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DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

***AGR 205 - MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURE:** Dr. Aslihan Spaulding will be teaching AGR 205.002 Online (Zoom) SYNCHRONOUS on T-TH 9:35-10:50am in the Spring semester. Students will have access to module videos (pre-recorded by Dr. Spaulding), then you will meet via Zoom to go over the module together, and practice skills learned. AGR 205 is currently one of the required courses in Ag Com & Leadership, Ag Education, and Food Industry Management sequences. The course focuses on improving students' data analysis and interpretation skills. These skills are highly sought after by employers in the ag industry. Students will also learn Website design, PowerPoint and Advanced Word, Logo and Brochure Design. Let Dr. Spaulding (adspaul@ilstu.edu) know if you have any questions. You may find a copy of the syllabus from this semester at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/FDJjJJtkCsmQ/>

***AGR 203 AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT:** Gen Ed course meeting Science, Mathematics, and Technology requirement, ONLINE – ASYNCHRONOUS. (New section opened in the Spring semester – Instructor - Dr. Aslihan Spaulding).

Department Of Agriculture Scholarships: Applications for incoming and continuing students are now being accepted in the Dept of Agriculture. Multiple scholarships will be awarded. Priority awarding will be given to applications received by **February 1st, 2021**. Applications will continue to be evaluated until all scholarships have been awarded. Applications are available online (<https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/academics/scholarships/>).

ISU Agriculture Department: You can keep up to date with the department via social media. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ISU.AGRICULTURE> or Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/isuagriculture/> (@isuagriculture)

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

***FOOD DRIVE – DONATIONS NEEDED:** “**What better time of year to give back, than Thanksgiving?!** **Sigma Alpha** will be hosting a Drive-Up Food Drive from **12:00-5:00 pm, November 17th and 18th!** The food drive will be located in the Ropp parking lot, directly behind the Ropp Agriculture building at Illinois State. All donations will be taken to Midwest Food Bank. For a NO contact drop off, place donations in the trunk of your vehicle. Our volunteers will collect the items from the trunk, and you will be able to stay in your vehicle! Our volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves, and hand sanitizer will be used. We ask those dropping off donations to wear a face covering if social distancing can't be maintained. Drive towards the back of the parking lot, where you will see tables and chairs set up. Accepting all non-perishable food items, and are looking for: Canned meat (tuna, chicken) / Peanut butter / Canned vegetables / Canned fruit / Cereal / Boxed Meals (ex. Hamburger helper).

PANEL DISCUSSION:** Agricultural Communicators Of Tomorrow (ACT) is hosting a Panel Discussion with Marketing and Communication Professionals on **November 18th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom** (link will be posted on [ACT FB](#)). As always, this club is not exclusive to just Communications majors, any and all majors are welcomed! ***New member giveaway available Panel includes Amanda Zuercher, Marketing Supervisor – Illinois Farm Bureau / Dan Obert, Communications Manager – Illinois Corn / Scott Hardman, Marketing Specialist – Earlybird Feed & Fertilizer / Ashley Harper, Agriculture Marketing Strategist – The F.L. Emmert Company.

***FUNDRAISER – JACKETS:** The [NAMA](#) team has decided to extend the Department of Agriculture jacket fundraiser until the end of November. If you didn't get the chance to place an order last time, now is your chance. These jackets are perfect for the cooler temps and would make great Christmas presents! You can place an order online and they will be shipped directly to you. If you have any questions, you can contact Michelle Cooney (mlcoone@ilstu.edu) or Dr. Spaulding (adspaul@ilstu.edu). Here is the link to order: <http://dengraphix.com/store/75-illinois-state-university-ag-department?fbclid=IwAR1XjoOMv9yqfvzS4UIdOfxDIHb2PHSEoRsnMjeq4KtujLSl0q-ru9EPkk>.

SCHOLARSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS

Interested In An Internship Or Career Within The Agriculture Cooperatives Industry?



Please plan to attend a virtual career fair hosted by the Association of Cooperative Educators on **Wednesday, November 18, from 3:30-5 p.m.** Participating companies include Land O'Lakes, CHS, and Landmark Services Co-op among others. Follow this link to register for the virtual career fair:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZcvdOuupzkqG9NJ2PfdLm4UV4qgd680Pc5r>

Please contact Dr. Boerngen (maboern@ilstu.edu) for more information.

GROWMARK Internships: GROWMARK has internship opportunities in multiple areas of Illinois. Lincoln, Brimfield, Nashville, Baldwin, Bloomington, Central Illinois. Direct link to apply to any of our openings: <https://jobs.growmark.com/go/Students/4406000/#job-table>



GROWMARK



Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association
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Scholarship: Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association (IFCA): IFCA will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships. Here is the link for the 2020-2021 IFCA scholarship application < https://www.ifca.com/resource_display/?id=4439 >. Email your application to jason@ifca.com or mail a copy to the IFCA office by **December 17, 2020**. If you apply, please let Dr. Spaulding know < adspaul@ilstu.edu >

The following tips from Jason at IFCA regarding things that stand out to the committee are:

- 1) Having an internship/employment lined up or already having experience in an agribusiness setting.
- 2) Being involved in clubs, organizations, etc.
- 3) Wanting to pursue a career that will be within the industry (work at an ag retail facility, research/sell fertilizer or crop protection products, etc.)

This can be a fairly specific field. Not all students selected every year fall into these categories. A high GPA and impressive activities will always stand out. The committee will always pay attention to students that will possibly move into the industry post college.

NCGA 2020 Scholarships: The National Corn Growers Association is offering its William C. Berg Academic Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship thanks to the sponsorship of BASF Corporation. Five \$1,500 scholarships are available. To apply, students or a parent/guardian **must be a member of the NCGA**. Students may apply for membership at [NCGA.com](http://www.ncga.com). **Applications must be submitted by Dec 4, 2020**. Apply: <http://www.ncga.com/scholarships>. They have multiple scholarship programs, please select the correct program on their online form.



Summer 2021 Internship Opportunities: Becks Hybrids Central Illinois Practical Farm Research Intern Job, EL Paso IL. Duties include but limited to: *Assist PFR Location Lead and Technician in day to day duties, *Help keep plots organized and stake plots, take pictures of various operations throughout the season. *Must learn how to growth stage the crops that we grow and report the stages of certain plots back to the location lead and Technician. Contact: < cstufflebeam@beckshybrids.com >. (10/05/20)

FS GROWMARK Our goal as the FS GROWMARK Student Recruitment team is to support our collegiate partners to the best of our ability by getting in front of students and leveraging virtual platforms, as well as providing an array of additional informative digital resources to share the opportunities offered by our cooperative system in a new way. Below includes a list of resources and options our team is utilizing this Fall, in addition to in-person and virtual sessions, to continue to connect with Collegiate faculty and the students they are guiding towards a successful career!



GROWMARK

- **FS GROWMARK Internship/System Overview Video** [Video](#) (An 8-minute video introducing students to our recruitment team, cooperative, and internship opportunities)
- A link to the FS GROWMARK [Student Programs](#) page
- A link direct to all our [2021 Summer Internships](#) (Search by city, state)
- A direct link to our [2021 Virtual Job Shadow Program](#)- please share with individuals interested in learning more about the FS GROWMARK system & virtually network with professionals – taking place in January 2021
- A link to schedule a chat with a member of the Student Recruitment team: [Chat with a Recruiter](#) (9/28/20)

Evergreen FS - Hiring in Central Illinois



- Drone/Scouting Intern (10): <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Drone-Scouting-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/671983500/>
- Agronomy Scouting/Operations Intern (5): <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Agronomy-Scouting-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/672113100/>
- Agronomy Data Intern (2): <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Agronomy-Data-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/673013100/>

Career videos to assist with the understanding of the various departments/positions: <https://www.evergreen-fs.com/Careers/Videos>
If a student has any questions, reach out to me directly or apply online to the position(s). Christie Rabideau, PHR, SHRM-CP | HR Manager | Evergreen FS, Inc. | Ph: 309-834-0039 | Fax: 309-834-0040 | crabideau@evergreen-fs.com

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Advanced Agrilytics

- 2020 Intern Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZttUzN8wyJY&feature=youtu.be>
- Students can apply at < https://www.advancedagrilytics.com/job-description?job_id=7 >.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Center Summer Temp Position: Bayer Crop Science located in [Monmouth, IL](#) has openings this summer. Persons in this position are responsible for working with Learning Center scientists and assisting them in all aspects of their research and training programs. This would include interacting with Learning Center Agronomists, Technology and Technology Development scientists as well as customers and key stakeholders. Assist in field trial establishment. Participate in seed counting; sample sorting and then planting of studies. Calibrate and operate various types of agricultural chemical sprayers for research and commercial applications. Help collect research data. Conduct basic lab and field procedures. Operate basic farm equipment. Assist with grounds maintenance. Provide assistance for equipment upkeep and maintenance as needed. Assist with educational tours and demonstrations. Follow all Agronomy Center and Learning Center safety guidelines and procedures.



Qualifications: Presently seeking or have attained a B.S. in Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Soils, Agricultural Economics, Horticulture or a closely-related field. Preference may be given to individuals who plan to pursue an advanced degree in these fields. Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work well in a team based organization. Candidate should demonstrate self-discipline and an ability to work effectively with limited direct supervision. Excellent communication skills are required. Exhibits a willingness to learn and is not afraid to ask questions for clarification. Farming background is desirable, but it is not a requirement. Willingness and ability to obtain a pesticide application license required. May be required to push, lift or pull up to 100 lbs. May be required to work in strained or cramped positions. INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14TH. Interested candidates should send or email resume and letter of intent to Troy Coziahr < troy.coziahr@bayer.com > NO LATER THAN 12/10/20.



AgCareers.com - Eblast - Electronic Internship Flyer - November 2020 Edition: Looking for a career in the agriculture field!? Visit < <https://www.agcareers.com/newsletters/electronic-internship-flyer-november-2020-edition.htm> > for multiple opportunities.

Open Opportunities With AgReliant Genetics

https://agreliant-my.sharepoint.com/:f/p/c_michaelbutler/EmIYuhZAqntOnhxgZ603JjgBUN34Y5V6OHAmknVzFEWwdA?e=TyaXId



Podcast through NAMA and AgReliant, <https://agreliant.buzzsprout.com/>

Part-Time Help – Soil Testing: Corey Lacey (one of our Alumni) is hiring part-time help to work at the United Soil Testing Laboratory in Fairbury to help with sample analysis. He'd like for applicants to have at least one full day per week to help (could be on weekends). Interested students can contact Corey by e-mail (clacey@unitedsoilsinc.com). This could turn into an internship for the right student. (10/26/20)



USDA: USDA Rural Development career opportunities in [Champaign](#), [Jacksonville](#), [Marion](#) and [Mt. Vernon](#), IL with application info here:



<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/579744800#>. (10/05/20)

Stable Hand / Assistant Trainer: Top View Farms, an American Saddlebred horse farm in [Gridley, IL](#), is looking for a stable hand and assistant trainer. Horse experience would be preferred, but definitely not required. This is a great job to have during school, due to the flexible hours. It is a good company to work for that can help you out in the future. If you are interested in this job opportunity, please reach out to the owner Michael Kirkton at (309) 213-8955. Or if you have any questions you can email btrygar@ilstu.edu. (9/28/20)

Spring/Fall Grain Farm Equipment Operator: Students needed for seasonal/part-time work near [Farmer City, IL](#). Need dependable and safety-oriented students for both the fall and spring season if possible. Equipment operating & truck driving experience 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 workdays. Contact Joe at (309) 824-2076. (9/08/20)

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Sales, Parts And Service Assistant/Intern: Martin Sullivan is looking for an additional intern for the fall and spring. Would prefer a **MARTIN-SULLIVAN** Freshman or Sophomore so they can train them and possibly work them into a longer-term career at John Deere. Intern responsibilities include but not limited to: • Maintain a positive and professional working relationship with peers, management, and support resources, with a constant commitment to teamwork and exemplary customer service • Ensure that company's reputation and image in the community is consistent with company Core Values • Fields internal and external customer inquiries • Quickly establish rapport and relationship with customers • Provides quality customer experience through knowledge, use of systems, and process execution • Assists with preparing and maintaining professional showroom image and merchandise displays • May (if certified) operate a forklift and other related equipment as needed. For more information see the Ag Job Bulletin Board or contact Jeff Siegrist, Bloomington Store & Sales Manager, Martin-Sullivan < jsiegrist@martinsullivan.com >. Visit <https://martinsullivan.aaimtrack.com/jobs/> for more employment listings (9/08/20)

Summer Position: Beck's Superior Hybrids in [El Paso, IL](#) is seeking an intern for the Summer of 2021. The main responsibility for this job will be conducting mini-strip and replicated testing as well as participating in other facets of Beck's Research Department. Responsibilities include but limited to: Assisting in planting of mini-strip and replicated plots, data collection, plot maintenance. Job Requirements: Enrolled in college level course, possess and maintain valid driver's license and insurable driving record, technical knowledge, must be able to lift 50 pounds unassisted. All interested and qualified candidates should send their resumes to Tanner Burton at < Tanner.burton@beckshybrids.com > Questions or concerns contact Tanner Burton at (309) 200-5738 or the above email address. (9/08/20)

NETWORKING



Great Lakes Midwest United States Virtual Career Fair Job Seeker Registration: Event Date: **January 14, 2021 / Event Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm (eastern).** The variety of careers available in the industry span from farm to shelf. Opportunities can be found in labor, packaging, production, processing, logistics, financial, IT, technology and more. There is plenty of farm and non-farm opportunities available that can build on your foundational skills. Learn more about how you can join the agri-food workforce at our Virtual Career Fair for Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio! Job Seekers visit our website and register < <https://www.agcareers.com/great-lakes-midwest-united-states-virtual-career-fair.cfm> >

STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad: MQM & HIS Study Abroad Program Engaging Multiculturalism & History in Barbados **June 1 – 13, 2021.** Travel to Barbados during Summer 2021 for an immersive experience in this beautiful island nation. For more info visit [MQM & HIS Study Abroad Program](#) website. Finances – Cost: Approximately \$4,420 (inclusive of tuition, airfare, lodging, meals, and activities). Scholarships available. Application deadline: **February 1, 2021**



Redbird Study Rooms: The following rooms are available if you need a quiet place to study:

Center for Visual Arts – Room 133

Fell Hall – Rooms 158 and 162

Schroeder Hall – Rooms 115, 117, 207 and 211

Stevenson Hall – Rooms 120, 126, 234, 311 and 352

DeGarmo Hall – Rooms 039 and 305

Felmley Science Annex – Room 231

State Farm Hall of Business – Room 133

Turner Hall – Room 208

Redbird Study Rooms will be Reviewed Continuously to Determine Needs.

