**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

**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).

**New Course! Offered in Spring 2021, AGR 327** - Equine Industry and Marketing will examine economic principles applied to the equine industry and horse ownership. This course is intended to provide students with a general understanding of equine markets, the market conditions relevant to the industry, and equip students with the analytical skills that may be utilized to evaluate different market/marketing problems from both the industry and individual perspective. This course will cover topics such as marketing of sales of horses, industry economic impacts, horse ownership decisions such as equine insurance and disease impact, treatment, and prevention. Contact Dr. Kibler with questions (mlkible@ilstu.edu).

**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**

**CFB ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY:** Come join Collegiate Farm Bureau for our December meeting on Wed., Dec. 2 at 6:00 pm! They are having their annual holiday party over Zoom. Join them with your favorite or ugliest Christmas sweater and a festive background for two fun contests! They will also be playing fun games over Zoom, so bring your trivia knowledge and some fierce competition. Join Zoom Meeting <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/93917809121> . Contact Isaac Brockman at <ijbroc1@ilstu.edu> with any questions. They are looking forward to seeing you!

**SCHOLARSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS**

**CROP SCOUT PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP:** Advanced Crop Care, Inc. is interested in hard working dedicated individuals majoring in Agronomy, Soils, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Ag Economic and related agricultural fields for a paid summer internships. Crop Scout will assist Certified Crop Advisor for weekly field monitoring. Responsibilities include identifying field production problems related to weeds, diseases, and insects as well as assisting in GPS soil sampling and data entry. Interns will gain a valuable learning experience which will increase their knowledge in crop management. Positions allow for the wide diversification of crop consulting within a growing season. Individuals interested in the challenging, yet rewarding experience should contact Ryan Stoffregen, (ryans@advancedcropcare.com), cell (815) 970-0289. Check them out on the web at (www.advancedcropcare.com). (11/30/20)

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP:** Midan Marketing is looking to fill a summer internship. Intern will work approximately 40 hours per week for 12 weeks. Midan Marketing will work with the intern to accommodate summer semester schedules. The successful intern candidate will be an integral part of the Account Management Team. Duties will include working on projects throughout the Midan creative process and involvement with Account Management Team members to successfully accomplish client projects. This position will include client interaction. The successful candidate will work on multiple projects and will also have the opportunity to shepherd a project completely from development to client acceptance. The ideal candidate will be working towards a Bachelor’s degree in marketing, animal science, meat science or agri-business. Knowledge of, or experience with, livestock production is encouraged for this position. Candidate must have strong analytical and presentation skills, and excellent communications and writing skills. This position is ideal for a creative, high-energy individual who enjoys a fast-paced environment and who enjoys being part of a young and growing company. To see more on this position and others offered by Midan visit their website (https://midanmarketing.com/careers/). (11/30/20)
**COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND INPUT INTERNSHIP:** Heritage Farm Assistance located in Maroa, IL is looking for someone who has computer knowledge that can help with internal report writing. He/she would be expected to promote our company and do additional follow ups with potential clients as well as prepare reports for existing clients. We are hoping that you might have a student in your AG Program that is looking for a part time intern position. Willing to work around school schedule. This would be a paid internship but only part time at the beginning. Please submit a resume and brief background to richardd@heritagefarmassistance.com. (11/30/20)

**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

**Scholarship:** Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association (IFCA): 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. 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!

- FS GROWMARK Internship/System Overview 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)
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* = new items
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Advanced Agrilitics

- 2020 Intern Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZttUzN8wyJY&feature=youtu.be

Evergreen FS - Hiring in Central Illinois


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

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. Assist with educational tours and demonstrations. Follow all Agronomy Center and Learning Center safety guidelines and procedures and other duties as assigned. 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.


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. (9/20/20)
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**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. *(08/08/20)*

**Sales, Parts And Service Assistant/Intern:** Martin Sullivan is looking for an additional intern for the fall and spring. Would prefer a 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 *(08/08/20)*

**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. *(08/08/20)*

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**NETWORKING**

**ALL AG & FOOD MAJOR VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR:** Join AgCareers.com and their supporting universities/colleges for an virtual career fair on February 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. central time. Why You Should Attend: We are facing an array of challenges in this season: no on-site career fairs or networking events, no classroom visits, and few opportunities to engage personally with hiring organizations. A virtual career fair allows for limited time commitment and access to agriculture and food employers from across the United States in one spot at no cost to you. Find your internship or full-time career here! Visit this website for more info and to get signed up! <https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=13c58da1-e33f-4d43-925f-ac70015fbf63>.

**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:** 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.