**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**END OF YEAR PARTY!**  Hey Aggies, don’t miss out on some fun next week! Join us tonight (April 29) from 6-8 in Ropp for an end of year event with food, a bags tournament, greenhouse tours, a fun raffle, and more! Entry is free but to be entered for the raffle you must bring canned food to donate (1 item=1 entry, limit 5 per person). It looks like it will be a fun night for students and faculty to round out the academic year! This is open to all agriculture students, faculty, and RSO members. The raffle item is stocked full of your summer essentials like a cooler, popsicles, frisbee, sunscreen, and candy! All canned food donated will be passed along to a food pantry for their use. We can’t wait to see everyone on Monday night!

**HARVEY WOODS GOLF CLASSIC:** Are you or someone in your family a golfer? Come out and play golf with our faculty/staff and alumni! Each year Illinois State’s Department of Agriculture hosts the Harvey S. Woods Golf Classic, raising money for the Harvey S. Woods Scholarship Fund. Both are named for Harvey Woods, who was chair of our department from 1957-1970. Harvey had a great passion for golf. Join us June 21, 2024. Register here: [https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/giving/harvey-s-woods-golf-classic/](https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/giving/harvey-s-woods-golf-classic/)

**GRADUATING:** If you are graduating in Spring or Summer of 2024, please take 10 mins of your time to fill out the survey and give us feedback on your experience in our program. We appreciate your time and value your input! [https://bit.ly/3wa2Awx](https://bit.ly/3wa2Awx)

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**International Agribusiness Class Is Back In Fall Of 2024!!!**

AGR 302 – Special Topics in Agriculture (Dr. Tetteh)/ International Agribusiness is a course structured to prepare students for careers in international food and agribusiness management and global markets. Students will gain an understanding of global agricultural trade patterns, will get familiarized with basic concepts of international business, identify different methods that food and agribusiness firms use to engage in international business and learn how to approach the process of going global. This course offers students plenty of networking opportunities with industry experts and an experiential learning project. In fall of 2023, the class had a chance to learn from and interact with experts from BRANDT, IL Corn Growers Association, Kongskilde Industries, GROWMARK, agricultural journalist from Brazil, agricultural economist and the President’s volunteer service award recipient for his engagement in international development/ag. During the semester, students had several opportunities to engage and interact with several international students on campus and learn about agriculture in their home countries. This is a three-credit course, Tuesday/Thursday, 11:00 am-12:15 pm, no prerequisites. Email Dr. Tetteh at iprotol@ilstu.edu or Ms. Cori Malone at cjharr2@ilstu.edu if you have any questions.

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DOG DAYS ON THE QUAD:** Come support the Pre-Vet Club!! Come pet some puppies! Get some baked goodies! $2 to pet the puppies | $2 - $3 baked goods | Pet Central Helps (PCH) will be on the quad with dogs that are available for adoption!! See you this Friday, May 3rd from 1pm – 4pm on the Quad.

**ISU Trap Club Rso & Faculty Night:** Bring your friends and favorite teachers! Join us for some trap and other fun shooting activities. All shooters are welcome, experience is not required. We encourage all faculty and RSO members to come and hangout! May 2nd, 2024. Darnalls Gun Works and Ranges | 6125 County Road 1175 N, Bloomington, IL. Any Questions Contact Davis @ dcdunha@ilstu.edu.

**Farmhouse Fraternity:** Looking to meet new friends on campus? Come check out Farmhouse and see the benefits it can offer you! If interested, contact recruitment chair Hunter Ketchum at 217-649-9758 or scan the QR code to our Instagram.

**Equestrian Club:** No previous riding experience required! The mission of the Illinois State University Equestrian Club and Team is to offer any ISU student the opportunity to engage in horse related activities, riding and non-riding, in an environment of fun, physical and mental challenges, and learning. Participation in the club contributes to life-long learning, not only in terms of equine activities, but for leadership, teamwork, competition, advertising, and organizational skills. We pride ourselves on providing an environment where both experienced and inexperienced horse enthusiasts can follow their passion.
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.

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.

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.

**JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*EXTENSION EDUCATOR, AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS (HORTICULTURE):* Location: Unit 21 – Clay, Effingham, Fayette, and Jasper Counties | (Position will be housed in Effingham County – Effingham, IL) | Additional positions may become available in other locations. For more information and to apply visit: https://illinois.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/9793?c=illinois (4/29/24)

*GARAGE ASSISTANT:* ISU Parking & Transportation is searching for a Garage Assistant. The job will include cleaning and fueling vehicles, running errands and cleaning the shop work area. For more info and to apply visit: https://jobsearch.illinoisstate.edu/en-us/job/518631/garage-assistant

*INTERNSHIP:* Internships available at Wild Life Prairie Park…. Click on the link for more info and to apply. https://wildlifeprairiepark.org/internships/ (4/29/24)

Announcer: The Miller Media Group in Taylorville and Clinton, IL, has RE-OPENED its search for a full-time farm broadcaster to provide compelling agriculture content for its Central Illinois ag radio stations. This is an IMMEDIATE opening. If you have a passion for AGRICULTURE and can communicate that passion to farmers, this opportunity is for you! Our farm broadcaster is provided all the tools necessary to cover LOCAL agriculture, including a station vehicle and gas card, as well as in-studio tools for editing and saving the content into 2-15-minute Farm Shows a day. Sales and/or sports play-by-play experience is a plus but not necessary. A competitive salary is offered based on experience. Please send your resume and air check of some farm or other interviews done, to sales@randyradio.com, EOE/M/F, (4/22/24)

Agronomy Operations Intern: Evergreen FS – Long Point, IL is hiring. Get hands on experience working with state-of-the-art equipment and technology to help keep crops healthy by learning about top-performing protection and fertilizer during and after the growing season. Our family-oriented team is looking for someone who wants to help growers succeed by: •Learn and assist in all areas of agronomy operations including product knowledge, blending, storage, transport. •Learn about the operation and application techniques for agronomy equipment. •Experience hands-on service-related opportunities by working with customers. Skills required: •Ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions. •Good customer service, problem-solving and work ethic. •Team-player eager to help other departments of the company. •Normally requires a high school diploma or the equivalent thereof and currently attending college for a certificate, 2 year or 4-year degree program in an agriculture-related field. •Ability to work at varying heights and lift 51 - 70 lbs. •Must be able to pass pre-employment background and drug screen.. Call or stop by the Long Point Location: 110 W 7th Street | Long Point | 815-854-2525 | Or you can email us at: jcompton@evergreen-fs.com, (4/8/24)
Multiple Positions: Prairieland FS, Inc. is currently hiring multiple positions in various locations. For more details and to apply visit: https://www.prairielandfs.com/Careers. (4/8/24)

Multiple Positions: WGM Western Grain Marketing is currently hiring multiple positions in various locations. For more details and to apply visit: https://www.westerngrainmarketing.com/careers. (4/8/24)

Intern: This position offers up to 20 hours per week, with a starting wage of $15 per hour. The ideal candidate will be willing to work outdoors and have a strong interest in learning about the market garden industry. Responsibilities: -Assisting with various farm tasks, such as planting, weeding, and harvesting crops. -Participating in the maintenance and upkeep of the farm, including irrigation systems and equipment. -Learning and applying sustainable farming practices. -Collaborating with the team to ensure efficient and productive operations. -Optional opportunity to work at farmers markets on Saturdays, promoting and selling farm produce. And learning sales techniques. This internship offers a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the market garden world, while working alongside a fast growing farm. For more info and an application, contact Emily Zelhart (ezelhart@ilfb.org) or (309) 557-2300 for more information. (3/18/24)

Full Time Farm Job Opening In Alexis IL: This farm comprises of a wean to finish swine operation, beef feedlot enterprise, and corn and soybean acres. Wanting to find someone who enjoys working with both pigs and cattle, but who also can run machinery. Someone that could obtain a class A CDL and willing to do some minor mechanical work would obtain additional compensation. Housing could be provided. Salary based on skill set and experience and would also include health insurance. Wanting to find an individual to be part of team as soon as possible. Please contact me via email at aaron_kaylin@yahoo.com. (3/25/24)

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 or (309) 557-2300) for more information. Job Description - County Manager Trainee - June 2024 (230410) (taleo.net). (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. (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

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 an let me know. You can reach me at Cell: (630) 301-1178 Email: 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). 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@homennursery.com to receive more info and a one page application. No cover letter required. (3/4/24)

Internships: ADM is seeking 5-7 Grain Operations Interns for the summer of 2024. 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)
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Scholarship:** Elmhurst Garden Club scholarship is open to students who are residents of the State of Illinois and who are college sophomores or juniors majoring in one of the following areas of study, and to students who are preparing for teaching careers in these areas: •Agriculture •Agronomy •Botany •Conservation •Ecology •Environmental Studies •Floriculture •Forestry •Horticulture •Land Management •Landscape Design •Nursery Management. Requirements: •Completed Scholarship Application •Personal Statement •Two Letters of Recommendation •Official Academic Transcript •Minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). **Application Deadline:** June 1, 2024. For the application visit: [https://elmhurstgardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-College-AppV1.pdf](https://elmhurstgardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-College-AppV1.pdf)

**NETWORKING**

**Illinois Landscaping Contractors Association (ILCA):** ICLA has multiple upcoming events. Please check out their website! [https://ilca.net/ilca-events/](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://endo wment.org/ypc/](https://endo wment.org/ypc/).