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Summer 2013 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

The summer 2013 undergraduate commencement ceremony will be held on **Saturday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Bryce Jordan Center. The College has approximately 70 undergraduate students slated to graduate this semester.

Our college student marshal for the summer commencement ceremony is Sienna George. Sienna is graduating with concurrent degrees in toxicology and chemical engineering and a minor in global health. She has accepted a job with DOW Chemical as a hydrocarbons run plant engineer. Please join us in congratulating Sienna!



Faculty are encouraged to attend and participate in commencement ceremonies to honor our College of Agricultural Sciences graduates. Faculty participating in the summer commencement ceremony should report to the Green Room of the Bryce Jordan Center at least 20 minutes prior to the ceremony with your academic regalia.

See: <http://commencement.psu.edu/1attending.html> for more information.

Request Funds for Student Activities

Fall 2013 Semester:
Proposals are due September 13, 2013

Spring 2014 Semester:
Proposals are due December 6, 2013



New forms and revised procedures are in place for the 2013-2014 academic school year. **It is important to carefully follow new procedures and accurately complete the forms to ensure the proposal will be reviewed and considered for funding.**

For details and proposal forms, go to <http://students.cas.psu.edu/RequestingFundsforStudentAct.htm>

Fresh START Program — August 31 —

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR
NEW STUDENTS!



All students new to Penn State are invited to participate in Fresh START Day of Service on **Saturday, August 31**, at University Park. Fresh START is all about making new friends, helping the community, and getting rooted with service. Free food and t-shirts will be offered, too. For more information, visit [Fresh START](#) online. To register, visit volunteer@psu.

Register for the Annual Advising Conference

The Office for Undergraduate Education will sponsor 4 faculty and staff to attend the 2013 Annual Professional Development Conference on Academic Advising (<http://www.psu.edu/dus/fallconf.html>) to be held **September 18** at The Penn State Conference Center. This year's theme is "Updating the Advising Toolbox: Understanding the Complex Needs of Today's Students" and promises to be an informative and educational program. The \$85 registration fee (group rate) will be paid by OUE for applicants selected. To apply for the registration, email Terry Musser (txm4@psu.edu) by **September 4** with the name, department, phone number and email address of all nominees. Those selected will be informed by September 6. All advisers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for an excellent one-day

professional development experience in our own backyard.

Assign Your Students to An Adviser

University policy states that all students are assigned to an academic adviser in their unit of enrollment. Please make sure all students either enrolled in your department or intending to enroll in your department are assigned to an adviser.

Students Can Register for More Than 19 Credits on eLion

The Registrar has changed the procedures for students wishing to add more than 19 credits to their schedules. Starting with the Fall 2013 semester, students will be able to add more than 19 credits to their schedules using eLion beginning on the first day of classes for each semester. Prior to the first day of classes, students trying to schedule more than 19 credits will receive an error message telling them that they will be able to schedule more credits on the first day of classes.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Fall College

Student Club Fair

Wednesday, September 4th

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Area Behind ASI Building

Ag Career Day

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd

9 AM to 4 PM

Bryce Jordan Center

College of Ag Sciences

Scholarship Banquet

Thursday, October 17th

5:30 PM

Penn State

Conference Center

Recruitment and Marketing Summit—Save the Date!

Join us on **Tuesday, August 20, 2013** from **9:30-11:30 a.m.** in 110 ASI for our next Recruitment and Marketing Summit. Come learn about:

- newest college-level recruitment campaign, including print, display, and web components.
- hear the results of last year's Offered Student Communication Campaign
- new process to request and order materi-

als at the major level.

- results from Summer '13 NSO Student Survey
- new visit request format, and
- new prospect management protocol

Join us for refreshments in the lobby of ASI at 9:00 a.m. before the summit begins at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Marianne Fivek at ma-fivek@psu.edu by **August 9, 2013** to let us know you are attending!

Ag Alumni Society Internship Award

The Ag Alumni Society offers a competitive awards program to encourage undergraduate students to participate in internship experiences. The Society recognizes the importance of a planned on-the-job learning experience to adequately prepare undergraduate students for today's competitive job market. All full-time baccalaureate students in the College of Agricultural Sciences (and Bio-

logical Engineering majors) who have successfully completed a credit or non-credit internship experience in the Fall 2012 semester, Spring 2013 semester or Summer 2013 semester are eligible. **Deadline is September 16, 2013.** See web site for additional information: <http://agsci.psu.edu/alumni/awards/student-awards/internship-award/internship-application>.

Fall College Info and Club Fair

The 2013 College Info and Club Fair will be held Wednesday, **September 4**, from **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** on the grassy area behind the ASI greenhouses and across from the Creamery patio.

The purpose of the info fair is to introduce our college students new to University Park to college academic programs and clubs, organization and society opportunities. All academic programs and



department clubs, organizations and societies are invited to exhibit. Creamery ice cream will be served. In the event of intense rain, the event will be held the following day, Thursday, September 5.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Marianne Fivek in the Office for Undergraduate Education at mafivek@psu.edu.

Student Organization Success for Advisors—Brown Bag Thursday

Plan to attend the Student Organization Success for Advisors session on **Thursday, September 5, 2013**, from Noon-2:00 PM in 110 Ag. Sciences and Industries (ASI) Building. The following representatives will tentatively be in attendance: Union and Student Activities Office and Contracts and Risk Management. This information session is being co-sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences and the Union and Student Activities Office. Please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits

Announcing Fall 2013 Undergraduate Program Coordinator Meeting Schedule

The Fall 2013 Program Coordinator Meetings have been scheduled on the following days at **1:30-3:00 PM** in Room 118 ASI:

- ◆ Monday, **September 30**
- ◆ Tuesday, **October 29**
- ◆ Monday, **November 25**
- ◆ Thursday, **December 19**

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.

Spiro Stefanou	AG BM and 2 AGB
John Ewing	AEE and AG SC
Robert Mikesell	ANSC
Megan Marshall	B E
Jude Liu	BRS
Leland Glenna	CED
Rob Shannon	E R M
Stephanie Doores	FD SC
Ellen Manno	FOREM and W F S
Pamela Hankey	IID
Dan Stearns	LSCPE
Dennis Decoteau	PLANT
Jack Vanden Heuvel	TOX
Andrew Mc Nitt	TURF
Les Griel	VB SC



Backpack to Briefcase



Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services

Are your students seeking advice on career planning including networking, building a resume, interview skills, and much more? If so the [Center](#) works directly with your students for individualized assistance in these areas. Additionally, the Center will customize workshops and presentation for your clubs or organizations for your exact professional development needs.

For more information please contact Dr. Richard Rateau rjr20@psu.edu, 110 Ag. Administration Building, 865-7522.

2013 Ag Career Day — Save the Date!



The College of Agricultural Sciences will hold its annual career day on **Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Companies have been directed to visit the College of Agricultural Sciences Business and Industry web site, <http://agsci.psu.edu/business/recruitment>. We still have plenty of room and need more companies to participate. Registration and more information about the event is available online at the Ag Career Day cVent site: <http://agsci.psu.edu/students/opportunities/ag-career-day>

In order to provide opportunities for all of our students, we request that you encourage industries and organizations that you work with to participate in Ag Career Day. You may direct them to the web site or contact [Richard Rateau](#) if you would like Ag Career Day information sent to specific industries.

Fall 2013 Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee (SREC)

The Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee (SREC) meetings have been scheduled on the following dates at **8:30-10:00 AM**:

- ◆ Thursday, September 19, 2013 - 342 Food Science Building
- ◆ Thursday, October 17, 2013 - 342 Food Science Building
- ◆ Thursday, November 21, 2013 - 443 Food Science Building

2013 Fall Open House—Save the Date

The annual Open House for College of Agricultural Sciences will be held **Monday, October 14, 2013**. Prospects interested will be able to register online at the College web site. Each major will be showcased that day including select facility tours. More details in September issue of *Undergrad Ed Updates*.

College of Agricultural Sciences Instruction & Curricular Affairs Committee Calendar 2013-2014

Proposals Due to College Administrator in CSCS system**	Send to ACUE Deans (if necessary) Post in ANGEL & notify committee for review	College Curricular Affairs Committee Meeting Dates and Location	Revisions Due back in CSCS and begin final approval process	*Proposals due to Faculty Senate	*Curriculum Report Publication Date (on Blue Sheets for 30 days)	*Senate Committee Curricular Affairs (SCCA) all day meeting
<i>Review old business from SP 3 and any new proposals received by Monday, July 1, 2013</i>	July 5, 8	Thurs. July 18, 2013 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	July 29, 2013	Aug. 5, 2013	<i>for the Aug. 20, 2013 Issue</i>	Sept. 10, 2013
Friday August 9, 2013	Aug. 12, 13	Thurs. Aug. 22, 2013 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	Sept. 6, 2013	Sept. 20, 2013	<i>for the Oct. 8, 2013 Issue</i>	Oct. 22, 2013
Friday September 20, 2013	Sept. 23, 24	Thurs. Oct. 3, 2013 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	Oct. 18, 2013	Nov. 1, 2013	<i>for the Nov. 19, 2013 Issue</i>	Dec. 10, 2013
Friday Nov. 1, 2013	Nov. 4, 5	Thurs. Nov. 14, 2013 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	Dec. 6, 2013	Dec. 20, 2013	<i>for the Jan. 14, 2014 Issue</i>	Jan. 28, 2014
Friday Dec. 13, 2013	Dec. 16, 17	Thurs. Jan. 9, 2014 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	Jan. 24, 2014	Feb. 7, 2014	<i>for the Feb. 25, 2014 Issue</i>	March 18, 2014
Friday Feb. 7, 2014	Feb. 10, 11	Thurs. Feb. 27, 2014 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag Engr. Bldg.	March 7, 2014	Mar. 26, 2014	<i>for the April 8, 2014 Issue</i>	April 29, 2014

* Dates posted by Faculty Senate.

Course proposals need to be completely through all CSCS consultation and ready to be sent to the college administrator (K. Pletcher) by this date to be reviewed at the college committee meeting. **Hard Copies are not required for the Course Proposals submitted via CSCS.

Once a course proposal has passed through the College's Instruction and Curricular Affairs Committee review process and been approved for submission to the Faculty Senate, the appropriate hard copies will be made by the college administrator and sent to the Senate for their review process. **A Hard Copy original and a PDF copy is required for all Program Proposals—since they are NOT submitted via CSCS yet.**

Instruction and Curricular Affairs Committee—Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Course or Program	Course #	Type of Action	Type of Review	Action Taken
AGECO	457	Change	New	Approved with minor changes
AN SC	311	Change	Re-review	Approved with minor changes
AN SC	432	Change	New	Not approved, needs revisions and reviewed again
W F S	406	Change	New	Not approved, needs revisions and reviewed again
W F S	409	Change	New	Not approved, needs revisions and reviewed again
AG BM	470A	Add	New	Approved with minor changes
AG BM	470B	Add	New	Approved with minor changes
INTAG	470A	Add	New	Approved with minor changes
INTAG	470B	Add	New	Approved with minor changes
ENT	222	Add	New	Approved with minor changes
ENT	223	Add	New	Department is withdrawing this course proposal
PPATH	Minor	Change	New	Approved with minor changes

New Date, Time and Location for Spring 2014 Commencement



Due to our increasing student enrollment numbers, we have outgrown Eisenhower Auditorium for our spring graduation ceremony. The College of Agricultural Sciences will conduct the Spring 2014 commencement ceremony at the Bryce Jordan Center on **Sunday, May 11, at 3:30 p.m.** See <http://commencement.psu.edu/future.html> for all commencement dates, times, and locations.

Agriculture Future of America — Opportunity to Build Leadership Skills



Encourage full-time undergraduates in the College of Agricultural Sciences to apply for **corporate sponsorship** to attend the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Leaders Conference **November 7-10, 2013**, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The **corporate sponsorship** includes conference registration, lodging and all meals. The Office for Undergraduate Education will offer a limited number of travel grants to attend the conference for anyone who receives a corporate sponsor.

The AFA Leaders Conference provides support for college men and women who are preparing for careers in agriculture-related fields, while at the same time supporting the development of human capital for the agriculture and food industry. Leaders Conference bridges the gap between academic, leadership and work experiences while helping students understand the impact of their decisions. The conference also assists students in developing personal and professional skills necessary for lifelong success and provides a forum for updates and discussions on industry trends. Students are given the opportunity to network with peers and leaders in the agriculture industry as well

as increase their excitement about the future of agriculture by creating awareness about career opportunities in agriculture.

Feedback from our program participants from last year was extremely positive!

For additional information and application procedures refer to the Agriculture Future of America website (<http://www.agfuture.org/s/1342/index.aspx?sid=1342&gid=1&pgid=468>) and select the Leaders Conference Tab.

Deadline to apply (directly at AFA website) is September 6. Applicants will be notified by AFA by September 20. If selected to receive a corporate sponsorship you are encouraged to apply to the Office for Undergraduate Education for a travel grant to attend.

Procedure to apply for travel grant is as follows: Submit cover letter stating interest in attending AFA and what you hope to gain with resume to **Richard J. Rateau, 110 Ag Administration Building, by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 24, 2013.**

AgChoice Scholars Program

Please also encourage full-time undergraduates in the College of Agricultural Sciences to apply for the **AgChoice Scholars** program.

Penn State students...get some real world experience in agribusiness before you graduate!

AgChoice Farm Credit is pleased to continue the AgChoice Scholars program, a unique experiential learning opportunity for a select group of Penn State students. This two-year program gives students first-hand experience working with Pennsylvania's largest agricultural lender and a glimpse into the agricultural lending industry.

For additional information and application procedures refer to the **AgChoice Scholars** program (<http://www.agchoice.com/about/agchoice-scholars>).



Feedback from our program participants from last year was extremely positive!

Deadline to apply is September 20, 2013 (directly at AgChoice web site).

2013 College of Ag Sciences Teaching and Advising Recognition and Awards

To recognize and promote excellence in teaching and advising, we invite you to nominate faculty (tenured, tenure-track, and instructors) from your units for our three college-wide award programs: The *Community of Teaching Excellence Award* (est. 2000), the *NACTA Teaching Award of Merit* (reinstated in 2007) the *Paul R. and Joan M. Shellenberger Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching* (est. 2010), and new this year, *The Community of Advising Excellence Award* (est. 2013).

Nominations and applications are based on accomplishments during the past academic year (comprising the summer, fall, and spring semesters of 2012-13) 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 individ-

ual 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 *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 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.

New this year—**The Community of Advising Excellence Award**. The Alumni Society for the College already awards an outstanding adviser each year and that award will continue. However, the College will now also accept nominations for excellence in advising similar to the teaching excellence award. Criteria for the award will parallel that of the teaching award and individuals who receive the award three years will be inducted into the Academy of Advising Excellence.

Complete nomination packets for these teaching and advising awards are available from your Unit Leader and must be submitted to Tracy S. Hoover, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Agricultural Sciences, 101 Ag Administration Bldg. by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013**.

Please feel free to contact Tracy Hoover (tsh102@psu.edu; or 865-7521) if you have any questions. All programs carry financial award and recognition.

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FALL 2013 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August 12 - September 9	Intent to Graduate Activation Period
August 26	Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day Holiday - No classes
Sept. 30—October 20	Final Exam Conflict Filing Period
October 4-6	Parents & Families Weekend
November 15	Late Drop Deadline
November 24 - 30	Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes
December 13	Classes End
December 14 - 15	Study Days
December 16-20	Final Exams
December 21	Commencement