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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

***Graduating Seniors:** Congratulations to everyone who is graduating this year 2021. Please fill out our senior survey before you leave campus. This will help us a great deal. Again congratulations class of 2021. <http://bit.ly/AGRSRING2021>

****PLANT SALE:** The Horticulture Center plant **sale begins May 8th. Pick up date is May 15th** or in town delivery for \$10. Heirloom Veggies, Annuals, Perennials, Trees, and House Plants! Follow the QR Code to purchase your garden goodies!! All proceeds go to the Horticulture Center – so that we can continue to make things grow!
<https://bit.ly/2z8YHug>



Pinetum Hatch Fund: The ISU Horticulture Center’s is expanding! **Between April 15th and May 10th**, the Center will be holding an online fundraising campaign to start phases 2 & 3 of the five phases designed in 2009 by then undergraduate student, Nick Pershey '09. Now seeking to expand this public resource by acquiring a colorful array of additional conifers and companion plants that will allow the Center to complete the next phase of the original design. By supporting this campaign, you give our future students the same opportunity to study this incredible plant genre and grow their skills as well.
[Illinois State University | We're Branching Out!](https://bit.ly/2z8YHug) <https://hatch.illinoisstate.edu/project/25386>



ELIAS Fellow: \$7,250 Scholarship! per year for two years (\$14,500 total)! Available to incoming juniors for Fall 2021. Interested in Becoming an ELIAS Fellow? Are you a “numbers person” who is interested in using that talent in the context of agricultural or biological research? Then we have a need for you! Every research discipline is becoming progressively more data-driven, agriculture and biology included. In an effort to address the projected shortage of applied statisticians and data analysts, the ELIAS fellowship has been designed to support the concurrent training of students in both applied statistics and a hands-on field, greenhouse, or laboratory experience related to plant science research. We pair our students with a mentor based on their interests, and our students are paid to conduct research for two years!

- Our students also: Travel to conferences Present their research Network with peers
- Learn vital skills in data science and laboratory, greenhouse, or field research Meet industry and government scientists

What Are Some of the Other Benefits? If selected for this competitive, USDA funded, 2 year fellowship, you will receive:

- \$500 to cover your independent research \$205 to help cover the cost of the GRE
- Preparation for graduate school and industry Free showcasing of your research online

Who Are You?

- An incoming *junior* for Fall 2021 Interested in data science and traditional research
- Majoring in: **ISU:** Crop and Soil Science or Agronomy Management

For More Information and/or to Apply Contact Dr. Heller (njhelle@ilstu.edu). **Applications due August 1, 2021**

Classes Will Be: Intro computer science (fall or spring), AGR 363 (spring 2022), AGR364 (fall 2022)

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 (iproto1@ilstu.edu).

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REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

NACD/AFA Career Workshop: The NACD/AFA Conservation Career Workshop will be held **online June 13th-15th** and is open to any undergrad student. This year's program will focus on Forest Management and Regeneration. Application forms and a tentative schedule can be found here: [Agriculture Future of America - NACD/AFA Conservation Careers Workshop \(agfuture.org\)](#). If you have any questions about this opportunity or the application, please contact Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Ambassador Michelle Cooney (mlcoone@ilstu.edu). **Apply Now – Application Deadline: May 12, 2021**

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 U.S. 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). 3/22/21



JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lawn Care: Neuhaus Gardens is a small upscale landscape design and maintenance company. They are looking for experienced Lawn care persons with a background in Horticulture. They have been in business for 20 years and have a long list of loyal customers. Job will not be limited to just mowing, landscaping and landscape management are just a few of the services we offer. Resumes can be sent to Greg Neuhaus at (garden79us@yahoo.com) for additional questions contact Greg Neuhaus at 309-825-5877. We are based in Colfax IL most of the customers are in. Bloomington Normal. A clean driving record is required. (4/12/21)

Summer Employment: Farmer City Bayer has two current positions available. No experience needed. Training will be provided. \$15/Hour + Milage. Contact: Quincey Olenick (309) 660-6682 / quincey.olenick@bayer.com. **Field Inspector:** Scout seed fields and work within an agriculture-based business. **Contract Supervisor:** Manage detasseling and roguing crews. (3/29/21)



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)

EVERGREEN FS, INC. HAS THE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

Seasonal Turf Specialist: Link and video for more info on the job. •Turf Specialist Video -

<https://vimeo.com/232733007/0dc438f7ac>

Job Desc & Apply Here - <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Seasonal-Turf-Operator-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/709738200/>

Full-Time Turf Specialist: Full-time Turf Specialist: <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Custom-Turf-Specialist-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/701087300/>

For more info on any of these positions, Contact: Christie Rabideau, | [Evergreen FS, Inc.](#) | Ph: 309-834-0039 | crabideau@evergreen-fs.com



Multiple Positions: Carthage Innovation Swine Solution, LLC has open positions. For more details and to apply, visit their website at:

<https://www.hogvet.com/>. (1/19/21)



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NETWORKING

***GOLF OUTING:** The Professional Sales Institute hosts a FREE golf and tailgate networking event where ANY major, any class level, can have a conversation about how their major would support success in sales & marketing roles, thus giving the student more career options to evaluate in their senior year! Students do NOT have to golf to participate. Students can **register up until September 3rd** but if they **register by May 30th, they will get a T-shirt at check-in**, if they register for the free golf, they will receive a sleeve of golf balls as well. What we'll "get" with their early registrations is how much food, how many T-shirts and golf balls to order 😊. Plus, how many shuttle riders we'll be providing buses for. Our corporate sponsors through their registration fees provide this entire event free to students. One last note – RSO's are invited to setup a booth at the tailgate to promote their group to students and corporations. There is a 'check box' on the student registration page to indicate they would like a booth (Free). It's a fun day! Join us on **September 17th**, see times of activities along with a tab to register at: (<https://business.illinoisstate.edu/psi/golf-outing/>)



2021 IL Livestock Leadership Institute: Formerly known as the Illinois Pork Leadership Institute, the Illinois Livestock Leadership Institute (ILLI) is now a combined effort from IPPA, the Illinois Beef Association (IBA) and Midwest Dairy (MWD). ILLI provides an opportunity for young men and women to become actively involved in the livestock industry and all of agriculture. This program is sponsored by the three previously mentioned organizations and is administered by their respective staff.

ILLI is a 4 day trip that focuses on leadership, citizenship, and communication skills through hands-on experiences. Youth will learn about pork, beef and dairy production, research, consumer information and issues that affect the livestock industry today.

ILLI participants must be 16-20 years old by the time of the trip. ILLI participants need not be pork/beef/dairy producers or from pork/beef/dairy producing families but must exhibit a sincere interest in the livestock industry and agriculture.

A maximum of 27 students will be accepted. Registration is based first on age, then on the quality of response to the prompt listed on the registration form. Notifications will be made within one week of the application deadline. If chosen, there is a \$150 registration fee to attend the trip, with all other trip expenses are covered by ILLI.

Please contact jenny@ilpork.com or 217-529-3100 with any questions. **The 2021 trip will take place June 28 - July 1 to Des Moines, IA. The application is due May 21, 2021.** Please follow all instructions on the application. If the 2021 Illinois Livestock Leadership Institute is postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19, staff will notify all attendees as soon as possible and registration fees will be refunded. [Apply Here.](#)

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 Visual Arts – Room 133

Fell Hall – Rooms 116 and 125

State Farm Hall of Business – Room 135

Turner Hall – Room 212

DeGarmo Hall – Rooms 209 and 305

Schroeder Hall – Rooms 103, 115, and 206

Stevenson Hall – Rooms 126, 131, and 311



FLY HIGH AND PROUD OUR GRADUATING REDBIRDS!!

