CANNABIS CLUB REDBIRDS: Meets every Monday from 6:00-7:00 pm in Ropp 108G.

Indy-Pendence Service Dogs: Learn about the rights and training of service dogs with hands on experience and opportunities to become a Student Trainer! Indy-Pendence Service Dogs meets every Wednesday night in Schroeder Hall 244 from 7:30 – 8:30. There is no formal application to join; this form is just to get basic info and you put on our email list. Follow our socials here: https://linktr.ee/IndyPendenceServiceDogs.

**CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTRODUCTION TO GROWING FOOD IN SMALL SPACES: Wednesday, February 21st at 2:00 pm – 3:30 in the Bone Student Center, Prairie Room. Growing food is an act of rebellion: small steps towards self-sufficiency make a radical impact! Join us for an engaging and informative session about the rewarding world of growing food. This session is designed to inspire and empower you to grow food, specifically in extremely small spaces. All techniques discussed are scalable and can be implemented into spaces of all sizes. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn how to transform any space into a productive and pleasant source of freshly grown goodness. This session will help you to: •Understand the basics of starting and maintaining a year-round container garden by gaining hands-on knowledge about selecting, planting, and caring for your new source of food. •Discuss and problem-solve space limitations, garden pests, and indoor vs outdoor gardening. •Explore local opportunities related to food cultivation around our community and near campus that you can enjoy with colleagues while we create a culture of sustainable living. For more info and to register visit: https://illinoisstate.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1379

GREEN SCREEN: The Green Screen: Spring 2024 Climate Change Film Series is free and open to the community. Sponsored by ISU’s CeMast and the Office of Sustainability. Tues., Feb. 20th at 7:00 p.m at the Normal Theater, 209 North St. in Normal. Biophilic Design is a documentary about the innovative way of designing the places where we live, work, and learn. We need nature, but we have often designed cities and suburbs in ways that both degrade the environment and alienate us from nature.

JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN: The USDA Farm Service Agency currently has a job posting for a program technician located in Pontiac, Illinois. Applicants may apply through USA Jobs at the attached link. The posting will be open through 2/23/2024. Salary range is $39,576 - $63,733 per year depending on grade selection. Duties include. Assist the Farm Loan Chief, Farm Loan Branch specialists, Farm Loan Team managers, and District Directors on farm loan program procedural matters. Provide training to individuals and groups in the preparation and processing of loan documents and on loan procedural changes. Provide technical assistance to the Branch in processing bankruptcy and farm foreclosure cases. https://www.usajobs.gov/job/776092200. (2/19/24)

AVP/VP LENDING POSITION IN THE DECATUR REGIONAL OFFICE: If interested in applying or seeing other career opportunities at Farm Credit Illinois, go to their website and look at their careers page (https://www.farmcreditil.com/Abo

AG SALES: Attention Spring 2024 graduates: Farm Credit Illinois is looking for job candidates interested in ag sales. Please contact Chuck Foran, Regional VP at Farm Credit Illinois, at 217-552-4749 or by email at chuck.foran@farmcreditil.com for more info. (2/19/24)

Internships: ADM is seeking 5-7 Grain Operations Interns for the summer of 2024. For more info contact: Ann Shelton, Ann.Shelton@adm.com. Here is the link to the job description and where to apply: https://jobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=25416&siteid=6007&Areq=76161BR (2/12/24)

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)
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**Agronomic Research Specialist II** – Arlington, WI: Bayer U.S. – Crop Science Research and Development. 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. For more info and to apply: [https://jobs.bayer.com/job/Arlington-Agronomic-Research-Specialist-II-%28Field%29-29-Arlington-WI-Wisc/1025585001/](https://jobs.bayer.com/job/Arlington-Agronomic-Research-Specialist-II-%28Field%29-29-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@beckhybrids.com](mailto:jake.ruestman@beckhybrids.com) (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](https://exploringag.com) 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](mailto:jgoeke@growmark.com) | (309) 212-0207 (12/04/23)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Coles County Farm Bureau has multiple scholarships available: Visit their website for more information and to apply: [https://form.jotform.com/240285290033146](https://form.jotform.com/240285290033146). Deadline for completing scholarships is March 18.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Peoria County Farm Bureau has multiple scholarship available. Visit their website for more information and to apply: [https://www.peoriacountyfarmbureau.org/scholarships](https://www.peoriacountyfarmbureau.org/scholarships). Application deadline is March 29.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Garden Clubs of Illinois: Two $4,000 scholarships for the 24/25 school year. •Illinois student attending an Illinois college/university | •Junior through Master's level; sophomores may apply for junior year | •Cumulative GPA of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) •Deadline is March 15, 2024 | •Complete requirements and forms available at: [www.gardenclubsofillinois.org](https://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org)

**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](https://gfai.org)

**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 Career Fair](https://iistate.edu/career-services/events/spring-career-fair), Tuesday, February 20th | 2:00 – 5:00 pm, BSC Brown Ballroom •[Education Career Fair](https://iistate.edu/career-services/events/education-career-fair), Thursday March 7th | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Horton Fieldhouse

Career Services is also hosting [InstaCareer](https://iistate.edu/career-services/events/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](https://iistate.edu/career-services) at (309) 438-2200. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation.
2024 Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference: The Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference is a collaborative effort between The Ohio State University, Michigan State University, Purdue University, and the allied dairy industry to provide current information about the feeding of dairy cattle to the industry. Undergraduate students are encouraged to apply to the 2024 Undergraduate Program. This program is held concurrently with the Conference, but it offers special opportunities for students to network with students from other universities and professional members of the dairy industry. The undergraduate program begins on Monday, April 15 and concludes on Wednesday, April 17. Students accepted into the Undergraduate Program will receive a registration fee waiver, which includes all Conference materials as well as hotel accommodations for Monday and Tuesday evening. Once accepted, students MUST register for the conference and the program. Students must also request lodging reservations via the website (https://www.tristatedairy.org). Students will be expected to share rooms, possibly even with students from difference institutions if necessary. If interested, stop by the Agriculture Department’s main office (RAB 125) and pick up an application. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 1. Please email your application to Dr. Elizabeth Karcher (ekarcher@purdue.edu, 765-494-4829).

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/.