



Undergrad Ed Updates

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Student Clubs & Organizations Alumni Tailgate Invitation

Student Clubs and Organizations receive a special invitation to showcase their group to hundreds of Penn State alumni at the Ag Live alumni tailgate hosted by the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society. Each club or organization with a display will receive three complimentary tickets to the event and the use of one 8 ft. table, the cost will be \$15 for any additional students.

The tailgate will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2011** (3-1/2 hours before kick-off, TBA) at the SNIDER AG ARENA, prior to the Penn State vs. Nebraska football game. For additional details and registration information, contact Naomi Knaub at nmk107@psu.edu or 867-1819.



Request Funds for Student Activities

**Spring 2012 Semester:
Proposals are due December 5, 2011**

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

Undergraduate Research Funding Opportunity

**Spring 2012 Semester:
Proposals are due December 5, 2011**

The Spring 2012 proposal form is now available to request funding. For more information visit: <http://agsci.psu.edu/students/research>

Student Leadership Awards

Union and Student Activities is currently accepting nominations for both the Student Achievement and Student Leadership and Service Awards. The awards recognize students for excellence in academics, athletics, community service, leadership, and much more. A listing of awards and their purposes is available at the following web site:

<http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/hub/studentactivities/applications.shtml>.

Please consider nominating deserving students. Students can self-nominate if interested. Nominations are due to the Office of Student Activities, 209 HUB-Robeson Center, by **Friday, December 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.**

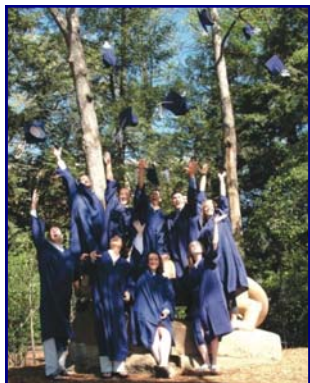
Contact studentactivities@sa.psu.edu or (814) 863-4624 for further information.

Record Those Advising Notes...Please!

1. Log on to eLion (<https://elion.psu.edu/>) as an "Adviser" and go to Advising Notes under the letter "A".
2. Select the student from your roster or type in a student number for another student you advised and click the "Retrieve student data" button at the bottom.
3. Click on the "Go to Adviser Comments" button toward the bottom.
4. You can read any notes that are already recorded for this student AND you can enter new notes in the empty comment box. You can even change the date in the date box if you met with the student on a previous day.
5. After entering your brief notes, click on the "Add adviser comments" button under the comment box.

"Why record notes," you might ask? "I don't have time!" Everyone should be keeping notes on what is discussed with students – this is a standard of good advising practices. It helps you stay on top of the student's progress and be prepared for each meeting with the student. Notes can help other advisers who meet with your students understand where the student is coming from.

Electronic notes can also be used to show that you have worked with a student to develop an appropriate educational plan OR that the student has not seen you and has self-advised. It doesn't take long to enter the notes and the time spent can save time in the future when preparing to meet with a student. Schedule student appointments to allot time to review notes beforehand and enter them afterwards.



Fall 2011 Commencement

The College of Agricultural Sciences Fall 2011 Commencement will be held on **Saturday, December 17, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Bryce Jordan Center.

Our college student marshal for fall commencement is Alyssa Klein, an animal science major with science option. After graduation, she plans to attend Penn State Hershey School of Medicine.

Faculty are encouraged to attend and participate in commencement ceremonies to honor our College of Agricultural Sciences graduates.

Visit <http://commencement.psu.edu/> for commencement details. Faculty participating in the ceremony can see <http://commencement.psu.edu/attending.html> for faculty at-large directions.

Mentorship Program Provides Benefits to Undergraduate & Graduate Students

AERS announces the launch of a collaborative mentorship program between the Community, Environment, and Development (CED) undergraduate program and the Community and Economic Development (CEDEV) graduate program. The Community Development Mentorship Program connects undergraduate students in CED with graduate students and alumni of the CEDEV graduate program to advance the CED students' professional development and understanding of the application of course concepts. Through one-on-one matches with graduate students and alumni, CED students will have a resource to seek advice regarding professional interests and practice-related inquiries. They will also gain insight and advice as they consider career options within the field, under-

stand the relevance of the course content to practice, and begin establishing a network of professionals that is important as students enter professions post-graduation. CEDEV students and alumni will gain experience in mentoring and providing leadership in career development to undergraduate students interested in similar career fields.

The mentorship program provides benefits for both the mentee and mentor. CED students with junior standing or higher are eligible to participate in the mentoring program. For more information about the program, please contact Megan Wilhelm, CED Advising Coordinator, at (814) 865-6220 or mus119@psu.edu.

Lunchtime Series on Academic Advising



Every semester the Division of Undergraduate Studies holds lunchtime presentations featuring academic advising topics. These lunch-and-learn sessions provide opportunities for professional development, networking and advising discussions. The last session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in room 110 Henderson Building, on **Nov. 9**. All interested faculty and staff members are welcome to attend and may bring lunch to eat during the presentation.

Student and Family Services: An Advising Resource

Student and Family Services provide assistance for students who are in difficult situations. Who do they serve? What do they do? When do they do it? Joe Puzycki, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and JoAnna Thomas, Administrative Assistant in Student and Family Services will provide the answers and discuss ways that their office provides support for students, faculty and advisers.

For further details about the seminars, contact Laura Brown at 814-865-7576 or lsb7@psu.edu.



Student Recruitment and Enrollment Committee (SREC)

The last Fall 2011 SREC meetings is scheduled on:

Thursday, November 10, 1:30—3:00 PM

in 101 Ag. Admin. Conference Room.



Fall 2011 Undergraduate Program Coordinator Meeting Schedule



The Fall 2011 Program Coordinator Meetings have been scheduled on the following days,
1:30-3:00 PM:

- ◆ Wednesday, **November 30**, Room 504 ASI
- ◆ Tuesday, **December 20**, 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
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
Charles Heuser	HORT
James Howell	IID and TOX
Dan Stearns	LSCPE
Andrew Mc Nitt	TURF
Al Turgeon	TURF (WD)



Backpack to Briefcase



2011 Ag Career Day

Thank you to everyone for your help in making Ag Career Day a successful event for our students and industry partners. 56 companies and 590 students were in attendance on Ag Career Day. Many of the companies have scheduled student interviews for internships and full-time positions.



College of Agricultural Sciences—International Education Week



Monday, November 14

Nittany Lion on Location
122 Ag. Admin., Kick Off 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Study Abroad Lounge Open House. Come visit the College of Agricultural Sciences Study Abroad Lounge in 122 Ag Admin. Learn more about the Nittany Lion on Location project that sends a little bit of Penn State around the Globe!

Tuesday, November 15

Traveling Tuesday Series
122 Ag. Admin., 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Natural Resources in Southern Africa

Embedded Course Information Session
Traveling Tuesdays feature a new international program, presentation, or movie for students, faculty and staff beginning at 12:00 noon every week. In honor of International Education Week, our November 15th Traveling Tuesday will feature Dr. Mike Jacobson talking about his upcoming embedded course to South Africa and Mozambique, focusing on Natural Resource Management issues in these countries.

Tuesday, November 15

INTAD Information Session
119 ASI, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
International Agriculture and Development
Learn about the new dual-title degree program in International Agriculture and Development (INTAD). This program provides graduate students in the participating programs of Agricultural & Extension Education, Rural Sociology, Agricultural Economics, and Entomology, with international perspectives and expertise to strengthen their primary graduate degree.

Tuesday, November 15

Movie Showing: **HOME**
Foster Auditorium-Paterno Library, 7:00 p.m.
Internationally renowned photographer Yann Arthus-Bertrand makes his feature directorial debut with this environmentally conscious documentary produced by Luc Besson, and narrated by Glenn Close. Shot in 54 countries and 120 locations over 217 days, *Home* presents the many wonders of planet Earth from an entirely aerial perspective. As such, we are afforded the unique opportunity to witness our changing environment from an entirely new vantage point. Produced to inspire action and encourage thoughtful debate, The College of Agricultural Sciences Office of International Programs is co-sponsoring this event with the School of International Affairs and University Libraries.

Wednesday, November 16

IAAS Club Meeting
122 Ag Admin, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
International Association of students interested in Agriculture and related Sciences

Friday, November 18

Culminating Event for the Week
International Careers Panel
Foster Auditorium-Paterno Library, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.,
Learn about international career opportunities from the experts. Includes discussion about government, NGOs, industry, and academia in international careers, with a special focus on Food Security issues. General tips and resources about searching a position in your field will be covered as well. *Thanks to the Center for Global Studies for co-sponsoring this event.*

CAS International Educational Embedded Experiences—2012 Spring Semester



It isn't too late for students to register for these courses for Spring 2012. Most have applications, so if you have any students who are interested, please encourage them to contact the leader below, or Ketja Lingenfelter, Study Abroad Coordinator, ketja@psu.edu.

International Educational Embedded Experiences are courses that are led by CAS faculty in the spring semester, are typically 3 credits but can be more, and have an "embedded" international trip experience either over spring break or right after the spring semester ends. The trip component can last for 1 to 4 weeks. Some are focused on specific major areas or groups. Please contact Ketja Lingenfelter, Study Abroad Coordinator at ketja@psu.edu for details.

Location	Course Number	Course Title/Description	Travel Dates	Leader
Brazil	INTAG 499C	Sustainable crop production, environmental and integrated pest management strategies course and study tour to Brazil, 3 credits	Spring break 2012	Melanie Gilbert Lyn Garling
France (based in Paris)	INTAG 497A	Comparing US/French Agricultural Systems spring semester course and study to France, based in Paris, 3 credits	May 19-June 2, 2012	Ted Jaenicke Ketja Lingenfelter
France (Normandy)	AN SC 499A	Equine industry in Normandy, 3 credits	May 7 -17 2012	Ann Swinker Marianne Fivek
Germany	AG 199	Food, Fuel and Fiber Study Abroad course at PSU Altoona focuses on the diversity of agriculture and touches upon several topics encompassing food, fuel and fiber issues on a global level	May 7-15, 2012	Gail Good
Honduras	CED 499B	Focusing on international development with a spring break trip to Honduras, 1 to 3 credits	Spring break 2012	Dave Ader Leif Jensen Melanie Foster
Ireland	HORT 299/499	Landscape/Horticulture site course	May 7-15, 2012	Martin McGann
Jordan	SOILS 499J	The interconnections between soils, civilizations and societies with a focus on ancient and modern agrarian societies in Jordan	May 6-20, 2012	Kate Butler Melanie Gilbert
Kenya	AGRO/CED 497C	Agricultural Systems in East Africa, Eco-village in Lamuria	late May-early June, 2012	Janelle Larson Sjoerd Duiker
Korea	AEE 499A	School-based Agricultural Education across the Globe: An experience in Korea	May 30 – June 8, 2012	Daniel Foster
South Africa/Mozambique	FOR 497E	Natural Resource Study Tour of southern Africa. Forestry and natural resource management issues in southern Africa. 1 credit	End of May, 2012	Mike Jacobson
Vietnam/Cambodia	INTAG 499B	An Ag leadership course for honors students	End of May, 2012	Mark Brennan

NOTE: Students Judicial Affairs record and Academic record may be checked as part of the pre-departure process for any College of Agricultural Sciences embedded program. If students have a significant disciplinary Judicial Affairs record, are currently on disciplinary probation, academic probation, or if their GPA is below 2.5, they may be deemed ineligible for the program.

Undergraduate Research Exhibition—Call for Fall 2011 Nominations



FACULTY—If you have received excellent student research papers on topics related to Africa and its Diasporas, we seek your nominations of those papers for possible participation in the exhibition. Please submit the papers to the ARC for review.

NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 19, 2011

There is no special form. Faculty members should submit a nomination letter and the student’s electronic 8-10 page paper to africanacenter@la.psu.edu. For more information visit <http://www.arc.psu.edu/>

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 Oct. 28, 2011	Nov. 1-2-3	Thurs. Nov. 17, 2011 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Rm 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	Dec. 2, 2011	Dec. 16, 2011	for the Jan. 10, 2012 Issue	Jan. 24, 2012
Friday Dec. 16, 2011	Dec. 19-20-21	Thurs. Jan. 12, 2012 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Rm 244 Ag Eng. Bldg.	Jan. 20, 2012	Feb. 3, 2012	for the Feb. 21, 2012 Issue	March 13, 2012
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) 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



Instructor Resources @ UP

Check out these Web sites for more information on...

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

<https://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/>

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>

Podcasts at Penn State

<http://podcasts.psu.edu/>

Penn State Testing Center

www.testing.psu.edu/



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FALL 2011 COLLEGE & ACADEMIC CALENDAR

November 11

November 20 - 26

December 9

December 10 - 11

December 12 - 16

December 17

Late Drop Deadline

Thanksgiving Holiday - No classes

Classes End

Study Days

Final Exams

Commencement