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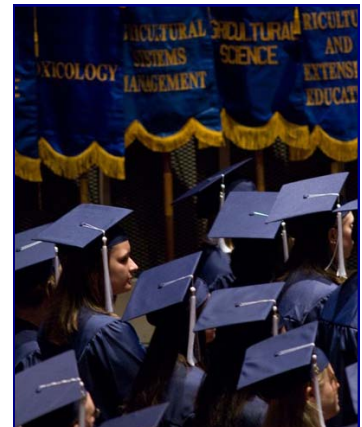
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Summer 2010 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

This year's summer commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. in the Bryce Jordan Center. The College has approximately 60 students slated to graduate this summer. Our student marshal for summer commencement is Debie Blair, a Schreyer Scholar, who is graduating with highest distinction with a Bachelor of Science in Food Science. Debie is enrolled in the integrated BS/MS food science program and will soon defend her MS thesis in food science. She has been active in undergraduate research and has had three summer internships with Kraft Foods Global Inc. She has accepted an Associate Scientist position with Kraft this fall at their division headquarters.

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. A University Marshal will be present to assist and place you in the academic procession. To get to the Green Room in the Bryce Jordan Center, enter the arena floor via Portal 15. Ushers are available to direct you to the Green Room once on the event floor. (<http://commencement.psu.edu/attending.html>)



Request Funds for Student Activities



Fall 2010 Semester:
Proposals are due **September 10, 2010**

Spring 2010 Semester:
Proposals are due **December 3, 2010**

Forms and procedures are in place for the 2010-2011 academic school year. For details and proposal forms, go to <http://students.cas.psu.edu/RequestingFundsforStudentAct.htm>



ACADEMIC ADVISING

**Fresh START Program
— August 28 —**

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 28, at University Park. Fresh START (Students Taking an Active Role Today) 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](http://FreshSTART.org) online or send an e-mail to psu-freshstart@gmail.com. To register, visit volunteer@psu.

Competency-based Adviser Development Team Continues Work

The “Master Team” is still working with stakeholders in the College to determine the competencies necessary to be an effective academic adviser. The team plans to conclude this phase of the project this fall by gathering data from faculty, staff and students. Stay tuned for an opportunity in your department to include your input.

Questions? Contact a team member: Penny Carlson, Penn State Harrisburg; Nancy Dreschel, Department of Dairy and Animal Science; Stephanie Doores, Department of Food Science; Jim Hilton, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering; James Howell, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences; Jana Peters, Department of Dairy and Animal Science; and Terry Musser, Office for Undergraduate Education.

AG 150S To Initiate Common Reading Program & Introduces Clickers Program

Two new initiatives will be part of AG 150S this fall. All students and faculty will read A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold. Discussion and activities related to the reading will be incorporated into the course to help students think critically about the “land ethic” as Leopold puts it, or the future of our planet.

Students will also be required to use “clickers” or personal response systems for the course this fall. Feel free to incorporate this reading and/or clickers into your own classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Student Club Fair & Social
Wednesday, Sept. 1st
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Ag Career Day
Tuesday, Oct. 12th
9 AM to 4 PM
Bryce Jordan Center

College of Ag Sciences Scholarship Banquet
Thursday, Sept. 23rd
5:30 PM
Penn Stater Conference Center

Undergraduate Research Proposals

Forms and procedures are in place for the 2010-2011 academic school year. For details and proposal forms, go to <http://students.cas.psu.edu/RequestingFundsforStudentAct.htm>

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). Funding for approved Undergraduate Research projects are at a maximum of \$1275 (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 2010 semester is Friday, September 10

Fall College Info and Club Fair

The 2010 College Info and Club Fair will be held Wednesday, September 1, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the grassy area behind the ASI greenhouses and across from Creamy 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. Set up for the Fair is from 9:30 – 10:45 AM that morning. Tables will be provided.



The Fair will start promptly at 11:00 AM. All exhibits must be staffed (1-2 persons) for the duration of the Fair. All exhibits must be removed between 2-3:00 PM on that day. We assume all academic programs and College student organizations will participate. In the event of intense rain, the event will be held the following day, Thursday, September 2.

There is no need to RSVP. Any questions or concerns, please contact Marianne Fivek in the Office for Undergraduate Education at ma-fivek@psu.edu.

Student Organization Success for Advisors

Plan to attend the Student Organization Success for Advisors session on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010**, from 1:30-3:30 PM in 118 Agricultural Sciences & Industries Building. 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. Please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Vickie Clauer, vcc2@psu.edu, by September 10.

Announcing Fall 2010 Undergraduate Program Coordinator Meeting Schedule

The Fall 2010 Program Coordinator Meetings have been scheduled on the following days,
1:30-3:00 PM:

- ◆ Wednesday, **September 8**, Room 504 ASI
- ◆ Tuesday, **October 5**, Room 118 ASI
- ◆ 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!

The College of Agricultural Sciences will hold its annual career day on Tuesday, **October 12, 2010** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Informational postcards were sent out to over 500 company contacts in April. Another postcard reminder will be sent to companies in August. Companies have been directed to visit the College of Agricultural Sciences Business and Industry website, <http://agsci.psu.edu/business/events/ag-career-day>. 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](#).

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 website or contact Denise Connelly if you would like Ag Career Day information sent to specific industries.



Several of our agricultural companies request to have opportunities to speak to classes, student clubs and organizations, and meet with faculty. Since the Office for Undergraduate Education is short-staffed, we will not be able to arrange itineraries for these requests. Please let Denise know who will be the contact for your unit so companies may contact units directly (dcc6@psu.edu)

Please mark this date on your calendars and fall course syllabuses, and encourage your students and industry connections to attend!

Fall 2010 Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee (SREC) Schedule

The Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee (SREC) meetings have been scheduled on the following dates at **9:30-11:00 AM** in the conference room of 101 Ag. Administration Building .

- ◆ Wednesday, September 22
- ◆ Wednesday, October 22
- ◆ Wednesday, November 17
- ◆ Wednesday, December 15

Curricular Affairs Committee—College of Agricultural Sciences

Curricular 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
<i>Review old business from SP 10 and any new proposals received by Friday, July 2, 2010</i>	Thurs. July 15, 2010 1:30—3:00 p.m. 105 Forest Resources	July 23, 2010	August 4, 2010	<i>for the Aug. 24, 2010 Issue</i>	Aug. 31, 2010
Friday Aug. 6, 2010	Thurs. August 26, 2010 1:30—3:00 p.m. 105 Forest Resources	September 3, 2010	Sept. 10, 2010	<i>for the Sept. 28, 2010 Issue</i>	Oct. 19, 2010
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.

AG LEAP 2010 Thank You!

Thanks to those of you who played a role in making AG LEAP 2010 a success! Thanks to Dan Hagen and Ephraim Govere for serving as instructors for AG 160. The Friday morning program activities developed last year grew bigger and better this year. The students had five Friday morning programs, of which they had to select three. Programs showcased through these activities included Agricultural Systems Management, Agroecology, Animal Sciences, Forestry, Horticulture, Landscape Contracting, and Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences. Through these activities students met and interacted with a minimum of 19 of our faculty in the college. Other members of our college family

interacted with the students by showcasing college facilities during tours. Tours outside the college included Allegheny Ridge Wind Farm, Bioenergy International, Brubaker Farms, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, DelGrosso Food, Inc., Evergreen Farms, Franklin & Marshall College, Jim Hess Farm and the National Novelty Brush Company.

We're already thinking about AG LEAP 2011, so please share feedback and ideas you have related to the program. I'm also interested in visiting with anyone considering teaching a class for the program next summer. — Karen Vines, kvines@psu.edu



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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FALL 2010 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August 16 - September 6	Intent to Graduate Activation Period
August 23	Classes Begin
August 23 - September 1	Drop/Add Period
September 6	Labor Day Holiday - No classes
September 27 - October 17	Final Exam Conflict Filing Period
November 12	Late Drop Deadline
November 22 - 28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes
December 10	Classes End
December 11 - 12	Study Days
December 13 - 17	Final Exams
December 18	Commencement