**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**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: mkibler@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 information and to apply visit https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/grant-walsh-program/index.php | Jessica Chambers | ISU Horticulture Center Director | horticulture@ilstu.edu | (309) 438-3496

**AG DAY ON THE QUAD:** Celebrate National Agriculture Day! Explore Agriculture RSOs.

- **Tuesday, March 19th:** 11 am – 2 pm | Schroeder Plaza

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Collegiate Farm Bureau (CFB)- Save The Date:** Candle making with Farm to Wick on March 4. 6PM in Ropp 107F. We will have our regular meeting at 5:30 and candles at 6, all are welcome but it does cost $10 to make a candle that you get to take home.

**CFB Midwest Food Bank Volunteering:** We will be spending some time giving back to the community and volunteering at Midwest Food bank March 6th from 6-8 PM. All students are welcome to join CFB in this activity.

For more information on either of these two events, or the CFB, contact Beth at (edclar1@ilstu.edu).

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

- (Zoom in to scan the QR Codes)
- **Meet every Monday from 6:00-7:00 pm** in Ropp 108G.
- **March 4th -** Upcoming speaker is an alumnus of the Agriculture Dept. Alex Carretto is the GM of the NuEra dispensary in Champaign, and he will chat about his experience in the industry, his passion for cannabis, and his time at Illinois State University.

**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.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 4th, 2024  * = new items     **updated/revised     hyperlinks

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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. Next meeting will be on March 7th. •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: aischl3@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.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=GP&linkID=illinoisst&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=](https://goredbirds.evenue.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 19th at 7:00 p.m at the Normal Theater, 209 North Street in Normal.

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**JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.farmcreditil.com/About/Careers](https://www.farmcreditil.com/About/Careers) )

**Internships:** ADM is seeking 5-7 Grain Operations Interns for the summer of 2024. For more info contact: Ann Shelton, 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](https://jobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=25416&siteid=6007&Areq=76161BR)

**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.saatof@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/](https://jobs.bayer.com/job/Arlington-Agronomic-Research-Specialist-II-%28Field%29-Arlington-WI-Wisc/1025585001/)

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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. (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 | (309) 212-0207. (12/04/23)

SCHOLARSHIPS

*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 15th at 11:59 pm

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.

Scholarships: Coles County Farm Bureau has multiple scholarships available: Visit their website for more information and to apply: 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. Application deadline is March 29.

NETWORKING

Spring Career Fairs: Education Career Fair, Thur. March 7th | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Horton Fieldhouse. If you need special accommodations to participate in this event, please allow sufficient time and contact Career Services at (309) 438-2200.

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/.