DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

*GRADUATING THIS SEMESTER?* If you are planning to graduate this semester, please read the rest of the message. One of my favorite things to do at ISU is reading graduating students’ names at the commencement. Unfortunately, we won’t get this experience in the Spring. So, I want to do something special for you. Please go to https://forms.illinoisstate.edu/forms/class_of_2021_agriculture and fill out the form. You will be asked to upload a childhood photo and a current photo. I will gather all the submissions and prepare social media post! Please respond by **Monday, April 19th.** That should give me time to put it together. I look forward to seeing your information.  
Dr. Spaulding.

**New Course Offered In Fall 2021:** AGR 302 International Agribusiness With Dr. Iuliia Tetteh

One in five jobs in the U.S. ag and food sector are tied to exports, and almost 25 cents of each $1 earned in agriculture in the U.S. come from export. In Illinois alone, over 40% of grain is sold for export. Given the growing importance of international trade for the U.S. food and agriculture industry, effective agribusiness managers need to have a better understanding of the impact of international markets on their operation and be able to identify and address risks and opportunities with entering foreign markets.

In this course, you will be introduced to fundamental concepts of international trade and markets, learn how to determine if the firm is ready to expand into international markets, will get familiarized with data sources that can help evaluate existing or potential export markets. You will have an opportunity to learn from case studies, real-world data sources and industry speakers. This course will also equip you with a unique skillset and competencies (e.g., understanding and navigating the operating environment (cultural, political, etc.) in a foreign market) which will strengthen your resume and make you a more competitive job candidate. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Iuliia Tetteh at (ipto1@ilstu.edu ).

**Science And Technology Week 2021:** April 12-16, 2021. We are excited to have a mixture of virtual and in-person event options. Please view the schedule in its entirety here. Women in Leadership Conference: Via Zoom on Friday, April 16. No cost but preregistration is required. https://forms.illinoisstate.edu/forms/women_in_leadership_reg.

**Face Masks:** If you haven’t picked up your face mask yet, you may pick it up in the main office of Ropp (125) from Mary. When you pick up your mask, all of our COVID rules apply (face covering, physical distancing, etc.).

**ISU Agriculture Department:** Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ISU.AGRICULTURE or Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/isuagriculture/ Twitter ( @isuagriculture ) Our ISU Page ( https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/ )

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Virtual Cooking Demonstration:** The Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter at Illinois State University invites ALL students at ISU to join them for a virtual Cooking Demonstration. In place of Ag Day on the Quad, we have an awesome one-hour demonstration put on by our own officers! You can follow along and learn how to make Confetti Beef Tacos (recipe and ingredient list HERE) and Frito Corn Salad (recipe and ingredient list HERE). These delicious summer recipes will be ready in just one hour for you and your friends. Do not miss out on this event! We are holding a random drawing for a programmable slow cooker and a Half Baked Harvest cookbook! Come join the meeting on **Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 pm via Zoom HERE.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Isaac Brockman at jibrocl@ilstu.edu.

**Spring 2021 RSO Covid-19 Updates:** Due to COVID-19, there are new policies and procedures affecting RSOs. Changes being implemented in accordance with the University’s response to COVID-19 and to encourage RSO involvement while minimizing risk. Any questions regarding the changes, please contact Amy Miller, RSOs Coordinator, at (ajmill2@IllinoisState.edu) or (309) 438-3212.

**Nama:** The National Agri-Marketing Association Team will meet weekly on **Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. over zoom.** If you would like to participate in our team marketing competition, contact Michelle Cooney at ( mlcoone@ilstu.edu ) to get the zoom link and more info.
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP:** GDM seeds in Gibson City, IL, is a multinational plant genetics company based out of Argentina, with three breeding stations in the United States. They are currently looking for three full-time interns for this summer to assist with their Nursery, Field Crew, Increase (Purification), Production, and Warehouse teams. For more info about GDM please visit their website or find them on Facebook. Apply online or send your resume to (sbullock@gdmseeds.com). * = updated/revised

Scholarships: Birkey's Farm Store - CNH Service Technician Program. Technical/academic education at Parkland College plus on-the-job experience at a Birkey’s location. Case New Holland (CNH) Service Technician training at Parkland leads you to an Associate in Applied Science degree with a major in Industrial and Farm Equipment Technology in just two years. For more info and to apply, visit their website at: https://www.birkeys.com/scholarships?vgo_ee=a49vGdC%2BCtLpi6kTHlQfXVht4ik6P9xNvhsQ1FjqbGc%3D

**JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PART-TIME HORTICULTURIST:** Bloomington Country Club is seeking a Part – Time Horticulturist to assist their horticulturist with planting, watering, pruning, maintaining the extensive flower beds around the clubhouse and on the golf course. A candidate that is available immediately, or in early spring will also assist with our in-house greenhouse operation where we grow many of our annual flowering plants. This work would include, seeding, transplanting, propagation of cuttings, and planting our many pots and hanging baskets. **Requirements:** Horticulture education or experience is preferred but not required / An interest in maintaining landscape and flower beds / Attention to detail is a must / Someone who enjoys outdoor work / Working one weekend morning a week. **Hours, Salary, and Benefits:** Quantity of hours is very flexible anywhere from 15-30 hours – some morning work required / $15-$17/hour depending on experience / Club provided meals while on duty / Golfing privileges when club schedule allows. For more information, or to apply contact Matt Harstad, Golf Course Superintendent by email at mharstad@bloomcc.com or by phone at (309) 829-5584. (3/22/21)

**HORTICULTURE AND NATURAL AREAS/FLOWER WORKER:** The Flower Worker assists with the installation and maintenance of flower beds, planters and landscaped areas throughout the Park District and Flower Island program. Typical season is May through August / Typical work week is 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday / Work week hours may vary according to weather or seasonal demand / Must be available to work weekends, evenings and over time if needed. For more info and to apply visit their website at: https://www.applitrack.com/cparkdistrict/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Horticulture+and+Natural+Areas.  (03/22/21)

Year-Long Paid Internship: The National Park Service has a year-long, paid internship that will be based at the Gateway Arch National Park in downtown St Louis, MO *option to work virtually as needed. They are looking for graduating seniors or recent graduates in Natural Resource Management, Parks and Recreation, or Public Health. [https://mobilizegreen.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=280](https://mobilizegreen.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=280). Questions email recruiting@mobilizegreen.org. (3/15/21)

Rural Property Appraising Internship: MGW Appraisal Services, Inc. located in Sycamore, IL is offering a paid summer internship. This opportunity will include detailed training of all facets of inspecting and appraising farm land, farm businesses, livestock and grain facilities, rural residences, and commercial properties. The intern would receive assistance in obtaining his or her Associate Appraiser Trainee License with an opportunity for full time employment. For more info or to apply, contact Jake Aubry at (815) 756-3606 or [jake.aubry@mgw.us.com](mailto:jake.aubry@mgw.us.com). (02/22/21)
EVERGREEN FS, INC. HAS THE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

**Summer Office Assistant:** Evergreen FS - Bloomington, IL is seeking a student for summer office internship: May - August. Visit their website for more information: [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-LP-Contract-Assistant-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-61701/719619200/](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-LP-Contract-Assistant-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-61701/719619200/)

**Seasonal Turf Specialist:** Link and video for more info on the job. • Turf Specialist Video - [https://vimeo.com/23273007/0dc438f7ac](https://vimeo.com/23273007/0dc438f7ac)

**Full-Time Turf Specialist:** Full-time Turf Specialist: [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Custom-Turf-Specialist-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-61704/701087300/](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Custom-Turf-Specialist-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-61704/701087300/)

For more info on any of these positions, Contact: Christie Rabideau, [Evergreen FS, Inc.](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington) | Ph: 309-834-0039 [crabideau@evergreen-fs.com](mailto:crabideau@evergreen-fs.com)

**Agronomy Intern:** The AgVenture D&M AGRONOMY INTERN will be responsible for providing assistance to the AgVenture D&M team with on-farm agronomy support, as well as any other needs that may arise. The intern will conduct on-farm scouting in Newton County, Indiana, Iroquois County, Illinois, and surrounding areas. In this role, the intern will be expected to conduct stand counts, scout for weed, insect, and disease pressure, and be aware of other deficiencies that may be impacting the grower’s corn and/or soybean acres. Position available May 1, 2021 through August 1, 2021.

For more info and to apply, contact Tiffany Frash, Director of Sales and Marketing | [tfrash@agventuredm.com](mailto:tfrash@agventuredm.com) | (800) 933-0259. (2/22/21)

**Paid Summer Internship:** Advanced Crop Care Inc., is interested in hard working dedicated individuals majoring in Agronomy, Soils, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Ag Economics and related agricultural. Crop Scouts will assist a Certified Crop advisor for weekly field monitoring. Responsibilities include identifying field production problems related to weeds, diseases, and insects as well as assisting in GPS soil sampling and data entry. Positions will allow for the wide diversification of crop consulting within a growing season. If interested contact: Ryan Stoffregen, at (815) 970-0289, [ryans@advancedcropcare.com](mailto:ryans@advancedcropcare.com). Visit their website at ([www.advancedcropcare.com](http://www.advancedcropcare.com)). (2/21/21)

**Consulting Agronomist In Training:** Pro-Ag Consulting located in Windsor, IL is looking for a Consulting Agronomist in Training. This is a FIELD position. It includes actual physical work in the field as well as person-to-person contacts. Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to: *Assigned to work with a designated Regional Agronomist. All assigned activities will be under direct supervision of the Regional Agronomist. For more info and/or to apply, contact Christopher Behl at (800) 879-2297, (behl.chris@gmail.com). (2/21/21)

**Bayer Crop Science Summer Research Assistants:** Collect timing and characteristic data on corn and soybean plots. Familiar with Microsoft Office and iOS for note taking is desired. Majority of the work is outdoors. Some overtime/weekend work is expected during late June-July. Must have clean driving record and must be 18 or older to apply. Located in Farmer City, IL. Send resumes/questions to Josh Park: [Joshua.park@bayer.com](mailto:Joshua.park@bayer.com) (217) 671-2047. (2/01/21)

**Assistant Superintendent:** Mistwood Golf Club, Romeoville, IL. Applicants should possess 2-4 year degree in field of Turfgrass Management / Ability to work extended hours including weekends and holidays / Ability to obtain a Illinois Pesticides License / Valid Drivers License / Bi-lingual skills in Spanish are highly recommended. For more info or to apply email ([bkelnhofer@mistwoodgc.com](mailto:bkelnhofer@mistwoodgc.com)). (02/01/21)
Multiple Positions: Jones Country Gardens is needing to fill the following positions. For more info or to apply contact Chad Jones, Jones Country Gardens, (815) 358-2585 / email (jonescountrygardens@yahoo.com).

Assistant Grower Position: Assist in areas of propagation, transplanting, watering, pest and disease management, and shipping. Full-time position with year round employment /room for advancement. / Greenhouse Production position: Assist in areas of transplanting, watering, shipping, and general plant care. / Retail Sales position: Garden centers located in Streator, Metamora, and rural Pontiac, IL. The idea candidate should possess basic knowledge of various annual and perennial flowers and be able to work well with customers. This position could be utilized as an internship or as a full time or part time seasonal employment. (02/01/21)

15 Scholarships: The GROWMARK Foundation 2021 Scholarships are now available. Visit their website to apply. 2021 GROWMARK Scholarship Application Applications are due by midnight on April 15, 2021. Please direct questions to Karen Jones, 309-557-6184 or kjones@growmark.com.

Research Associate: Carthage Innovation Swine Solution, LLC is searching to hire a Research Associate who is responsible for assisting the Research Managers in conducting trials at farms, following company standard operating procedures. For more details and to apply, visit their website at: https://www.hogvet.com/. (1/19/21)

NETWORKING


*CAST IMPACT DAY: Monday, April 12, 2021- Midwest Food Bank. 2031 Warehouse Road, Normal
The College of Applied Science and Technology is pleased to partner with the Center for Civic Engagement and the Midwest Food Bank to provide a volunteer opportunity for students, faculty, and staff. Registration is available on the CAST website until April 1 (or until filled); register early as spots are limited. Volunteer shift 1: 9-11am / Volunteer shift 2: 6-8pm.

Redbird Study Spaces: Study Spaces are classrooms available Mon-Fri, with the exception of holidays and breaks. The QR Code at the door is not a sign in. The code notifies the University that the room will need extra cleaning and will help determine whether additional spaces should be added. Rooms are available during regularly scheduled building hours unless otherwise indicated in the classroom. For info about building hours, visit the Coronavirus website. Redbird Study Rooms will be Reviewed Continuously to Determine Needs.
Center for Applied Science and Technology – Room 133
Fell Hall – Rooms 116 and 125
State Farm Hall of Business – Room 135
Turner Hall – Room 212