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## Excellence in Academic Advising Award — Call for Nominations

Nominations may be submitted by the College of Agricultural Sciences alumni, faculty members, students, and administrators. The selection will be based on the quality of nominating materials, rather than quantity. Each nomination should be submitted in the following format:

1. A one-page document giving biographical (personal and academic) information. Appropriate material might include the nominee's advising schedule within the last three years and the nominee's academic history and accomplishments.
2. A one-page document supporting the candidate in the three areas outlined in the selection criteria above, with an emphasis on advising effectiveness.

3. Additional material from students, alumni and faculty which supports the nomination. This additional material shall be limited to no more than five letters from current students, no more than five letters from alumni, and no more than five additional letters. The emphasis should be the effectiveness of advising and the positive influence of the advisor on students.



View nomination information online at: <http://agsci.psu.edu/alumni/awards/college/academic-advising/nomination-information>

Nominations must be received by the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society Director, Naomi Knaub, 223 Ag. Administration Building, by **Friday, March 30, 2012.**

## Harbaugh Entrepreneurship Forum—Mark Your Calendars!

All faculty and students are welcome to attend the Harbaugh Entrepreneurship Forum.

**Date:** April 2, 2012  
**Time:** 4:15—5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 101 ASI Building

Keith Masser, CEO of Stermann Masser, Inc. ([www.masserspuds.com](http://www.masserspuds.com)) will be the feature keynote speaker. Keith will share his entrepreneurship story of growing his family's potato sales business to being over a \$100M concern. Keith also serves as Vice-Chairman of Penn State's Board of Trustees and is serial entrepreneur. In addition, students are encouraged to compete with their best idea in the **AG-60** elevator busi-

ness pitch competition. The student with the best 60-second business idea pitch in Ag will win \$200. The video presentations are now being accepted. For requirements and more information visit: <http://agsci.psu.edu/entrepreneur/competitions/ag-60>. **Deadline is March 21, 2012.**

Contact Dr. Mark Gagnon ([mag199@psu.edu](mailto:mag199@psu.edu)) for additional information



### New Maymester Summer Session

“Maymester” is the name of the new summer session offered this year May 7 – June 6 at University Park and other campuses.

#### How do I find Maymester courses?

To identify courses offered at the University Park campus during Maymester, open the Schedule of Courses and scroll down to Additional Search Criteria. In the “Starts On or After” field, enter the first day of Maymester classes (May 7, 2012) listed on the Academic Calendar. In the “Ends On or Before” field, enter the last day of classes for Maymester (June 6, 2012).

To identify courses offered during Maymester on the other Penn State campuses, go directly to the homepages of the campuses and search for 2012 summer session courses.

### FTCAP is Coming!

This year’s overall FTCAP dates are **May 14 – July 12** excluding May 16 and 28, **June 13 and 27** and **July 4**.

Students admitted to the College of Agricultural Sciences and their families will be attending the afternoon College meeting in the Food Science Building at 1:30 each day for 25 of these days. Details are coming for specific dates and locations, so stay tuned.



## Distinguished Honors Faculty Program

The Schreyer Honors College invites applications from interested faculty members to be a part of the Distinguished Honors Faculty Program (DHF).

The creation of the Distinguished Honors Faculty program closely aligns with the college’s mission to provide students with a dynamic environment in which they will achieve academic excellence with integrity, build a global perspective, and embrace opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. The goal of the program is to graduate Schreyer Scholars who will have an important and ethical influence in the world, affecting academic, professional, civic, social, and business sectors.

The Schreyer Honors College recognizes that at Penn State we have outstanding, world-renowned faculty engaged in often groundbreaking research. It is their belief that bringing together Schreyer Scholars with this group of eminent researchers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and intellectuals through innovative programs is an ideal fit between students and faculty who share a passion for learning, exploration, and achievement; therefore, they have created this program to increase academic engagement between our high-performing Scholars and outstanding faculty members.

The role of the Distinguished Honors Faculty will be to engage with a broad spectrum of Schreyer Scholars in a non-classroom academic setting. While the Schreyer Honors College can think of many ideas and programs, they want to leave it up to the Distinguished Honors Faculty to decide what type of program would have the greatest impact on exposing Scholars to their interests.

#### Details

This will be a two-year position with possibility of renewal for one extra year. You will have access to \$4,250 per year to spend on your program.

In addition to whatever ideas you might have on engaging the Schreyer Scholars, it is required to have at least one fireside chat each semester, in which you sit down with a group of Schreyer Scholars in either of the honors residence halls, Atherton or Simmons, and discuss in an informal setting your favorite topic. All of the other ways in which you engage the Scholars will be your choice. You will receive help with the organization of the events and logistics (booking of facilities, ordering food, etc.). All that is required is for you to engage with the Schreyer Scholars in meaningful, interesting, and academically focused activities.



If you are interested in serving as a member of the Distinguished Honors Faculty, send a two to three page proposal on how you wish to engage our Scholars along with a copy of your Curriculum Vitae (CV) by **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012** to Arun Upneja, Associate Dean, Schreyer Honors College, 10 Atherton Hall (Email: [aupneja@psu.edu](mailto:aupneja@psu.edu)).

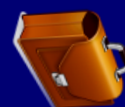
## Career Planning for Students

Students can utilize the Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services in room 110 of the Agricultural Administration Building by emailing [Erin Mullen](#), Coordinator of Experiential Learning and Career Services or by calling 814-865-7522 to schedule an appointment.

Students can obtain help and feedback on their résumé and cover letter, or take advantage of a mock interview. As-

sistance with career exploration, networking, internship, and employment searches are also available to students.

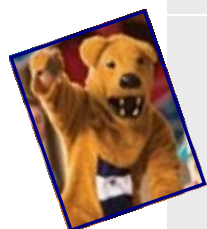
Please remind your students about the [AgSci Career Network](#). The database is a great resource for connecting students with employers; and, job and internship positions are being posted every day.



Backpack to Briefcase



## Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee Schedule



The Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee (SREC) will meet on the following dates, times, and locations Spring 2012:

<b>March 21</b>	<b>9-10:00 AM, 214 Ferguson Building</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>2:30-3:30 PM, 432 Food Science Building</b>

## Undergraduate Program Coordinator Meeting Schedule

The Spring 2012 Program Coordinator Meetings are scheduled at **1:30-3:00 PM** on the following dates and locations:

Monday, March 26	Room 118 ASI
Tuesday, April 24	Room 504 ASI
Monday, May 21	Room 504 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
Les Griel	VB SC
Harold Harpster	ANSCI
Leland Glenna	CED
Rob Shannon	E R M
Stephanie Doores	FD SC
Ellen Manno	FORSC, W F S, and W P
Dennis Decoteau	HORT
James Howell	IID and TOX
Dan Stearns	LSCPE
Andrew Mc Nitt	TURF & TURF (WD)

**College Curricular Corner**

The College's Instruction and Curriculum Affairs Committee reviews curriculum proposals submitted by units within the College of Agricultural Sciences for eventual approval by the Faculty Senate. This committee meets regularly throughout the fall and spring semester. A complete list of committee meeting dates are listed below. Instructions on how to submit proposals, who your unit representatives are, etc. Are online at: <http://agsci.psu.edu/faculty-staff/teaching-and-learning/college-resources/icac>.



The following proposals were reviewed at the College Instruction and Curricular Affairs Committee (ICAC) Meeting on February 23, 2012. See your ICAC unit representative for more information.

Course of Program	Course #	Type of Action	Type of Review	Action
AGECO	429	Add	New	Approved with minor revisions
AGECO	427	Add	New	Revisions and another review needed
AYFCE	470	Change	Re-review	Approved with minor revisions
INTAG Minor	-	Change	New	Approved with minor revisions
INTAG	300	Add	New	Approved with minor revisions
INTAG	490	Add	New	Approved with minor revisions
MPS REES GR Program	-	Add	New	Approved with minor revisions
FOR	880	Add	New	Approved with minor revisions

Revisions have not been received on the following previously reviewed proposals:  
**R SOC 420, AGRO 518, ANSC 127**

**College of Agricultural Sciences**

**Instruction & Curricular Affairs Committee Calendar 2011-2012**

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
Friday Feb. 3, 2012	Feb. 6-7-8	Thurs. Feb. 23, 2012 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Rm 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	March 2, 2012	March 23, 2012	for the April 10, 2012 Issue	April 24, 2012
Friday April 6, 2012	April 9-10-11	Thurs. April 26, 2012 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Rm 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	May 18, 2012	TBD	Issue TBD	Meeting TBD

\*\*Course proposals need to be completely through all CSCS consultation and ready to be sent to the college administrator (K. Pletcher, email: [kjs8@psu.edu](mailto:kjs8@psu.edu)) by this date to be reviewed at the college committee meeting. Also, a PDF of your proposal must be sent to the college administrator by this deadline. **Hard Copies are not required for the course proposals. A Hard Copy original is only required for the Program Proposals** (since they are NOT available via CSCS yet). Once your proposal has passed through the College's Instruction and Curricular Affairs Committee review process, the appropriate hard copies will be made by the college administrator and sent to the Faculty Senate for their review process.

\* Dates posted by Faculty Senate.  
 Senate Newsletters are posted to their website at: [http://www.senate.psu.edu/senate\\_activity/newsletters.htm](http://www.senate.psu.edu/senate_activity/newsletters.htm)

## Office for Undergraduate Education Campus Visits

It's time to jump on the Ag Sciences Campus van! The spring 2012 campus visit schedule is as follows:

<b>Tuesday, March 20</b>	Penn State York
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b>	Penn State Brandywine (overnight)
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b>	Penn State Abington
<b>Monday, April 2</b>	Penn State Beaver

Other opportunities for interaction with Commonwealth campus students include:

<b>Saturday, March 24</b>	LINK UP – University-wide transition program
<b>Thursday, March 29</b>	Penn State Altoona students visit University Park
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	Penn State Altoona's Ag Awareness Day

Please let Debbie Little ([dxm16@psu.edu](mailto:dxm16@psu.edu)) know as soon as possible if you would like to join Undergraduate Education staff for any of these programs.



### Spring 2012 Commencement — Mark Your Calendars

The College of Agricultural Sciences Spring 2012 Commencement exercises will be at Eisenhower Auditorium of **Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 AM**. Watch for more details!

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## SPRING 2012 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

<b>April 6</b>	<b>Late Drop Deadline</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Withdrawal Deadline</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Classes End</b>
<b>April 30-May 4</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>
<b>May 4-6</b>	<b>Commencement</b>