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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](#).

Department Of Agriculture Scholarships: We have scholarships for incoming and current students. Application deadlines are **February 1st and February 15th, 2024**. You may apply at (https://bit.ly/AG_Scholarships)

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CANNABIS CLUB REDBIRDS:** First meeting is Monday, January 29th from 6:00-7:00 pm in Ropp 108G.



CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN SCREEN: The Green Screen: Spring 2024 Climate Change Film Series is **free and open to the community**. Film highlighting topics on the global climate change crisis. Sponsored by ISU's (CeMast) and the 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 [Dr. Solomonson](#) know.

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

***AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION SPECIALIST POSITION:** The Dewitt County Soil And Water Conservation District is seeking a full-time employee to assist with the promotion and implementation of conservation programs. This person should possess practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of soil, water, and environmental conservation as they relate to agricultural operations and use measures. POSITION REQUIREMENTS: Prefer qualified applicant have an agricultural background, related bachelor’s degree in soil conservation, or related agricultural or natural resource discipline. Good oral and written communication skills and people skills. Must be highly organized, be a self starter with the ability to multi-task. Familiarity with Microsoft office programs; ArcView, G.I.S. and surveying skills highly desirable. This position requires the ability to traverse rough terrain in all weather conditions. This position also requires dependable transportation. Salary is based on experience. Candidate selected will be required to get fingerprinted and complete a background check. DeWitt County SWCD is an equal opportunity employer. All programs and services of the DeWitt County SWCD are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status or handicap. You may send your resume to the address below or email your resume to shelley.finfrock@il.nacdn.net by **February 2, 2024** Dewitt County Soil And Water Conservation District | 5920 Revere Road | Clinton, IL 61727. (1/22/24)



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***SEED SPECIALIST:** Pioneer SaathoffSeeds is looking for a self-motivated, high caliber individual to help their customers make most of the products they sale. This position requires an individual with a positive attitude and a passion for agriculture and helping customers. Will need to become proficient in software such as Connex for sales and inventory management and Granular digital tools to assist customers with management decisions. Be able to run machinery such as a forklift and seed treater. Email nick.saatof@plantpioneer.com for more info and check out their website at www.saathoffseeds.com. (1/22/24)



***AGRONOMIC RESEARCH SPECIALIST II** – Arlington, WI: Bayer U.S. – Crop Science Research and Development. The Agronomic Research Specialist is field-facing role responsible for contributing to an R&D Field Trial program in corn and soybeans. Primary responsibilities of the ARS role: coordinate with growers on leased land space, assist with acquiring and supervising local staffing during in-season activities, assist with conducting in-season research activities such as phenotyping, study management, and data analytics review as part of overseeing and executing research trials that feeds the R&D pipeline. Additionally, the role will partner with other Agronomic Research Specialists on site as well as other cross site functions on initiatives to improve data quality, standard operating procedures, or quality/compliance actions. For more info and to apply visit: <https://jobs.bayer.com/job/Arlington-Agronomic-Research-Specialist-II-%28Field%29-Arlington-WI-Wisc/1025585001/>. (1/22/24)

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. Send resumes to Jake Ruestman at jake.ruestman@beckshybrids.com. (1/16/24)



Research Assistant: 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 (1/16/24)

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)

SCHOLARSHIPS

***SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Illinois Landscape Contractors Association (ILCA) through the Illinois Landscape Charitable and Educational Organization (ILCECO) plans to award \$35,000 in scholarships this year. These scholarships are for any Illinois resident pursuing a green industry-related degree and career path. In 2024, the following scholarships will be awarded •One (1) \$10,000 scholarship | •Two (2) \$5,000 scholarships | •Four (4) \$2,500 scholarships. Five \$1,000 scholarships are also available to high school students entering green industry-related fields. Part-time and full-time students in the following degree fields may submit: •Horticulture | •Environmental Science | •Landscape Architecture | •Botany | •Agronomy. The **deadline to apply is February 9, 2024**. The application is available online at: <https://www.ilca.net/scholarship-program/>. All applications will be considered that are **sent before February 9, 2024**. Special Note: Transcripts can be unofficial screenprints from the university. They do not need to be sealed versions. ILCA-ILCECO understands that many schools are utilizing electronic records instead of print versions. Good luck. We look forward to receiving your applications! Questions, email Alycia Nagy at anagy@ilca.net



Scholarships: The 2024 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is open! The lineup includes 110 scholarships totaling \$192,001 in tuition support. Application and supporting materials including eligibility can be found at www.iaafoundation.org. Read all instructions carefully and refer to the FAQ document on the website to help answer any questions. **Apply by February 15, 2024**. All required info must be submitted by that date, no exceptions.

Scholarships: Grain and Feed Association Scholarship opportunities. **Applications close March 1, 2024.**

There are several different ways for students to win based upon their interest. [Grain and Feed Association of Illinois \(gfai.org\)](http://www.grainandfeed.org)

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 due by **January 31, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. CST**. | •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>



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NETWORKING

***SPRING CAREER FAIRS:** Career Services is pleased to announce the dates for the 2024 spring career fairs. These great opportunities to meet employers seeking to hire Illinois State talent.

- [Spring Internship Fair](#), Thursday, February 8th | 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Bone Student Center Brown Ballroom
- [Spring Career Fair](#), Tuesday, February 20th | 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Bone Student Center Brown Ballroom
- [Education Career Fair](#), Thursday March 7th | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Horton Fieldhouse

Career Services is also hosting [InstaCareer](#) on February 14th | 5:00 – 7:00 pm to advise students on how to interact with professionals at the fair. If you need special accommodations to participate in any of these events, contact [Career Services](#) at (309) 438-2200. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.

Tradeshow: Join us January 31 – February 2, 2024 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL for iLandscape 2024. Students and faculty are invited to attend the trade show at NO cost or 3 days of educational sessions at \$25 early/\$35 late.

Discount code: hortstu24. Visit www.ilandscapestshow.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/>



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/>.

