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Upcoming Events

June

16th-Fathers' Day

Words from Waller

Graduation Survey Responses

The undergraduate students that went through graduation on May 10 filled out a graduation survey to provide us with some information about their experience while they were in the Department. **Donna Chester**, from the undergraduate office, provided me with a summary of the graduation surveys earlier this week. Of the 189 surveys completed, 65.61% were male, and 34.3% were female. Of those graduating students, 24.87% entered the Department as freshmen, while 32.28% were on-campus transfers from another major, and 42.6% were off-campus transfers from other institutions. When asked about plans after graduation, 33.86% said they have accepted a permanent employment position, 34.92% said they were seeking employment, and 15.34% said they had been accepted into a graduate or professional school to continue their education. Students indicated they had found employment in a number of different areas, with the highest percentages being sales 33.7%, banking/finance 12.6%, and management 12.16%. Starting salaries covered a wide range, but most fell between \$46,000 and \$65,000. Well over half of the students indicated they had participated in departmental clubs, and almost 100% said they were involved in clubs and organizations at the College or University level. When asked about their overall educational experience at Texas A&M and in the Department of Agricultural Economics, students were very complementary of the university, our Department, our faculty, and our advisors.

High Impact Learning/Student Study Abroad

Immediately following graduation, **Dr. Boadu** traveled with 6 students to Ghana on a high impact learning study abroad opportunity. From May 11 through 24, the group visited the Harbor Authority, the Ashanti Region Livestock Show, the Akosombo Dam, the Cape Coast and the Ghana Parliament among other places. While at Parliament, the students were treated to a live session. All the students had a wonderful time and were grateful for the opportunity. The students that traveled this year were: **Matilyn Abner, Trevor Bennett, Keiry Cantarero, Treveon Carter, Hunter Free, Lauren Izydor.**



Visit From Former Student

Dr. Shoichi Ito'88, an International Food Policy Economist and Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University in Japan, was in College Station this week, and stopped by the Agricultural Economics Department to visit with several faculty members. Dr. Ito received his PhD in agricultural economics in 1988. We had an interesting discussion about how Texas A&M University and the Department of Agricultural Economics had grown since he was here in the late 1980's. We also discussed how our graduate programs differ, the job market for our undergraduate and graduate students, and the evolving direction of research interests in the Department and College.

The weather forecast is dry and warm for this weekend. I hope you all have a great one.

New Publication



Zhang, Y., Xu, Z., & Palma, M. A. 2019.
"Conveniently dependent or naively overconfident? An experimental study on the reaction to external help." *PloS one*. 14(5), e0216617.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0216617>

Happy Birthday!!

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| Kerry Litzenberg | 6/10 |
| Joe Outlaw | 6/11 |
| Dean McCorkle | 7/3 |
| Caroline Gleaton | 7/14 |
| Anastasia Shcherbakova | 7/17 |



Agricultural Economics 2019 Tailgate Events

September 21, 2019

BTHO Auburn
@ AgriLife Complex
Extension Outlook Program

November 4, 2017

BTHO South Carolina
@ Clayton Williams
Alumni Center Veranda

3 Hours before kickoff

Please RSVP by September 5, 2019 for the BTHO Auburn Tailgate
https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SsGmqhUetPXTYF

*Friday Coffee will return
Fall 2019. May have a couple
during the summer. Will keep
you posted!*

Position Announcements

Farm Management Specialist I, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, University of Kentucky. The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky announces a Farm Management Specialist I position opening in the Kentucky Farm Business Management (KFBM) program. Major job responsibilities include: 40%. Analyzes farm records and provides farm management counseling to cooperators, data to lenders and accountants as required, and aggregate data for the KFBM database & annual summaries. 30%. Collaborates with faculty and others to use state data for research and reports. 15%. Co-manages and maintains an office, employee, and finances. Maintains an adequate number of cooperators. Develops leadership and communication with the association board. 10%. Develops and presents original work through Extension meetings, publications, and one-on-one education. 5%. Maintains professional standards, provides customer service, and expands professional knowledge. The position is located in Henderson, KY. Application deadline is June 16, 2019. See announcement below for more details and how to apply. Contact Jerry Pierce, KFBM State Coordinator, for more information. 859 537-6655
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Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics and Policy, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, Ohio State University. The Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (aede.osu.edu) in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Science at The Ohio State University invites applications for a tenure track assistant professor position. Qualifications: Applicants must possess a PhD in agricultural economics, applied economics, economics, or related field. Application Instructions: Application review will begin July 1, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. Complete applications include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and the names of three references. Applications materials should be submitted to the Agricultural Economics Search Committee Chair at AEDE-AgEconSearch@osu.edu. Questions about the position can be directed to Brian Roe at roe.30@osu.edu or 614-688-5777.

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

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