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Upcoming Events

February

- 16th-Seminar
- Faculty Meeting
- 19th-Reception for Dr. Hussey

March

- 6th-Retiree Coffee
- 12th-16th-Spring Break

Rosson's Roundup

Our 12th day enrollment numbers are final, so I'll provide a brief overview. We have 890 undergraduates with 570 in Agricultural Economics and 320 in Agribusiness. Our largest option is Finance and Real Estate, with 335 students. We have 89 students in Food Marketing Systems, 75 in Rural Entrepreneurship and 65 in Policy and Economic Analysis. Our Agribusiness students are about evenly split between upper and lower levels. The graduate program has a total of 123 students enrolled. We have 67 PhD students, 31 master of agribusiness, 24 master of science and one non-degree seeking. Thanks to our Graduate and Undergraduate Offices for compiling this information and supporting our students.

Earlier this week, James Johnson, '86 visited the department to discuss his interests in supporting high-impact learning. James started his career with the Foreign Ag Service, USDA, then moved to the National Confectioners Association in Washington, DC to work in international marketing. After meeting with Kerry Litzenberg, we hosted a luncheon at the University Club. Two of our students, Maggie Branch and Jason Edmonson, talked about their experiences. Jason participated in the study abroad trip to Ghana, while Maggie conducted a faculty supervised research project. Both of the students did an excellent job of explaining how these high-impact learning activities changed their perspectives on their education and the world. Thanks to you both for doing such a great job! Thanks to Patrick Williams who organized this event and Fred Boadu and Senarath Dharmasena who also participated in the luncheon.

Aggie baseball starts this weekend, with the University of Rhode Island Rams in Aggieland for a three game series beginning Friday night. Aggie softball hosts the Texas A&M Invitational starting Friday with Butler, Iowa and Tulsa participating. Aggie basketball plays at Arkansas on Saturday.

Have a great weekend and stay dry if you can!

Symposium on Agriculture & Applied Economics Research

The Symposium for Agricultural & Applied Economics Research (SAAER) at Texas A&M University is an annual student-run event showcasing graduate-level research from the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Department of Economics. Three students were selected from each department to present on current research projects while competing for a travel grant to attend the conference of their choosing. The 2018 SAAER will also be the first to host a new competition, the Lightning Round Research competition, in which students present three minute versions of current research. In addition, Dr. Helen Jensen of Iowa State University will be delivering the keynote address on using research to influence policy and expand the reach and use of research projects. The 2018 SAAER Industry Panel will consist of Alexandra Frenzel and Holly Armstrong of B.P., Kassie Kampen of MetLife Ag Investments, Mary Ledman of Keogh Ledman Associates, Troy Thompson of Chevron and Todd Staples of the Texas Oil and Gas Association. Registration will open soon at the link provided below. Any questions on the event can be submitted to saaertamu@gmail.com

March 22, 5-7 pm; March 23, 8-4 pm

Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex

<https://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/agecograds/2018-saaer/>

Happy Birthday!!

Fred Boadu	2/18
Christina Hillard	2/18
Douglass Shaw	2/18
Reid Stevens	2/18



Thank You!!

**Dept. Head
Office**

for hosting Friday coffee



Position Announcements

Assistant Professor in Agribusiness Management, Division of Applied Social Sciences (DASS), College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR), University of Missouri. This is a 9-month, tenure-track assistant professor position to support its undergraduate, graduate and research program in agribusiness management, organizational economics and entrepreneurship. Candidates must have a PhD in agricultural economics, management, economics, or other closely related field with a specialization in one or more areas in management. Please visit <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/index.php> to submit an application. All applications must include a letter of interest in the position, complete Curriculum Vitae, research statement, contact information for four professional references, and other supporting materials. The finalist for the position will be required to provide official transcripts for graduate courses. Questions regarding this position should be directed to: Dr. Randall Westgren, Chair, Search Committee, 141 Mumford Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211, Westgrenr@missouri.edu Screening of applications will begin March 1, 2018, start date is September 1, 2018.

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC), Virginia Tech invites applications for a unique endowed position in agribusiness management and entrepreneurship. The position, the James A. and Renae C. Pearson Collegiate Faculty Fellow, will be a 100 percent teaching, 9-month academic-year appointment with the rank of either Collegiate Associate Professor or Collegiate Full Professor. Ph.D in Agricultural/Applied Economics, Economics, Finance, or related field required. : A review of applications will begin March 15, 2018. Position is available to start August 1, 2018. Applicants need to complete an online application at <https://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/83452> and submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, a statement of teaching philosophy, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and a list of names and contact information for three references. Direct inquiries or questions about this position to Dr. Kurt Stephenson, Search Committee Chair: Phone: (540) 231-5381; Email: kurts@vt.edu

Extension Agricultural Economist, Kansas Farm Management Association, Southeast. This is a joint appointment between KFMA SE and K-State Research and Extension. Screening of applications will begin on February 23, 2018. Qualified persons are invited to apply at <http://careers.k-state.edu/cw/en-us/job/502653/> by completing the following: 1) Upload a letter of application, 2) Upload a resume including contact information for 3 professional references, 3) Upload official transcripts of all post-secondary course work, 4) Arrange for three letters of reference to be sent by the application deadline to Judy Maberry jumaberry@ksu.edu. For more information, contact: Mark Dikeman, Associate Director, Kansas Farm Management Association Program. Office: (785) 539-0373; E-mail: dikemanm@ksu.edu The KFMA program website is www.AgManager.info/KFMA

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Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu