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**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

\***THESIS DEFENSE:** Rashmi Dangol will be presenting her Thesis Defense on **March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 in RAB 107F**. Open to the public. Performance of Pennycress in Some Illinois Cropping Systems.

\***COVER CROP FIELD DAY:** The ISU Cover Crop Field Day will be held from **4-6 pm on Friday, April 12** at the ISU Farm in Lexington. Researchers will discuss agronomic successes and challenges of growing cover crops in traditional corn-soybean rotations along with discussing ecosystem service benefits and their role in climate smart agriculture. The field day will highlight many cover crops, including pennycress, cereal rye, wheat and others.

**Horse Racing Industry Course And Tour:** (3 credit hours) being offered during Spring and Summer terms (**AGR 287** with [Dr. Michelle Kibler](#)). Come learn about the horse racing industry and take a 5-day throughout Kentucky and Indiana!

This intensive course is designed to introduce students to the Thoroughbred, Standardbred, and Quarter Horse Racing Industries. Students will develop an in-depth understanding of the racing industry including current events, and options for careers, equine welfare, and the impact of the racing industry on each state's economy. Contact Dr. Michelle Kibler for more information: [mlkible@ilstu.edu](mailto:mlkible@ilstu.edu)

**Class Schedule:** •Spring Session (1 credit hour): **March 18 – May 2, Thursdays from 5:00 – 7:30 PM** •Summer Session (2 credit hours) •Tour dates: **May 19th – 24th**

Tour stops include North American Racing Academy, Dixiana Farm, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Jonabell Farm, Keeneland Racetrack, Hallway Feeds, Churchill Downs, and much more! We will get to see live Thoroughbred, Standardbred, and Quarter Horse racing!

Applications can be completed through this [link](#). Application deadline:

•**Preferred consideration: March 7, 2024 at 8:00AM**

•**Secondary consideration: March 19, 2024 at 8:00AM**

**Illinois State University Horticulture Center Seeks Student Artist In Residence – Summer 2024**

The ISU Horticulture Center invites proposals for Artist-in-Residence projects to produce an outdoor work of art, an installation, or a sculpture for public viewing at the Horticulture Center's annual Autumnal Festival in September. Proposals should reflect the artist's personal style combined with the Center's 2024 theme, Awestruck: The Wonder of Nature. This program honors the spirit of former student, Grant Walsh, and his passion for nature and art; successful proposals will do the same.

The selected artist will receive a \$1,500 honorarium. Half of the Honorarium will be paid upon the start date in May, and the second half will be paid upon completion in September. Funding for reasonable materials, presentation, and display expenses will be provided up to \$750. The Horticulture Center will order all supplies. Applications are due, **Friday, April 12, 2024**. For more info and to apply visit

<https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/grant-walsh-program/index.php> | Jessica Chambers | [horticulture@ilstu.edu](mailto:horticulture@ilstu.edu) | (309) 438-3496

**Ag Day On The Quad:** Celebrate National Agriculture Day! Explore Agriculture RSOs. **Tues., March 19<sup>th</sup> | 11 am – 2 pm | Schroder Plaza**

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***ALPHA GAMMA RHO (AGR):** AGR is back at Illinois State University! Informational meeting in RAB 108G on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. Come learn more about Alpha Gamma Rho and what it can offer you! Scan the QR Code for more information



**Cannabis Club Redbirds:** Spark your passion about the blooming cannabis industry!



Meets every **Monday from 6:00-7:00 pm** in Ropp 108G.

(Zoom in to scan the QR Codes)

**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>.





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**ISU Student Pre-Veterinary Association:** Calling all animal lovers! Open to all Majors! Bi-Weekly Meetings on **Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm in Ropp 106**. •Learn more about all things vet and animals | •Guest Speakers | •Hands-on Workshops | •Volunteer Opportunities.

**NAMA WEEKLY MEETINGS:** NAMA meets weekly on Thursdays in RAB 108G from 4-5 PM. Join ISU NAMA! Get Professional Experience | Create a Team Marketing Plan | Network with Industry Professionals | Get Senior Level Credit | Attend the Annual NAMA Marketing Conference – April 23-25, 2024. For more information email: [ajschl3@ilstu.edu](mailto:ajschl3@ilstu.edu).



### **CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gamma Phi Circus** is the oldest collegiate circus in the nation. From its beginning in 1929, Gamma Phi has established itself as a unique performance troupe, supporting acrobatic and circus arts in higher education, and continuing the legacy of circus history in the state of Illinois. Join us on **April 19 and 20** for the experience of a lifetime as we celebrate our 95th anniversary! <https://goredbirds.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=GP&linkID=illinoisst&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=>

**GREEN SCREEN:** The Green Screen: Spring 2024 Climate Change Film Series is **free and open to the community**. Each month features a different film highlighting various topics on the global climate change crisis. Sponsored by ISU's Center for Math, Science and Technology (CeMast) and the ISU Office of Sustainability.



The first Screening will be **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m** at the Normal Theater, 209 North Street in Normal.

**Water Makes Us Wet -** With a poetic blend of curiosity, humor, sensuality, and concern, this film chronicles the pleasures and politics of H2O from an ecosexual perspective. Travel with Annie, a former sex worker, Beth, a professor, and their dog Butch, in their E.A.R.T.H. Lab mobile unit, as they explore the role of water.

### **JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***MANAGER TRAINEE:** The Illinois Farm Bureau is hiring for the County Farm Bureau Manager Trainee position that starts in June. Please click on the link below for more information or contact Emily Zelhart ([ezelhart@ilfb.org](mailto:ezelhart@ilfb.org) or (309) 557-2300) for more information. [Job Description - County Manager Trainee - June 2024 \(230410\) \(taleo.net\)](#). (3/18/24)

\***SUMMER HELP:** Schroeder-Turner Farms is a corn and soybean farm just north of Mansfield, IL. They are looking for someone to help this summer with planting, spraying, mowing, tiling and more. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. \$15-20 an hour depending on experience. Contact Matt Turner for more information (217) 800-2760. (3/18/24)

\***AGRONOMIST:** DeGroot's Vegetable Farms is seeking to hire a full-time Entry-Level Agronomist. This position offers the opportunity for someone with a passion for agriculture to gain hands-on experience in sustainable vegetable farming practices. The successful candidate will work closely with our farm owners to support all aspects of crop production, from soil management to harvest. Additionally, the individual will assist in the ongoing operations of our Food Safety program and annual audits allowing DeGroot's Vegetable Farms to maintain a high level of certification in Food Safety. If you are passionate about agriculture and eager to learn, we want to hear from you! Please send a letter of interest and a resume to [andrew@degrootfarms.com](mailto:andrew@degrootfarms.com). (3/18/24)

\***PATHWAYS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ASSOCIATE MERCHANT:** Scoular is currently hiring in Peotone, IL.. This position is more for college seniors. Application can be found on Indeed or ZipRecruiter [Scoular Jobs](#). [Employment in Peotone, IL | Indeed.com](#)



Qualifications: •Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree | •Interested in a career where you can grow a business and collaborate across departments | •A natural relationship builder with the ability to network leverage existing relationships | •Self-driven with an entrepreneurial mindset | •A strong communicator with a customer service mindset | •Comfortable working in high volume environment | •Quick to identify a problem and find the best solution | •Curious and creative, flexible, and innovative in your approach | •A natural leader with experience leading in clubs, athletics, projects, or student government | •Active in the community giving back on campus, your hometown, or on a global scale (3/18/24)

\***ANNOUNCER:** The Miller Media Group in Taylorville, IL, has an IMMEDIATE OPENING for a full-time announcer. Duties include hosting Morning Shows on music or information stations; production; creating local news content from interviews; sports play-by-play or color and remotes. A competitive salary, relocating allowance, and a \$1000 signing bonus, are offered. Be part of a great radio group committed to localism! E-mail resume and air check to [kamip@randyradio.com](mailto:kamip@randyradio.com). No phone calls. EOE/M/F. (3/18/24)



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**\*ENTRY LEVEL ACCOUNT MANAGER:** RB Enterprises in Aurora IL is a full service commercial landscape company who provides maintenance, pesticide applications, design & installation, seasonal color installation, tree work and restoration. We do not subcontract so everything is kept in house. The Landscape Division is looking for an entry level account manager to assist with the daily operations and tasks. This position has the potential advance once the training has been completed. If you are an upcoming graduate that is looking for a career in this industry please reach out and let me know. You can reach me at Cell: (630) 301-1178 Email:

[SMiller@rbenterprisesweb.com](mailto:SMiller@rbenterprisesweb.com). (3/18/24)

**Internship Program:** Home Nursery based in Albers, IL internship program is June 3 – August 2, 2024 (Dates negotiable based on school schedule. Home Nursery is a wholesale nursery that supplies plants to independent garden centers and landscape contractors. Their internship allows students to gain experience in every aspect of the nursery business including but not limited to potting, pest management, propagation, sales & shipping. Housing is available. Email your resume to [taylorh@homenursery.com](mailto:taylorh@homenursery.com) to receive more information and a one page application. No cover letter required. (3/4/24)



**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 careers page (<https://www.farmcredital.com/About/Careers>) (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](mailto:Ann.Shelton@adm.com). For the job description and 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 needs a self-motivated, high caliber individual to help their customers make most of the products they sale. 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.saatoof@plantpioneer.com](mailto:nick.saatoof@plantpioneer.com) for more info and check out their website at [www.saathoffseeds.com](http://www.saathoffseeds.com). (1/22/24)



**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. <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](mailto:jake.ruestman@beckshybrids.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](#) 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**

**\*LAURA BASSI SCHOLARSHIP:** The Laura Bassi Scholarship was established in 2018 with the aim of providing editorial assistance to postgraduates and junior academics whose research focuses on neglected topics of study, broadly construed. The scholarships are open to every discipline and the next round of funding will be awarded in Spring 2024: Spring 2024 - **Application deadline: 24 March 2024**. Results: 10 April 2024. All currently enrolled master's and doctoral candidates are eligible to apply, as are academics in the first five years of full-time employment. Applicants are required to submit a completed application form along with their CV through the application portal by the relevant deadline. Further details, including previous winners, and the application portal can be found at: <https://editing.press/bassi>



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**\*SCHOLARSHIP:** A scholarship is available for students interning at the Miller Park Zoo. The SoLA Scholarship is awarded annually in the amount of \$500 to a student in the College of Applied Science and Technology that is completing an internship at Miller Park Zoo. The \$500 amount will apply toward college expenses. The scholarship is open to junior and senior students with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Special consideration will be given to applicants who are intent on pursuing a career with animals and/or wildlife; applicants will be required to submit a cover letter detailing their career goals. Application is posted on the CAST website at the bottom of the scholarships page: <https://cast.illinoisstate.edu/academics/scholarships/>. Students will need to submit a cover letter. **Friday, April 5, 2024.**

**Scholarships:** Peoria County Farm Bureau has multiple scholarship available. Visit their website for more information and to apply:

<https://www.peoriacountyfarmbureau.org/scholarships>. **Application deadline is March 29.**

**GROWMARK Scholarship:** The GROWMARK Foundation will provide a total of (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). Deadline to apply is **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm**



### **NETWORKING**

**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/>.



"Spring is here.  
Welcome all the new  
beginnings."  
- Unknown