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Successful Scholarship & Awards Banquet



The 2009 College of Agricultural Sciences' Scholarship & Awards Banquet was held on October 12, 2009 at the Penn Stater Conference Center.

More than \$1.7 million was awarded to approximately 670 students in the College for this academic year.



The banquet allows the opportunity for these scholarship recipients and their donors to meet. Twelve new scholarship donors were recognized during the evening along with other donors for years of continuous support .

Mr. Jess Mowry, Wood Products, served as the emcee and Ms. Hannah Atkins, Animal Sciences, spoke on behalf of all student recipients. Mr. Michael Donaldson, representing the Sarah Christine Donaldson Memorial Trustee Scholarship, spoke on behalf of all donors.

Request Funds for Undergraduate Research

Spring 2010 Semester:

Proposals are due January 22, 2009

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



Request Funds for Student Activities

Spring 2010 Semester:

Proposals are due December 1, 2009

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





Dr. Terry Musser,
Coordinator of Student
Advising Center and
DUS programs

Academic Advising Corner!

The New Advising Initiative

A team is being recruited to work on a new advising initiative: the design and implementation of a competency-based adviser training module. The team will determine the competencies necessary to be an effective adviser and the rubric for measuring achievement. If you are interested in working on this project please contact Dr. Terry Musser at txm4@psu.edu.

DF on Transcript Means No Graduation!

The Faculty Senate has changed the Deferred Grades Policy 48-40 so that it aligns with the final statement of Policy 48-50 No Grade. Currently, the No Grade policy indicates that record of "no grade" on students' transcripts would prevent them from graduation. Similarly, Deferred Grades reflect that coursework is not complete, and as such, will also prevent a student from graduating.

Changes of Faculty Logon for eLion

In order to improve the security of our student records, a change to the login process for eLion Faculty will be made prior to the beginning of the spring semester in 2010. Currently, the use of a second factor authentication token is required only for those faculty eLion functions that update student records (e.g. grading, Early Progress Report). Beginning on Jan. 5, 2010, a second factor authentication token will be required for access to all functions within eLion Faculty. Faculty members logging in to eLion will be prompted to enter the number from their SecurID token at the same time as they are prompted for their user ID and password. Faculty functions in eLion include class lists, syllabus links, early progress reporting, final exam schedule, grading and prerequisite class lists.

Faculty who use eLion and who do not currently have a SecurID token must obtain one prior to Jan. 5, 2010, in order to maintain uninterrupted access. To learn more about second factor authentication tokens, visit http://ais.its.psu.edu/support/access/auth_tokens.asp. Questions about the change to the eLion Faculty login process may be directed to Carol Findley in the Office of the University Registrar at csf3@psu.edu.



Fall 2009 Commencement

The College of Agricultural Sciences Fall 2009 Commencement will be held on Saturday, **December 19**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bryce Jordan Center. Visit <http://commencement.psu.edu/undergrad.html> for more commencement details.



Faculty planning to participate in the commencement ceremony can find out more information at <http://commencement.psu.edu/attending.html>

Governor's School "ThanksGiving" to All Previous PGSAS Faculty, Staff and Graduate Assistants

After 23 years, the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences has officially come to an end as we know it. To show our appreciation to those many members of the College of Agricultural Sciences community who have taught, mentored, scheduled, driven, coordinated, and planned courses, projects and events for this group over the years, we would like to invite you to stop by Ag Admin to pick up a memento of the program. Current and "vintage" PGSAS clothing, medallions, pens, and folders and more are available "while supplies last."



- WHAT?** Governor's School "ThanksGiving" Event
- WHEN?** November 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
November 18 & 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE?** The 101 Ag Admin Building Conference Room
- WHO?** Anyone who has assisted or worked with PGSAS

We look forward to seeing you there!

Instructors Needed for INT AG 100 and AG 160



INT AG 100 Instructor Needed for Fall 2010 Semester

Instructor needed for **Introduction to International Agriculture** (INT AG 100), beginning with the 2010-11 academic year. This 3-credit course is a survey of agriculture and food production in developing countries, focusing on small traditional farmers, their methods, and their socioeconomic environment. The course is required for the International Agriculture minor and AEE major, satisfies GS and IL Gen. Ed. requirements, and typically enrolls 50-70 students. For more information, please contact Steve Smith (uib@psu.edu).

AG LEAP 2010

Instructors are needed for Summer 2010 LEAP for **Intro to Ethics & Issues in Agriculture** (AG 160) Interested in teaching AG 160 this coming summer session? For more information, please contact Karen Vines (kav11@psu.edu) or Marcos Fernandez (jmf28@psu.edu).

Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Ethics & Issues—In this pride, you will be introduced to contemporary issues, ethical theories, and the application of critical thinking and communication skills related to topics in agriculture, renewable natural resources, and the environment. Special emphasis will be placed on issues, opportunities and challenges facing Pennsylvania and the United States within the context of the global community. Through the communications component of this pride, you will learn to better understand and critically evaluate issues, and to formulate and communicate your personal views through oral and written communication. Guest speakers, field trips and interactive activities will supplement the course materials and enrich the educational experience. In addition, you will be exposed to numerous career and networking opportunities with our internationally acclaimed faculty and staff, current students and alumni. (Open to all first-year students)

- (1) Introduction into Ethics and Issues in Agriculture (AG 160, GH, 3 Credits, TWR – 9:35 – 12:25, Room TBA)
- (2) Effective Speech (CAS 100, GWS, 3 Credits, MTRF, 3 Credits, MTRF – 2:20 – 3:50, Room TBA)



Backpack to Briefcase



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

Thank you to everyone for your help in making Ag Career Day a successful event for our student and industry partners. We had approximately 620 students in attendance at the event and 48 company organizations.

There were additional company booklets leftover from the event, please contact Debbie McAllister (djm415@psu.edu) if you are interested in a copy or supply for your students. Many thanks again for your support of our student programs!



Ag Alumni Society Student-Alumni Mentoring Workshop

The College of Ag Sciences Alumni Society is hosting a student-alumni mentoring workshop on **January 25, 2010** from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in 118 ASI Building. The workshop will provide an opportunity for students to learn about career paths, professional fields, and educational options from alumni working in their field of interest. Students can join accomplished alumni from all areas of the college to discuss life after graduation. Food and prizes will be available. More information will be available as the event nears. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Lisa Rankin at lcr5016@psu.edu. Please help spread the word to your students!

Scholarships for Spring 2010 Short Term International Study Tours



Limited scholarships are available for students participating in the College of Agricultural Sciences Short Term International Study Tours for Spring 2010. Eligibility for these scholarships does require documented financial need. Scholarship amounts for individual students will range between \$200-500. Students who are interested in applying for these scholarships should contact Denise Connelly at dcc6@psu.edu.

The deadline to apply is December 4, 2009.



Announcing the 56th Annual NACTA Conference, June 22-25, 2010

“Collaborate, Communicate Celebrate” Hosted by Penn State University, University Park, PA

Make sure you hold the dates now for the 56th Annual Conference of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA; www.nactateachers.org), which will be hosted right here at Penn State University **June 22-25, 2010**, at the Penn Stater Conference Hotel and Center. Join us for an engaging week of oral presentations, poster sessions, roundtable discussions and exciting tours as we **“Collaborate, Communicate, Celebrate”** teaching and learning around agricultural, human, and renewable natural resources. The annual NACTA conference is a wonderful venue focusing on the educational mission of agricultural institutions, including issues related to teaching, learning, co-curricular opportunities, student recruitment, advising and retention, programmatic assessment, etc.



The college’s Office for Undergraduate Education provides partial funding toward registration costs to college instructors presenting oral and/or poster presentations at the conference (abstracts are normally due in early-March); more information will be made available in the Spring, so make sure you check future editions of Undergrad Ed Updates!

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, November 23, Room 324 ASI
- ♦ Monday, 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.

Jim Dunn	AG BM, and 2 AGB
John Ewing	AEE and AG SC
Paul Heinemann	A S M and B E
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
Jamie Murphy	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)



Curricular Affairs Committee — College of Agricultural Sciences

2009-2010 Curricular Calendar

Proposals Due in CSCS system	Send to ACUE Deans (if necessary) Then to Committee Members for review	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. 18, 2009	Sept. 21-22, 2009	Thurs. Oct. 8, 2009 1:30-3:00 p.m. 102 Forest Resources	Oct. 16, 2009	Oct. 30, 2009	for the Nov. 17, 2009 Issue	Dec. 8, 2009
Friday Oct. 30, 2009	Nov. 2-3, 2009	Thurs. Nov. 19, 2009 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 102 Forest Resources	Dec. 4, 2009	Dec.16, 2009	for the Jan. 12, 2010 Issue	Jan. 26, 2010
Wednesday Dec. 16, 2009	Dec.17-18, 2009	Thurs. Jan. 14, 2010 1:30 -3:00 p.m. 244 Ag. Engr. Bldg.	Jan. 22, 2010	Feb. 5, 2010	for the Feb. 23, 2010 Issue	March 16, 2010
Friday Feb. 12, 2010	Feb. 15-16, 2010	Thurs. March 4, 2010 1:30-3:00 p.m. 244 Ag. Engr. Bldg.	March 19, 2010	March 26, 2010	for the April 13, 2010 Issue	April 27, 2010
Friday April 9, 2010	April 12-13, 2010	Thurs. April 29, 2010 1:30-3:00 p.m. 244 Ag. Engr. Bldg.	May 14, 2010	May 28, 2010

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.

Free book available for reading online from *The National Academies Press*...

“**Transforming Agricultural Education for a Changing World**” (2009, The National Academies Press, and at \$34.50 PDF, ISBN-10: 0-309-13222-3)... http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12602&page=R1 .

Free book available for reading online and as a pdf download from *The National Academies Press*... “**A New Biology for the 21st Century: Ensuring the United States Leads the Coming Biology Revolution**” (2009, The National Academies Press, Free PDF, ISBN-10: 0-309-14488-4) ... <http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?>





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 2009 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

November 13	Late Drop Deadline
November 23 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes
December 11	Classes End
December 12 - 13	Study Days
December 14 - 18	Final Exams
December 19	Commencement

