



Undergrad Ed Updates



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Annual Fall College Open House

The College will hold its annual fall open house for prospective students and families on **Monday, October 11**. The events get underway at the HUB Auditorium at 8:45 AM. After the College Overview and information on Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid, prospects choose to attend an academic information session. Select facility

tour are offered to participants throughout the day. Check in with your Department Program Coordinator(s) and see how you can become involved. Information and registration will be posted at the College website the week after Labor Day Holiday. This event typically draws close to a hundred families.

Ag Career Day — October 12th

The College of Agricultural Sciences Career Day will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Please encourage your students to attend and network with our agribusiness partners. Select companies will be interviewing students on campus in the days and weeks after career day. Company registration, list of employers attending, and more detailed information about the event is available online at the [Ag Career Day web site](#).

Traditionally, Ag Career Day has been a vital asset to students identifying internship, research, and full-time opportunities. Please help us make this event a success.



Questions can be directed to Denise Connelly at dcc6@psu.edu, or 814-865-0113.

World Food Day Seminar

World Food Day Seminar ‘Challenges toward Food Security’

A forum for students, faculty and the Penn State community



October 14, 2010, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
110 Henderson Building

Keynote speaker: Dr. Clare Hinrichs (Rural Sociology), Panel discussion with Penn State faculty, and a Multimedia presentation. Open house format. Keynote speech at start, followed by break and panel discussion

For more information contact: The Nutrition Graduate Student Association at psungsa@gmail.com



Fall 2010 Advising Conference

October 27, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

The annual Fall Advising Conference will be held October 27 at the Penn Stater and all advisers are encouraged to attend this one-day professional development opportunity. Our own Dr. James Howell is the keynote speaker for the conference. Below are the details, but if you are interested in attending, please contact Terry Musser (txm4@psu.edu) as there may be money available to support your registration fee.

Academic Advising:

Who, What, Where, When, Why?

As academic advising evolves in the twenty-first century, who in fact are today's practitioners, partners, and recipients; what really constitutes effective advising on college campuses; can academic advising flourish in nontraditional settings; are there key times to impart certain advising messages; and is academic advising really an essential component of a college experience? Join us for an enriching, thought-provoking day as experts share research, applications, and discussion of these and other facets of academic advising in higher education.

Individual Registration Fee:

\$95 per person through October 12

\$120 per person after October 12

Group Registration Fee: (Four or more individuals from the same academic unit)

\$80 per person through October 12

\$105 per person after October 12

[The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel Brochure](#)
[Registration form](#)

Changes to eLion— Parents Can Access Students Grades and Schedules!!

Penn State recently added two new features to its eLion website that will allow parents, with permission from their students, access to their student's grades and course schedule. Once parents have their students' permission to access their grades and/or course schedule, the process is pretty straightforward to set up that access.



1. A parent must have a Penn State User ID. Parents who do not have a current Penn State access account may obtain a "Friends of Penn State" account. Simply go to <https://elion.psu.edu> and select "Parent/Other." Select "Create an Account" and follow the instructions to obtain a "Friends of Penn State" user ID.
2. Parents must then provide their Penn State User ID to their student.
3. The student must grant their parent access in eLion by selecting "Parent/Other Access" on the left-hand menu, selecting "Continue" and following the instructions to grant access to the desired functions.
4. Once access has been granted by the student, the parent may log into eLion as Parent/Other and select Grades or Student Schedule.

Fall 2010 Commencement

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.

Visit <http://commencement.psu.edu/undergrad.html> for more commencement details.

Faculty are encouraged to participate in the ceremony, see <http://commencement.psu.edu/attending.html> for faculty at-large directions.



2010 College of Ag Sciences Teaching Recognition and Awards

To recognize and promote excellence in teaching, we invite you to nominate faculty (tenure-track and instructors) from your units for our three college-wide award programs: The **Community of Teaching Excellence Award** (est. 2000), and the **NACTA Teaching Award of Merit** (reinstated in 2007) and the **Paul R. and Joan M. Shellenberger Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching** (est. 2010).

Nominations and awards for these three are based on accomplishments during the past academic year (comprising the summer, fall, and spring semesters of 2009-10) in formal undergraduate and graduate instruction, including resident instruction and online instruction.

The **Community of Teaching Excellence Award** is offered solely through the college and can have multiple recipients on any given year. This recognition can also be

received by an individual for multiple years, potentially leading to the induction of the individual into the Academy of Teaching Excellence.

The **NACTA Teaching Award of Merit** is awarded by the college to one individual each year as part of our institutional membership in the NACTA Association. In an attempt to properly recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in faculty early in their careers, tenure-track faculty and instructors with less than five (5) years of teaching experience at Penn State will be considered for the **NACTA Teaching Award of Merit**.

The new **Paul R. and Joan M. Shellenberger Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching** is awarded by the college to one individual for one academic year. This new award is to honor and recognize a full-time instructor who is an outstanding teacher contributing significantly to undergraduate education in

the College of Agricultural Sciences. Consideration for this award shall be given to all full-time instructors with teaching appointments (non-tenure and not on tenure track) in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Complete nomination packets for these teaching awards are available from your Unit Leader and must be submitted to J. Marcos Fernandez, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Agricultural Sciences, 101 Ag Administration Bldg. by **5:00 PM on Friday, October 29, 2010**.

Please feel free to contact Marcos Fernandez (jmf28@psu.edu; or 865-7521) if you have any questions. All programs carry financial award and recognition.

Formal recognition of award recipients will occur at the annual Gamma Sigma Delta Research Exhibition Awards Ceremony, March 17, 2011.



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)



ALBC 27th Annual Conference

According to their website (<http://albc-usa.org/about.html>), ALBC's Mission "The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy protects genetic diversity in livestock and poultry species through the conservation and promotion of endangered breeds. These rare breeds are part of our national heritage and represent a unique piece of the earth's biodiversity. The loss of these breeds would impoverish agriculture and diminish the human spirit. We have inherited a rich variety of livestock breeds. For the sake of future generations we must work together to safeguard these treasures."

American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) 27th Annual Conference: "Healthy Herds -- Healthy Markets"

**November 12 & 13, 2010
White Eagle Conference Center, Hamilton, NY**

General information on the 27th Annual ALBC Conference can be found on their main home page (<http://albc-usa.org/Conference2010/intro.html>).

The actual ALBC Annual Conference takes place all day Saturday, November 13, but commences with a Conference Kick-off Friday evening (Conference sessions and agenda are listed at <http://albc-usa.org/Conference2010/workshops.html>)

The White Eagle Conference Center is geographically located in Hamilton, New York, and hence a few hours drive from Happy Valley.

Ag Leap Planning Meeting

AG LEAP Planning Meeting - **October 15, 1:25 - 2:15** in 101 AG ADMIN Conference Room for Program Coordinator's, Recruitment and Advising Coordinators.

October Disability Awareness Events

October is Disability Awareness Month at Penn State. The theme of the month is "Diversability," which emphasizes the varying abilities and talents of people with disabilities. The intent of the Diversability events is to promote an atmosphere where individuals are comfortable discussing and exploring questions about accessibility, equality, and inclusion for people with disabilities. Penn State looks forward to celebrating disability awareness month with you!

Please visit the Diversability Web site at: <http://>

www.equity.psu.edu/ods/diversability/index.asp for the schedule of events planned throughout the month of October.

Please assist us in advertising these events in your college, department, classroom, dorm, and University and community groups. For additional information or questions regarding the events planned, please contact the Office for Disability Services at 814-863-1807 (VTTY).

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, ASAP.

Friday, Oct. 15	Penn State Hazleton
Monday, Oct. 18	Penn State Altoona
Wednesday, Oct. 20	Penn State Berks
Thursday, Oct. 28	Penn State Brandywine
Thursday, Nov. 4	Penn State Harrisburg
Thursday, Nov. 18	Penn State Erie



Ensure a Secure Computing Environment



Copyright and Information Security at Penn State
Rodney A. Erickson
Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

As an employee at the University, you have many resources to help protect your privacy and the computer systems you own or manage at Penn State.

With the dangers from malicious software and network attacks growing more menacing each day, it is essential that we all work together to ensure a secure computing environment. You can help by increasing awareness of the online resources available at <http://its.psu.edu/be-safe/>, where students, faculty, and staff can learn how to protect themselves from viruses, spyware, phishing scams, and other threats. You can also encourage the use of Penn State's Downloads site at <http://downloads.its.psu.edu/>, a resource that offers a variety of downloadable antivirus and other protective software.

In addition, I'd like to enlist your help in continuing to educate our community that copyright and intellectual property are important aspects of academic integrity. As you know, the unauthorized use of copyrighted material is against federal and state laws -- and is a violation of University policy. Students, faculty, and staff who illegally download music, movies, and other materials are often not aware that they are violating laws or policies. It is important we increase awareness that dishonest behavior such as plagiarism or copyright violation can have serious implications for an individual's future employment opportunities, as well as his or her good standing at Penn State. The Legal Media Web site at <http://legalmedia.psu.edu/> and the Copyright Perspectives site at <http://copyright.psu.edu/> can help you in guiding your students and colleagues in understanding these concepts and in choosing legal alternatives.

In your role as teacher or mentor, please continue to convey the importance of these concepts by encouraging our students and community members to visit the sites mentioned above. Thank you for helping to ensure a safe and ethical computing environment at Penn State.

Sincerely,


Rodney A. Erickson
 Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

Curricular Affairs Committee—College of Agricultural Sciences

** 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 Sept. 17, 2010	Thurs. Oct. 7, 2010 1:30—3:00 p.m. 105 Forest Resources	October 15, 2010	October 29, 2010	<i>for the Nov. 9, 2010 Issue</i>	Dec. 7, 2010
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

September 27 - October 17

November 12

November 22 - 28

December 10

December 11 - 12

December 13 - 17

December 18

Final Exam Conflict Filing Period

Late Drop Deadline

Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes

Classes End

Study Days

Final Exams

Commencement