**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

**KENTUCKY EQUINE MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT:** October 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Ropp 108G

Come meet internship coordinator, Leslie Janecka, and learn about the KEMI program, a program created to improve opportunities for college students pursuing careers in the field of equine management. KEMI offers a comprehensive educational experience for students enrolled for academic credit through a sponsoring college or university. Through the internship, students integrate academic studies with practical experience, leadership and responsibility as a contributing participant on a Central Kentucky horse farm. Learn more at kemi.org or contact Dr. Kibler at mlkible@ilstu.edu.

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CANNABIS EDUCATION:** Cannabis Club Redbirds is hosting an informative session with the team from Vineyard Accounting. Monday, October 2nd | 6-7 pm in Moulton Hall, Room 210. Chat with their Accounting team and learn about cannabis accounting basics, cannabis client attributes, and career pathways.

**AG ED:** Club Meetings are Tuesdays at 5:00 pm in the Hudelson Building, Room106.
- October 10th – Friendsgiving Potluck!
- November 14th – Pumpkin painting, dessert making!
- December 5th Cookie Decorating & Christmas Party

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**JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FDIC** is currently hiring in our area. In the Midwest we see many agricultural loans and products, which may interest some of your agribusiness students (along with the appeal of bank operations). If you know anyone who might be interested in applying for a position, contact Wyatt Freer at frerewyatt@gmail.com. For more information visit: https://www.fdic.gov/about/careers/ (10/02/23)

**BECK’S HYBRIDS PRACTICAL FARM RESEARCH INTERNSHIP:** This internship aids Beck’s Practical Farm Research (PFR) in El Paso, Illinois, location in obtaining data, of high integrity, to be utilized by farmers. Interns will experience implementing and carrying through of studies, data collection, utilization of crop knowledge, working with and around farm machinery, and the agronomic support of the sales staff. Individuals must be willing to work outside, responsible, organized, hardworking, and in possession of a valid driver’s license.

Link to Apply: https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=6b54525c-5515-46a2-8c1c-e3fd10abbede&lang=en_US&source=CC2&selectedMenuKey=CurrentOpenings&jobId=477945. Call (309) 634-5170 with any questions. (10/02/23)

**INTERNSHIP:** Earlybird Feed and Fertilizer in Goodfield, IL is seeking a part-time employee in the Agronomy Department. As a member of their Leader’s Edge Field Scouting Program you will be assigned fields which will be scouted at key times in the growing season. You will exercise your agronomy skills and use tools (possibly including drones and NDVI images) to identify various pests and plant stressors. Then, you will prepare reports and communicate with the respective farmers. Other roles include Field Signing – putting brand name signs up next to corn and soybean fields for market development. Warehouse Management – keep the store stocked, tidy up the warehouse, and load customers. If you are thinking about a career in agronomy, this is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable, practical experience about how corn and soybeans grow! If you are interested, please contact Erik Wiegand at (309) 208-8984, eriklee76@gmail.com or Andrew Cottrell (309) 573-1231, andrewcot44@gmail.com. (10/02/23)

**RIVIAN:** Climate, Conservation and Community Career Exploration with Rivian. Monday, October 2nd 5:00-7:00 pm, Bone Student Center Brown Ballroom. Connect with recruiters from Rivian and learn about their organization’s values and culture and explore the vehicles they bring to campus. Bring your resume! Recruiters will also share about their internships and full-time positions. Bring your resume or submit it directly to Rivian in advance through Hire-A-Redbird at IllinoisState.edu/HireARedbird. Visit Career Services for resume assistance ro to order free business cards for the event. Students from all majors, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend.
Part-Time Fall Harvest And Tillage Help: Kieser Farms is looking for part-time fall harvest and tillage help. Late model John Deere equipment. 15 minute drive from Bloomington. $20 per hour depending on experience. Farm Experience is Required. CDL pays extra. 1829 N. 700 East Road McLean, IL 61754 | joe@kieserfarms.com | 309-275-9800

2024 Summer Internship: The FCI internship program provides students with the opportunity to grow and develop both personally and professionally through valuable on-the-job experience, job shadowing, networking, and mentoring. Opportunities for travel assignments throughout the southern 60 counties of Illinois. FCI will be hiring four summer interns, with two positions available. Summer Intern hours are 8:00am – 4:30 pm, M – F.

THE GENERALIST INTERNSHIP will be for twelve-weeks, based at the Central Office in Mahomet, Illinois.

THE SALES INTERNSHIP will also be for twelve-weeks, but will be based out of a variety of field offices. Applications accepted August 22 - October 13 and will be available at Job Opportunities (cover letter and resume required)

1. Sales Internship Application
2. Generalist Internship Application

Assistant Manager: Missal is a single location country grain elevator dealing in corn, soybeans, wheat, and a small amount of blacksmithing coal. Looking for basic skills in recordkeeping, bill paying, invoicing and customer assistance. Will help oversee the inbound and outbound grain shipments, keeping grain in condition and keeping the company up to date on safety and regulatory requirements. The assistant manager will aid in all other parts of the operation as needed and directed by the General Manager. This is primarily an indoor job with occasional limited outside responsibilities. Desirable traits and duties: • Courteous and fair customer service. • Ability to communicate with customers and employees. • Maintaining a clean and orderly facility. • Able to recognize safety hazards. • Computer skills related to spreadsheet management and financial software or the ability to learn. In-person job that requires daily attendance Mon-Fri and overtime hours during peak harvest period which is generally Oct and Nov but varies based on weather. Frequent and effective communication with the General Manager, Board of Directors, customers, and other employees of Missal. This is not a remote position. If interested, please send resume or additional questions to: ilgrainwork@gmail.com.

Part-Time: Small meat locker in south Bloomington looking for part time help. Opportunities will include: cutting, boning, grinding, and packaging of both retail and whole carcass cuts. Other opportunities also available depending on interest. Will work around class schedule and experience not necessary. Call or text 309-261-1235 for more information. https://www.bloomington-meats.com/

Fall Harvest: Looking for fall harvest part-time employee for mowing, weed eating, dumping grain at bin sites, possibly running tractor/auger wagon. Through winter months cleaning up equipment and maintenance on equipment. Could possibly be needed next spring planting season and summer. Barb and Mike Lay > 309-824-0322 Barb > 309-275-3980 Mike

Part-Time Farm Crew: Looking for 2 people to join our crew at Hunter Oaks Equestrian Center! Prefer 3+ days per week. Family friendly environment. Must be 18. No smoking. Starting pay based on experience. Responsibilities include but not limited to: Feed/water, walking horses to/from turnout, stall cleaning. Morning chores 7a - approx 12n. Evening chores somewhat flexible 3:30-5:30 or 4p - 6p. If you have your own horse, we will consider trade hours to offset partial cost of board. The more availability, the more perks. Several AG and BUSINESS majors have also been able to get college credit as a paid internship. We are always happy to expand educational opportunities for interested students thru our relationships with vet, farrier, equine massage specialist, professional top riders who are here for clinics, riding lesson observation, hay crop, etc. Please contact Allisson Mercier call or text 309-532-7171 to schedule interview.

Weeding, Transplanting Plants: Making new garden plots, pruning, clearing beds and getting them ready for fall planting. Plus lots of little things that happen. You will learn about permaculture practices. I pay based on experience starting at $12.00. I am looking for 3-5 hours per week. Please call or email me Janice Turner. (309) 459-1333. jlturner777@gmail.com

Fall Harvest: Bittner Farms, LLC is looking for corn and soybean harvest help for 2023. We are in need of experienced grain cart operators or truck drivers if you have a CDL and some experience. We are a family operation that works well together and already employees 2 current ISU students. We are located just East of the Bloomington airport, so we are very close to town. If you fit our needs and have interest in working with us this Fall please call or text Bart Bittner at 309-830-5401.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DATE IN QUOTES ( ) IS THE WEEK THAT ARTICLE WAS FIRST ADDED TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Summer 2024 Intern:** Annbriar Golf Course is a public course in Waterloo, Illinois, 25 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The Student Intern will work with the Superintendent, Assistant, and staff in all course maintenance aspects. This seasonal position will expose the student to skills needed to progress in turf management, including but not limited to daily maintenance, crew management, equipment repair, irrigation troubleshooting and repair, course construction projects, water management, pesticide and fertilizer applications.

**Assistant Superintendent:** Annbriar Golf Course. Assistant will work with the Superintendent and staff in all course maintenance aspects. Year-round position will expose the right candidate to skills needed to progress in turf management, including but not limited to daily maintenance, crew management, equipment repair, irrigation troubleshooting and repair, course construction projects, water management, pesticide and fertilizer applications. The position requires a positive attitude, strong work ethic, ability to work with and lead staff members, and willingness to learn. The applicant must be able to obtain an Illinois Pesticide License.

For more info on these two positions can be found at: [www.annbriar.com](http://www.annbriar.com). Justin Wrench, Course Superintendent [Justin@annbriar.com](mailto:Justin@annbriar.com) (314) 415-0147 (8/22/23)

**Environmental And Interpretive Programmer:** Peoria Park District is hiring. Do you have an interest in working as the part time Environmental And Interpretive Programmer? [Apply online today](http://www.annbriar.com). We are one park district, one community. Bachelor's degree in environmental science, education, history, biology, or related field is preferred. Extensive experience in a like position with similar duties and responsibilities may be substituted for all or part of the educational requirement. A strong interest in, and willingness to learn about, local history and human history, as well as informal interpretation / teaching methods. Experience working with animals. Experience working harmoniously with people of all ages and backgrounds. Cash handling and customer service experience. Ability to use common systems, such as Microsoft Office, ability to learn RecTrac system. For more information about this position and other positions available, visit: [https://peoriaparks.org/careers/](https://peoriaparks.org/careers/) (8/22/23)

**Top Ag Cooperative's Job Postings:** All positions can be viewed at [www.topag.net/careers](http://www.topag.net/careers). Some of these positions would be great 1st jobs for new graduates (i.e. – Sales Associate, Logistics Coordinator, Precision Ag Specialist). Top Ag Cooperative Oakville, IL 62271 | Office – 618-243-3361 | Cell – 618-314-0441 | [christieg@topag.net](mailto:christieg@topag.net) (8/22/23)

**NETWORKING**

**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/)

**Agriculture Future Of America Leader’s Conference:** AFA provides experiences to students pursuing degrees in agriculture allowing them to connect with fellow young leaders as well as industry professionals. AFA creates engaging and exciting experiences for both personal and professional skill development. Join in the fun November 9-12, 2023, in Kansas City, MO to create connections, grow your network, and learn new things! It is an experience you will never forget! Visit [agfuture.org](http://agfuture.org) to apply for 2023 AFA Leaders Conference. Contact [enpauls@ilstu.edu](mailto:enpauls@ilstu.edu) for help navigating what’s next!

**Mark Your Calendar for the Fall Career Fairs:** Great opportunities to meet employers seeking to hire Illinois State talent.

- **Fall Career Fair**, Tuesday, October 3, 2-5 p.m.
- **Virtual Meet the Firms Actuarial Employment Event**, Wednesday, October 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Health and Wellness Career Fair**, Tuesday, October 24, 2-5 p.m.
- **Education Career Fair**, Tuesday, October 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Virtual Internship and Career Fair**, Thursday, October 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Social Impact Career Fair**, Thursday, November 9, 2-5 p.m.

For more info contact Career Services | (309) 438-2200 [CareerServices@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:CareerServices@IllinoisState.edu)

**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/).