DEPARTMENT NEWS

*PAS OFFICE:* If you are interested in running for a state PAS office, the deadline to submit materials is Tuesday, January 30th. If you have any questions about these opportunities, please let me know. Dr. Solomonson.


CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREEN SCREEN:* The Green Screen: Spring 2024 Climate Change Film Series is free and open to the community. Each month features a different film highlighting various topics on the global climate change crisis. Sponsored by ISU’s Center for Math, Science and Technology (CeMast) and the ISU Office of Sustainability. The first Screening will be Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Normal Theater, 209 North Street in Normal.

**Punk Rock Vegan** - Punk Rock Vegan is a feature-length documentary written and directed (and shot and scored) by Moby. It looks at the surprising history of punk rock and animal rights activism, features interviews with dozens of punk rock legends, and cameos from Bagel the dog, the devil, and a boardroom of demons. *Viewer discretion is advised for language and content.*

**SPRING PAS** (Professional Agriculture Student) Organization Conference at Heartland Community College on February 8th. Information about the event is below. If you are interested in participating in this event, you need to let me know by Monday, January 29th. I have to register anyone interested in participating by the following day (January 30). The cost for you to participate is $40 (which includes lunch). Contests to be held during the event include Livestock Specialist (new areas), College Bowl, Soil Specialist, Prepared and Impromptu Speaking, Dairy Specialist, Greenhouse Specialist (new area for Floriculture), Precision Ag, Animal Health/Vet Tech Specialist (new contest), and Ag Promotion and Marketing Specialist (new contest). Click here for a Table of Contents for all contest rules and coordinators and here for a link to the current test banks. Again this year, there will be no materials submitted prior to the event. All materials should be printed and submitted during on-site registration. Click here to view a tentative agenda for the events. Please note that registration will include a catered lunch, but there will be no supper provided at the event in order to keep registration costs low and allow teams to get home sooner. If you have any questions about these opportunities, please let me know. Dr. Solomonson.

**WATER WEDNESDAYS:** Wednesday, January 31, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Join with faculty from across campus that share an interest in water-related scholarship and creative activities on the first Wednesday of every month for informal sharing and conversations around the common theme of WATER! We will share examples of some current or planned work from faculty, talk about collaborations and funding opportunities, and just connect with others who share an interest in scholarship and creative activity related to water, very broadly defined. Dr. Katie Meehan will join us via Zoom to discuss her latest book, Water: A Critical Introduction which focuses on interrogating power and governance’s relationship to water scarcity, floods, legal conflicts, and many other water topics. Join Zoom Meeting https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/97813659304 Meeting ID: 978 1365 9304. Free

JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP:** Beck's Superior Hybrids in El Paso, IL is seeking an intern for the Summer of 2024 who has interested in crop science and genetic testing. The main responsibility for this job will be conducting mini-strip and replicated testing for research corn plots, as well as participating in other facets of Beck’s Research Testing Department. All interested and qualified candidates should send their resumes to Jake Ruestman at jake.ruestman@beckshybrids.com. Questions or concerns contact Jake Ruestman at 309-201-9257 or the above email address.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT:** Opportunity for an entry-level research position at Corteva in Princeton, IL. For more info and to apply: https://careers.corteva.com/de/job-de/19575850/research-associate-princeton-il?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic

Internships: GROWMARK/FS is seeking candidates to apply for internships in Baldwin, IL, and Nashville, IL. Additionally, they are also searching for 2 internships with St. Clair Service Company in Belleville, IL (Exploring Ag and GROWMARK internships). You can click on the links above to see more about the positions and to apply. For questions about the internships, please contact: Jaiden Goeke | GROWMARK Student Recruiter | jgoeke@growmark.com | (309) 212-0207. (12/04/23)
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 16th, 2024  *= new items  **= updated/revised  hyperlinks

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**Evergreen FS Spring/Summer 2024 Internships**: Click links for more information and to apply:

- **Agronomy/Scouting Interns (Multiple locations):** [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=scouting&location=&department=student](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=scouting&location=&department=student)
- **Agronomy Operations Interns (Multiple locations):** [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=Evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=agronomy+operations+intern&location=&department=](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=Evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=agronomy+operations+intern&location=&department=)
- **Turf Operations Interns (Bloomington, IL):** [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=turf&location=&department=](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=turf&location=&department=)
- **Grain Operations Intern (Bloomington, IL):** [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=Evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=grain+intern&location=&department=](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=Evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=grain+intern&location=&department=)
- **Energy Operations Intern (Bloomington, IL):** [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=energy&location=&department=student](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/?q=evergreen&q2=&alertId=&locationsearch=&title=energy&location=&department=student)
- **Accounting/Office Admin (Bloomington, IL):** [https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Accounting-Office-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-61701/1083490400/](https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Accounting-Office-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-61701/1083490400/)

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

*\*SCHOLARSHIPS*: The 2024 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is NOW OPEN! The lineup includes 110 scholarships totaling $192,001 in tuition support. Application link and all supporting materials including eligibility can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Please read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Apply between now and February 15, 2024**. All required information must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

*\*SCHOLARSHIPS*: Grain and Feed Association Scholarship opportunities. Applications close .

Scholarships: The IL Corn Growers Association will award five $1,000 scholarships. **Eligibility Requirements**: •Must be a high school senior or a post secondary student. | •Must be pursuing a degree in an agriculture field. | •Application must be submitted by **January 31, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. Central Time**. | •Scholarship winner must attend at least one IL Corn leadership meeting or event within a year of receiving scholarship. | •Applicant must have an active ICGA membership. **Apply at [https://www.ilcorn.org/scholarship-program](https://www.ilcorn.org/scholarship-program)**

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**NETWORKING**

**Tradeshow**: Join us **January 31 – February 2, 2024** at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL for iLandscape 2024. iLandscape is the Midwest's largest tradeshow for the landscape industry. Students and faculty are invited to attend the trade show at NO cost or 3 days of educational sessions at $25 early/$35 late. Don't miss out on this opportunity to network and learn! **Discount code: hortstu24**. Visit [www.ilandscapeshow.com](http://www.ilandscapeshow.com). Enter in your contact info and discount code on the first page. Badge details are entered on page two. Select Tradeshow-only if you want to attend the tradeshow (NO FEE). Select Education Pass if you want to attend education on Wednesday-Friday at a reduced price (Early $25/Late $35).

**Illinois Landscaping Contractors Association (ILCA)**: ICLA has multiple upcoming events. Please check out their website! [https://ilca.net/ilca-events/](https://ilca.net/ilca-events/)

**Young Professionals Council**: The YPC offers leadership and networking opportunities for young industry professionals while getting involved in volunteer opportunities within the floral/horticultural industries. Join today! Membership is Free! For more info and to become a member, visit their website at [https://endowment.org/ypc/](https://endowment.org/ypc/).