Founder and Owner, Michele's Granola, LLC

Michele's Granola, LLC, is a food manufacturing company located in Baltimore, Maryland. Michele launched her homemade granola into a business in early 2006 at a local farmers market. With an emphasis on social and environmental responsibility, Michele's Granola now produces, packages and distributes five varieties of granola to 125 food retailers in the mid-Atlantic region, including Whole Foods Market stores across six states. Michele is a graduate of Duke University where she received a B.S. in Economics.

Dr. Malathy Nair, Founding Partner and President, Better Bowls

Better Bowls is a food manufacturing company located in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania that specializes in healthy and nutritious snacks. Dr. Nair is a food innovation expert, holding degrees in microbiology, biophysics, and food science. Prior to starting her business, Dr. Nair worked at General Mills and Hershey Foods. While at Hershey Foods, she was an executive in charge of the company's Intrapreneurship Program. Better Bowls products can be found at Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, and select Wal-Marts.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the session (4:00 p.m.)

For more information contact Dr. Judd Michael (jh-michael@psu.edu)

Request Funds for Undergraduate Research

Spring 2011 Semester:

Proposals are due December 3, 2010

Proposal forms and more information for Undergraduate Research are available at: <http://agsci.psu.edu/students/research>



Request Funds for Student Activities

Spring 2011 Semester:

Proposals are due December 3, 2010

Proposal forms and more information for Student Activities are available at: <http://agsci.psu.edu/students/activities>



Math Department Resources for Advising and Course Selection

The Math Department has an excellent set of online resources available to help you answer questions like “If I have AP credit for Math 140, should I take Math 141” or “Why do I do so poorly on my math exams when I am doing so well on quizzes and homework?” The course content information, syllabus and other course-specific information is all available at <http://www.math.psu.edu/ug/courses>. REAL sample exams are on this site as well as suggested review topics to help students prepare for specific courses. Please take a few minutes to review what is available to help you and your students.

New eLion Financial Aid Enhancement Provides “To-Do” List for Students

The Office of Student Aid recently redesigned the “Student Aid Summary” on eLion by integrating a self-service feature that displays the essential next steps in the aid process for each student’s individual financial aid package. The new features added include personalized status messages regarding the student’s aid package and a checklist of actions they need to take before their aid can be fully processed. Students can login to the “Student Aid Summary” to access their financial aid award online and view estimated costs for attending Penn State.

Fall 2010 Commencement and College Alumni Society Brunch Buffet



The College of Agricultural Sciences Fall 2010 Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bryce Jordan Center. Faculty planning to participate in the ceremony can find out more information at <http://commencement.psu.edu/attending.html>.

Graduates are to arrive in regalia at 8:00 a.m. and enter Gate B of the Jordan Center. Visit <http://commencement.psu.edu/undergrad.html> for more information.

Also, the college and the alumni society host a celebration brunch immediately following commencement in Gym I of the Intramural Building. The annual brunch has become a tradition, providing an opportunity for you to meet, mingle, and celebrate with students and their family members. Registration information is available online at <http://agsci.psu.edu/alumni>. All tickets must be reserved in advance of the event. For more information call 865-2717.

ASM Student is Our Fall 2010 Student Marshall

We are proud to announce that our fall student marshal is A S M student, Matthew T. Henderson.

Matthew is from Irwin, Pennsylvania, and will graduate with highest distinction with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural systems management. He has been a member of the Agricultural Systems Management club and was active in the Helping Across the Community Interest

House. Matthew did two summer internships for North Huntingdon Township and plans to work in a field technician position for a consulting or machinery company after graduation.

Please join us in congratulating our fall 2010 student marshal, Matthew Henderson.

Office for Undergraduate Education Campus Visits

Once again the Office for Undergraduate Education will hit the road and visit several Commonwealth campuses this fall. Department participation is welcome! If you or a colleague would like to jump on the van, please email Debbie Little, dxm16@psu.edu.

Thursday, Nov. 4
Thursday, Nov. 18

Penn State Harrisburg
Penn State Erie

Mexico Immersion Experience for Students Enrolled in the College of Agricultural Sciences

SPAN 105: A course designed specifically for Ag Sci Majors whose job performance may require the use of Spanish in giving directions and instructions when managing Spanish-speaking workers.

- Offered both in the fall and spring semesters
- Equivalent to taking SPAN 001 – except that SPAN 105 is open only to Ag Sci majors
- Designed for students who have had no Spanish at all or who took it in high school and it has been awhile since the student last studied it
- SPAN 105 or the equivalent is a prerequisite for SPAN 106
- Four credit course



SPAN 106: A course designed specifically for Ag Sci Majors who wish to communicate on a more advanced level with the Spanish-speaking workers they will manage. Also, for those students who may be considering a study abroad experience, SPAN 106 provides the next level of language experience to prepare for study.

- Offered ONLY in fall semester
- SPAN 106 or the equivalent is a prerequisite for SPAN 107
- Four credit course

SPAN 107 [For spring 2011 it is listed as SPAN 197A]: A course designed to complete the third level of this basic language program and to prepare the student for the four week embedded immersion experience which takes place in Mexico at the conclusion of the spring semester.

- SPAN 107 is offered ONLY in the spring semester
- If a student has already taken or will have taken SPAN 100 and/or SPAN



110, or any other Spanish course at the 200 level or higher from the Spanish Department in the College of the Liberal Arts, SPAN 106 is not required for SPAN 107,

- SPAN 107 is a nine credit course: students sign up for all nine credits. Students complete three credits at University Park and the other six credits in Mexico during the four week embedded immersion experience which takes place at the end of the spring semester after finals.
- For Ag Sci students who are considering a Spanish minor from the College of the Liberal Arts, SPAN 107 can be beneficial in helping fulfill the requirements for the minor.



Undergraduate Program Coordinator Meeting Schedule



The Fall 2010 Program Coordinator Meetings have been scheduled on the following days,

1:30-3:00 PM:

- ♦ Wednesday, **November 3**, Room 504 ASI
- ♦ Tuesday, **December 7**, Room 118 ASI

Meeting notices with 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
Megan Marshall	B E
Jude Liu	A S M
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)



Backpack to Briefcase



2010 Ag Career Day

Thank you to everyone for your help in making Ag Career Day a successful event for our student and industry partners. We had approximately 580 students in attendance at the event and 57 company organizations.



There were additional company booklets leftover from the event, please contact Denise Connelly (dcc6@psu.edu) if you are interested in a copy or supply for your students. Many thanks again for your support of our student programs!

Info on “Clickers” at Penn State

Since the fall of 2007, Penn State has successfully used "clickers" (<http://clc.its.psu.edu/classrooms/resources/clickers>) to support instruction at University Park and the campuses. This fall, however, the provider of this "clicker" solution (<http://www.einstruction.com/company/index.html>) rolled out an upgrade to their product and has been unable to resolve technical issues affect-

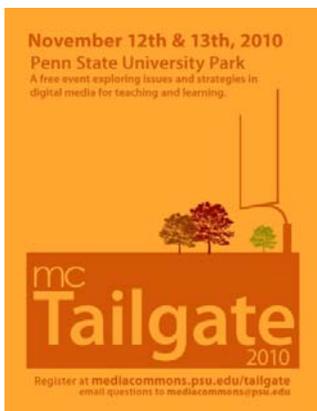
ing the performance and reliability of their new version. For this reason ITS is recommending that instructors discontinue use of the system in their classes. The experience is too unpredictable to be relied upon.

Instructors who wish to continue using the system through the end of the semester will be supported by ITS to the

best of our ability. ITS is in the process of identifying a potential replacement system, and we hope to pilot test two possible replacements during the Spring 2011 semester and choose a new standardized clicker system for Fall 2011.



Media Commons Tailgate—November 12 & 13



As digital media plays an increasingly important role in the instruction faculty provide and the educational opportunities students expect, higher educational institutions are faced with a growing need to provide services to support this, both in terms of technology platforms and the pedagogy necessary to effectively leverage those platforms. The Media Commons Tailgate is a community-built un-conference

aimed at exploring the possibilities of digital media for teaching and learning.

This event will be an opportunity for faculty, instructional designers, educational technologists, library staff, and others to explore new media technologies in-depth, and to challenge our fundamental ideas about where they fit in education.

The conference will be held on **Saturday, November 13th, 2010 at the new Foster Auditorium in Paterno Library at Penn State's University Park Campus.**

An optional half-day hands-on workshop will be held in the afternoon of **Friday, November 12th.**

For more information, visit the Tailgate wiki http://ets.tlt.psu.edu/wiki/Media_Commons_Tailgate_2010

Ag Leaps

No, there is not a typo in the title. This summer the College will be offering two LEAP prides, our traditional program covering a wide range of agricultural topics and a second, focusing on Biomedical Sciences. Registration for each pride is limited to 24 students and will open in March. Both prides will meet freshman seminar requirements for the college. The program is held during second summer session.

Agricultural, Food & Environmental Ethics and Issues will once again include AG 160S (Introduction into Ethics and Issues in Agriculture) and CAS 100 (Effective Speech). Faculty are being sought to serve as instructors for AG 160S. If you are considering this and would like more information, contact Karen Vines, kvines@psu.edu, 865-3097 to schedule an appointment.



The Biomedical Sciences LEAP will offer VB SC 050S and ENGL 015.

Stay tuned for more information about how you can be involved and how you can promote these two exciting opportunities for our students.

The Teaching Professor Conference



May 20-22, 2011
Atlanta, Georgia

Now entering its 8th year, *The Teaching Professor* Conference is a must-attend for those dedicated to the art and science of teaching. Information on the 2011 Conference (to be held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, GA, May 20-22, 2011) can be found on their website: <http://www.teachingprofessor.com/conference>.

This three-day conference of excellence in pedagogy brings together hundreds of faculty members from campuses nationwide, to:

- ◆ Explore the newest ideas in teaching and learning
- ◆ Hear the latest research
- ◆ Discuss the state of today's changing classroom

Each year, *The Teaching Professor* Conference tackles the issues of the moment ... the things that matter most to educators today. You'll hear leading speakers on topics like: Student performance; Mentoring; Academic integrity, Faculty development; Technology, Group work; Self-assessments; Rubrics; Motivating students; etc. Expect lively discussion, spirited debate and a rewarding exchange of ideas throughout all three days!

College teaching faculty interested in attending the conference, please note that four (4) grants (worth \$750.00 each) will be available in partial support of the 2011 *The Teaching Professor* Conference. Send an e-mail to Ms. Cindy Teeters (clt2@psu.edu), College of Agricultural Sciences Office for Undergraduate Education, indicating your (1) name, title, and academic unit, (2) your interest in attending this particular conference, (3) anticipated total cost of attending the conference, and (4) where the balance of funding supporting your attendance will come from. Please send this by **5:00 PM Friday, February 4, 2011**.

Curricular Affairs Committee—College of Agricultural Sciences Calendar 2010-2011

** Proposals Due in CSCS System	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 Oct. 29, 2010	Thurs. Nov. 18, 2010 1:30—3:00 p.m. 105 Forest Resources	December 3, 2010	December 15, 2010	<i>for the Jan. 11, 2011 Issue</i>	Jan. 25, 2011
Friday Dec. 17, 2010	Thurs. Jan. 13, 2011 1:30—3:00 p.m. Room location TBA	January 21, 2011	February 4, 2011	<i>for the Feb. 22, 2011 Issue</i>	March 15, 2011
Friday Feb. 4, 2011	Thurs. Feb. 24, 2011 1:30—3:00 p.m. Room location TBA	March 4, 2011	March 25, 2011	<i>for the April 12, 2011 Issue</i>	April 28, 2011
Friday April 1, 2011	Thurs. April 21, 2011 1:30—3:00 p.m. Room location TBA	May 13, 2011	May 27, 2011	<i>For the August 2011 Issue</i>	August 2011 Meeting

**Proposals need to be completely through all consultation and ready to be sent to College Administrator by this date to be reviewed at College Committee Meeting.

* Dates posted by Faculty Senate.



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FALL 2010 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

November 12

November 22 - 28

December 10

December 11 - 12

December 13 - 17

December 18

Late Drop Deadline

Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes

Classes End

Study Days

Final Exams

Commencement