DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Autumnal Festival 2021: ISU Horticulture Center is showcasing the Rainbow Connection: Celebrating people, plants, and their relationships. Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9a.m – 4p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 12 from 11a.m. – 3p.m. $10 for ages 13 and up / $5 for ages 3-13 and free for ages 2 and under. Favorites Return – Gourd Hunt – 10a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. Rotten Fruit Throwing, Scavenger Hunt, Gourd Spinning, Hayrack Ride. Attractions: Cultural Plant Displays, Including World Tree and Spirits of the Garden by Todd Kingerly, Pinetum Expansion and Sculpture, Silent Auction and Market, Glass Treasure Hunt by Joey Dullard, Color Gardens, Rainbow Hut. Exhibitors: Prairie Tours with University of Illinois Master Naturalists, Herb Sensory Garden with University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners, Central Illinois Beekeepers Association, Ecology Action Center, Normal Public Library, Sibley Honey. To order scan the QR code or go to (https://bit.ly/2z8YHug).

Volunteer: Is your RSO or just you and a group of friends looking for some fun volunteer ideas? Contact Jessica Chambers at the Horticulture Center (horticulture@ilstu.edu). The Annual Autumnal Festival could use your help! Work a booth, create items for auction, help weed and water the plants, the list goes on…. There are so many ways you can help!

Save The Date - Agriculture Career Fair: The Department of Agriculture Career Fair is the perfect place to find an internship or full-time position. The career fair is growing each year, with 56 companies/organizations participating in 2019. The next Agriculture Career Fair will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Click here for Information for students.


REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INDY-PENDENCE SERVICE DOGS:* We’re an RSO dedicated to educating the student body and community about the rights and training of service dogs. Do you love dogs and helping others? So do we! Become a member by filling out this form (QR Code) and come to our first meeting! September 8th at 7 pm in Ropp 108G. If you require any accommodation in order to attend please reach out to: (indpendencedo@gmail.com)

*STUDENT PRE-VET ASSOCIATION (S.P.V.A.):* Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 8th in Moulton 214 at 6pm. If you are interested in joining, or just want to learn more about us, please attend. If you are unable to attend, stay connected by joining our social media pages – Instagram: @ilstu_prevet / Facebook: Pre-Vet Association-Illinois State University.

Sigma Alpha: Come join Sigma Alpha, sisters in agriculture for an info meeting! In person info night!! Food will be included! Thursday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m. in Ropp 108G. If you are not able to make the in person party join us for the virtual info night Tuesday, September 7th at 8:00 p.m. Contact Emma James (emjame2@ilstu.edu) if you are interested in coming to meet our sisters in agriculture and see what our professional sorority is about! Reach out if you have any questions!
*CHILD CARE NEEDED:* Are you available Thursday mornings and looking to make some extra money? Bloomington-Normal MOPS, a local moms group, is in need of weekly childcare workers, beginning **September 16th through December 2nd.** Need a weekly commitment on Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:15 at Vale Church in Bloomington. Pay is $35/week and often times leads to additional babysitting opportunities with the families. Please contact Colleen Cihak via text/phone call at 309-242-2806 or email at mopsblmnormal@gmail.com. (9/07/21)

*SHEEP FARM:* Help wanted on a sheep farm located in Arrowsmith, IL. No previous with livestock required. Driver license and reliable transportation required. Ability to work outside in all weather conditions. Full/Part Time. Daily lifting of 50+ pounds. Setting up fences. Mowing. Assisting with repair work. Contact Elton at (309) 825-5435. (9/07/21)

*HARVEST HELP:* Grainland Cooperative is looking for students who want part-time employment. They are looking for harvest help for inside scale and outside help. They are willing to work with students’ schedules if needed. Applications are available in the Ag Office (RAB 125). (9/07/21)

**JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Full-Time:** United Soils, Inc./IFARM, Inc. is seeking to hire a new full-time employee to provide high-quality agronomic support for customers. The employee would help customers interpret testing results, generate lime and fertilizer recommendations, and offer general agronomic advice over the phone. Applicants should be flexible and able to work independently. The position will require limited travel generally to assist sales staff in the field, at conferences, or shows. The ideal candidate is a recent college graduate with on-farm experience looking to start their career. Students finishing their degree with a limited course load may also apply. Applicants should send a resume and list of references and any questions to Corey Lacey (clacey@unitedsoilsinc.com) for consideration. (8/23/21)

**Part-Time Work:** Any students interested in working part-time on cow-calf and/or show cattle operation, please contact Cori Malone (cjharr2@ilstu.edu). Prior experience with cattle is preferred, but not required. (8/23/21)

**Quality Assurance Assistant:** Remington Seeds is now hiring a Quality Assurance Assistant to begin part-time work on September 1st. While all location employees have seed quality as a major component of their jobs, the QA Assistant is the common link that helps to ensure that our customers are pleased with the quality of the seed we produce. Typical job responsibilities include (but are not limited to): • Process bulk seed samples to determine predicted seed sizing and conversion, • Visually inspect all finished seed lots to ensure acceptable seed appearance, • Process and submit samples for quality lab analysis. For more info or to apply, please contact Toby Terrell at (309) 208-2630. (8/23/21)

**Spring/Fall Grain Farm Equipment Operator:** Seasonal/Part-Time Work near Farmer City, IL is currently available. Needed dependable and safety-oriented students for both the fall and spring seasons if possible. Equipment operating & truck driving experience is a plus. Late model equipment with RTK & End Turn Automation. May obtain CDL if desired. Will attend farm related meetings & other learning experiences. Will work around school schedules. Seasonal BONUS up to $1,000 for reliable attendance on work days. Contact Joe for more info and to apply (309) 824-2076. (8/23/21)

**Farm Help:** Farm help needed 15 minutes from campus. Flexible hours and competitive wage. For more information and to apply contact Jeff Fuller at (309) 275-4363. (8/23/21)
**Paid Internship:** Heritage Farm Assistance, LLC, a Farm Management Company, is in need of assistance with computer programming and input. The candidate would be required to help with internal report writing. He/she would be expected to help work on promotions and some follow ups with potential clients as well as prepare reports for existing clients under our direction. There will be some field work with this position. Located in Maroa, Illinois. A student from the Central Illinois area would be ideal. They could easily travel to our office, and we are willing to adjust their work schedule around any in-person classes if they live in the general area. This would be a paid internship but only part time at the beginning. Viable candidates submit a resume and brief background to richard@heritagefarmassistance.com. (8/23/21)

**Technical Support Representative:** TeeJet Technologies is seeking a technical support professional to assist our customers with the education, operation and troubleshooting of the TeeJet electronic products. This individual will serve as an expert regarding TeeJet products and provide a bridge between the customer and TeeJet regarding all aspects of our business. This position is based at our facility in Springfield, IL. A 4-year college degree in a related agricultural engineering or agricultural technical discipline; or one to two years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Please see the Ag Job Bulletin Board for more info. To apply, please e-mail your resume to: (Danielle.Taylor@teejet.com). (8/16/21)

**Harvest Research Assistants Needed:** Research support for Bayer Crop Science Production Research. Take harvest notes, hand harvesting and helping out with other general harvest activities during harvest. Familiarity with Microsoft Office and iOS devices for note taking is desirable. Majority of work is outdoors. Time frame for job is current til mid/late October. Must have a clean driving record; must be 18 or older to apply. Located in Farmer City, IL. (30 minutes from Bloomington or Champaign, IL). Interested applicants contact Josh Park at (joshua.park@bayer.com) or Sarah at (sarah.wilson1@bayer.com). (8/16/21)

**Part-Time Apple Orchard Work:** Looking for persons who are willing to work at small family apple orchard this fall. Must be able to work every Saturday and Sunday in the months of September and October from 10am to 5 PM. Duties include supervising corn maze, pumpkin patch, and hayrack ride. Looking for help in our sales barn and Café. Also needing a barista. Please contact Peggy 309.275.6809 or (braffetberryfarm.com). (8/16/21)

**Fall Help Needed:** Local farm outside of Stanford, IL (15 minutes from campus) in search of a grain cart driver for the fall. Late model tractors and well kept equipment. Looking to start mid September through beginning of November. Farm background and experience preferred. Flexible with school schedule. If interested contact Brian at (309) 275-1670. (8/16/21)

**Farm Assistant Needed:** to operate all late model farm equipment. Full-time position with benefits. Mechanical ability and CDL helpful. Excellent opportunity. Please call 217-376-3321. (8/16/21)

**Soils Position:** United Soils Inc. located in Fairbury, IL is seeking a responsible student who can work independently part-time (10-20 hours per week) this fall to help with soil sampling and lab work. This could be for an internship. For more information, please contact Corey Lacey (clacey@unitedsoilsinc.com). (8/16/21)

**Research Technician** – Syngenta Soy TI Facility is hiring for a position that will be involved with plantings, tissue sampling, cross-pollinating, irrigation, harvesting, threshing, inventory, and pest management. We are indoors year round working with soybeans in greenhouses and growthrooms. The ideal candidate has: *Strong attention for detail *Can work independently and alongside team on tasks *Team player attitude. Physical demands of the role: *Willing to work in a greenhouse environment with high light intensity (80-95 degrees Fahrenheit year-round) *Capable of lifting up to 50 lbs. (loaded flats, equipment) *Capable of working on tedious tasks for 2-5 hours at a time *Ability to work with potential allergens (pollen, spores, pesticides) *Capable of working weekends and extended hours during peak cycle times. Anyone interested should email their resume to (Andrea_E_Gottbrath@directcontact.com) and Andrea Gottbrath will follow up with a phone call.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 7, 2021  * = new items  **=updated/revised  hyperlinks

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NETWORKING

**MAT 120 TUTORING:** The Illinois State University Math Tutoring Club is offering FREE MAT 120 tutoring. Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6-8 pm in Stevenson 219. Contact (jiloren@ilstu.edu) for more info.

*AFA LEADERS CONFERENCE* will be held IN-PERSON November 11-14th in Kansas City, MO. The application for this conference is due Tuesday, September 7th at 11:59 pm and takes approximately 30 minutes to fill out. You can find that application at: agfuture.org/lc21. Here is a video that explains AFA Leaders Conference: AFA Leaders Conference 2021 - YouTube.

AFA Leaders Conference will set you apart from your peers when applying for jobs, internships, or grad/vet school. It helps you build on your professional and personal skills as well as building your network. Many students have found an internship or job after going to this conference. Please consider applying to this conference. If selected, hotel, registration, and meals are all included at a value of $1,250. The company partners at this conference are really excited to engage with current students and want to hire on students that are involved in AFA programs. Company partners with AFA include: ADM, Bayer, Bunge, CGB, Farm Credit, Gowan, GROWMARK, Helena, John Deere, Land O’ Lakes, Merck, Smithfield Foods, as well as many others. If you want to work for these companies in the future, this would be a great opportunity to network with these companies. Questions? Contact Michelle Conney – AFA Ambassador at ISU (mlcoone@ilstu.edu).

Graduate School Series: Fridays, 12-1 p.m. Considering graduate school? Get advice on how to be successful when applying. Attend any session or the entire series virtually via Zoom or in person at the Career Resource Hub on the second floor of the Bone Student Center. If you need special accommodations to participate, contact Career Services at (309) 438-2200. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. CareerServices.IllinoisState.edu/Events.