Fall College Info and Club Fair

A hearty thanks to all who assisted with and participated in the Annual Fall College Info and Club Fair. The event was held on Wednesday, September 2 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the lawn behind the ASI Building and next to Berkey Creamery Patio. Wednesday was a perfect fall day for an outdoor event. Approximately 30 Student Organizations from across the College were present along with fourteen of our majors, two minors, and the International Programs Office and the Career and Internship Initiative. Close to 350 students, faculty, administrators and staff were in attendance. Thank you to all who participated. Check out Dr. Fernandez’s Facebook for some great photos.

Request Funds for Student Activities

Fall 2009 Semester:
Proposals due date extended to September 9, 2009

Spring 2010 Semester:
Proposals are due December 1, 2009

Student Organization Success for Advisors

Plan to attend the Student Organization Success for Advisors session on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, from 3:35-5:30 PM in 112 Buckhout Building (updated location from first announcement). The following representatives will tentatively be in attendance: Center for Student Engagement, Associated Student Activities (ASA), Center for Student Activities and Programming (CSA&P), Contracts and Risk Management, HUB Events Management, Office of the Physical Plant, University Park Allocation Committee and Penn State Police Services.

This information session is being co-sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Center for Student Engagement. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Vickie Clauer, vcc2@psu.edu, by September 8.
Academic Advising Corner!

NEW Early Progress Reports for 2009

The Early Progress Report system was designed to replace the paper-based “Mid-semester Report” system.

How EPR Works

The Early Progress Report (EPR) has three groups of participants: faculty, students and advisers. Each one has an important part to play.

Faculty:
Role: Provide feedback to students on their performance as early in the semester as possible.
Steps: 1. Instructors with students from the designated population will receive a notification email the first day of the third week of the semester. 2. Instructors log on to eLion, select “Early Progress Report” from the left menu and follow the instructions to indicate which students are not performing in a satisfactory manner. Note: Instructors will need a Secure ID to complete this step. 3. A reminder email will be sent on the first day of the fifth week of the semester reminding instructors that they need to complete the report. Instructors must complete the report through eLion since there is no other way to collect the information.

Students:
Role: Review Early Progress Report and take any necessary actions based on the information it provides. The report will be available through the seventh week of classes.
Steps: 1. Students will receive an email when an instructor indicates he or she is not performing well in a course. 2. Students log on to eLion, select “Early Progress Report” from the left menu and follow the instructions to indicate which students are not performing in a satisfactory manner. 3. Students should review the information, access resources referenced in the report, and meet with the instructor or his or her adviser as necessary.

Advisors:
Role: Review reports on advisees and help them seek the resources they need to be successful. The reports will be available for the duration of the semester.
Steps: 1. Advisers will receive an email when an instructor indicates that one of his or her advisees is not performing well. Advisers may use eLion to turn off this notification. 2. Advisers log on to eLion, select “Early Progress Report” from the left menu, select a student from the advisee list or by entering the student’s PSU ID or user id, and review the reports.

Web Site Access to prototype demonstrations can be found on the eLion Web site. The steps are listed below:

- Go to: https://elion.psu.edu/
- Click on eLion Demo in the Information Box on the right side of the screen
- Click on the appropriate role from the login box (faculty, student, advisor)
- Click on the Continue to the (Faculty, Student, Advisor) menu
- Click on Early Progress Report in the left side of the screen
- Click on Scenario 1 or Scenario 2
- Click on OK (there is no need to log in to access the information for the demo)
2009 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 two college-wide award programs: The Community of Teaching Excellence Award (est. 2000), and the NACTA Teaching Award of Merit (reinstituted in 2007). Nominations and awards for both programs are based on accomplishments during the past academic year (comprising the summer, fall, and spring semesters of 2008-09) 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. 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, September 11, 2009.

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

First-Year Seminar Information on Degree Audits

The degree audit was modified effective August 18, 2009 based on the plans and directives from the First-Year Engagement Committee. According to information provided by this Committee, the following campuses in addition to University Park require a First-Year Seminar course for their students: Berks, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Mont Alto, Schuylkill, and Shenango. The other campuses will provide other avenues for engaging first-year students.

There are three possible messages that can appear on the degree audit for baccalaureate students admitted SU2009 and after.

1. FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR
   TAKE 1 CREDIT MINIMUM IN FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR

   This is a requirement check for completion of an FYS course for the campuses that require it. It is the same requirement used in the past on the degree audit.

2. FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR NOT REQUIRED AT CURRENT CAMPUS

   This is a text message displayed on the degree audit for students at campuses that do not require an FYS course.

3. FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR NOT REQUIRED

   This is a text message displayed on the degree audit for students who, after completing 24 or more cumulative credits, change to a campus that requires an FYS course. It will also be displayed on the degree audit for advanced standing (admit type=02) and provisional/nondegree-to-degree (admit type=10) students. Students who change campuses after completing less than 24 cumulative credits will either have message #1 or #2 displayed on the degree audit depending on whether the new campus requires an FYS course or not.
Look here for related information about career, internship, and professional development opportunities that may benefit your student programs. If you have ideas or suggestions for programs associated with the Career and Internship Initiative, please contact Debbie McAllister at djm415@psu.edu or 814-865-7522.

**Ag Career Day**

The College of Agricultural Sciences Career Day will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bryce Jordan Center. Please encourage your industry partners, organizations, and students to attend and interact with one another. A new opportunity for participating companies this year is a tour of the Food Science Building and Berkey Creamery. Companies also have the option to interview students on campus after career day. Registration and more detailed information about the event is available online at the [Ag Career Day website](http://www.agcareerday.psu.edu).

Companies already scheduled to attend include Brickman, GROWMARK, College of Ag Sciences Graduate School, Cargill, Wenger Feeds, Syngenta, Land O’Lakes, Charles River Laboratories, and many more! 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 Debbie McAllister at djm415@psu.edu, or 814-865-7522.

**NEW Student Prep Workshops for Ag Career Day**

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**October 7th – Resume 911**  
*Co-Hosted by Collegiate Farm Bureau and Dairy Science Club*

Does your resume need some CPR? Come learn tips and tricks to rescue your resume and get it noticed. Feel confident that you look just as good on paper, as you do in person.

**October 20th – What Not To Wear: Professional Dress**  
*Hosted by Ag Advocates*

Need some help getting put-together? Come get some “Stacy and Clinton” style tips courtesy of the Ag Advocates. Be sure you’re on the Best Dressed list at Ag Career Day.

**Fall Career Days – University Career Services**

Encourage students to attend Fall Career Days on September 15th - 17th from 1:00-6:00 PM at the Bryce Jordan Center. All the information about the fair, employers, prep workshops, info sessions, tips for success and more can be found at [http://www.fairs.sa.psu.edu/fall/Student/schedule.asp](http://www.fairs.sa.psu.edu/fall/Student/schedule.asp).

Related employers scheduled to attend include AgChoice Farm Credit, Campbell Soup, CNH, Dow Chemical Company, Dreyer’s Grand Ice Cream, Ecolab, Merck & Co., Nestle Purina Petcare, and more. Be sure to check it out!

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**September 14th – diversityCHAT: Speed diversity networking reception; HUB 3:00-7:00 PM**

**September 15th – Full-Time Non-Technical Day**

**September 16th – Internship and Co-Op Day**

**September 17th – Full-Time Technical Day**
Undergraduate Research Proposals

Research is a valuable learning experience for students. If you are involved with research and willing to create an opportunity for an undergraduate student to assist you, please contact Denise Connelly (dcc6@psu.edu).

We will create a list of faculty and contact information to be included on the Current Student Web site.

Funding for approved Undergraduate Research projects are at a maximum of $1250 (2:1 match between University/College and the academic unit of the faculty adviser).

Information for the College Undergraduate Research program is available on the Current Student Web site http://students.cas.psu.edu/UndergradResearch.htm

The deadline for research proposals for the Fall 2009 semester is September 11, 2009.

Fall 2009 Undergraduate Program Coordinators’ Meeting Schedule

The Fall 2009 Program Coordinator Meetings have been scheduled on the following days, 1:30-3:00 PM:

- Monday, September 16, Room 504 ASI
- Tuesday, October 20, Room 118 ASI
- Monday, November 23, Room 324 ASI
- Tuesday, December 21, 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.

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Once again this fall, Associate Dean Fernandez will make his way around to our program areas to meet individually with each of our undergraduate program coordinators. Watch for an email soon to get these meetings set up. If you have any issues or concerns, please share them with your program coordinator to bring to the table.

Undergraduate Ed Updates
"New Student Meetings with Dean Fernandez" Sessions Announced for Fall 2009 Semester

All new undergraduate students enrolled at the UP Campus in a College of Agricultural Sciences major are invited to join fellow “new students” and meet with Associate Dean Fernandez. This is the fifth year we have had these “getting acquainted” sessions.

What are these “Meet the Associate Dean & Getting Acquainted” sessions? These low-key meetings are small, informal 50-minute meetings held in Dr. Fernandez's office within the Office for Undergraduate Education Suite. Participation comprises between three to eight students in any given session. Over the years, students having participated in these sessions are pleased with their experience and find it a good use of their valuable time, as does Dr. Fernandez! Any and all undergraduate students are invited, but the focus is on the new Ag Sciences students on the UP Campus.

Encourage students to schedule a meeting time by contacting Ms. Kathie Alterio (ksh5@psu.edu; 863-4456) to sign-up for one of the specific days and time slots available (as shown on the following list).

Session #02: Tuesday, Sept. 08, 10:10 – 11:00 AM
Session #03: Friday, Sept. 11, 3:35 – 4:25 PM
Session #04: Monday, Sept. 14, 11:15 AM – 12:05 PM

Session #05: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 3:35 – 4:25 PM
Session #06: Thursday, Sept. 17, 9:45 – 10:35 AM
Session #07: Friday, Sept. 18, 3:35 – 4:25 PM
Session #08: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1:25 – 2:15 PM
Session #09: Friday, Sept. 25, 1:25 – 2:15 PM
Session #10: Friday, Oct. 02, 3:35 – 4:25 PM

Generally, for the session to remain scheduled, a minimum of three students is required, and if it is cancelled, the student will be contacted and provided with an opportunity to reschedule.

We hope all new students will take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

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. Also, for the first time, we will conduct three “virtual” campus visits via Adobe Connect. The schedule of visits is below. If any faculty or staff would like to attend, please contact Debbie Little (dxm16@psu.edu) at least one week prior to the visit date. Debbie will provide the “virtual visit” URL to program coordinators for distribution to faculty and staff.

Friday, Sept 18
Friday, Oct 9
W ednesday, O ct 14
Monday, O ct 19
W ednesday, O ct 21
Friday, O ct 29
Thursday, N ov 12
Penn State Hazleton
Virtual Campus Visit
Virtual Campus Visit
Penn State Altoona
Penn State Berks
Penn State Mont Alto
Harrisburg
International Livestock Congress Travel Fellowship Applications Participate

The International Livestock Congress USA, managed by the International Stockmen’s Educational Foundation in cooperation with the National Western Stock Show™, will be held January 10-13, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. Events will include a student career workshop, the International Livestock Congress USA, the National Western Stock Show and tours of area plants, feedlots and ranches. The International Stockmen’s Educational Foundation awards travel fellowships to senior level undergraduate students and graduate students attending accredited colleges or universities.

Opportunity to Participate - NACTA 2010

During June 22-25, 2010 our College of Agricultural Sciences will be hosting the 56th Annual NACTA Conference. The theme for the three-day conference is “Collaborate, Communicate, Celebrate.” NACTA - which stands for North America Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (http://www.nactateachers.org/) focuses on the educational and teaching mission of colleges (both Land Grant and non-Land Grant, public and private, large and small) in the agricultural, renewable resource, and human ecology sciences, and is generally a meaningful gathering of teacher- and education focused papers and individuals across our many disciplines.

This past year, the conference was hosted by Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. You can get an idea of conference events, programming, and presentations by going to http://nactateachers2009.okstate.edu/. Additional information on the 2010 NACTA conference will be shared later this fall.

To date, we have secured input and guidance from a core group of faculty in the college but want to extend an invitation for others to join the group as we begin to finalized details for the conference. So, if you are interested in participating please contact Tracy Hoover - tsh102@psu.edu by September 15th. We will schedule a planning meeting in early fall.

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Curricular Affairs Committee—Meetings go paperless this year!

College of Agricultural Sciences Curricular Affairs Calendar 2009-2010

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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.

Brown Bag Lunch Series Continues

The summer brown bag lunch series related to advising topics was so popular it is being extended into the fall semester. The next brown bag will be held Tuesday, September 15 from noon - 1:00 p.m. in Room 252, Food Sciences Building. The topic of discussion will be “Collecting Student Data for Programming and Evaluation Purposes.”

Several departments within the College collect data from their undergraduate students for various purposes. We will discuss the purposes and methodologies used by various programs and brainstorm ideas for potential data collection activities. Bring your lunch and enjoy an informal, educational discussion.
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/

FALL 2009 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August 24 - September 2
September 7
September 28 - October 18
November 13
November 23 - 29
December 11
December 12 - 13
December 14 - 18
December 19

Drop/Add Period
Labor Day Holiday - No classes
Final Exam Conflict Filing Period
Late Drop Deadline
Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes
Classes End
Study Days
Final Exams
Commencement

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