

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS


***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).

***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)

Virtual Agriculture Career Fair (9am-1pm On October 1st): To attend the Ag Career Fair, students **MUST RSVP** through *Hire-a-Redbird* (<https://careerservices.illinoisstate.edu/hire>).

- You must upload your resume to the site so that employers can review them. I recommend a PDF file saved with your name (ReggieRedbird_Resume.pdf)
- For more information about the fair, go to: <https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/academics/career-fair/informationforstudents.php>
- **VIDEO:** [Quick Tour of Virtual Fairs for Students](#)

Steps To Complete Before The Fair:

- Construct an [effective resume](#). Check out the [Career Resource Guide](#). Then, connect with Career Services during [drop-in hours or Late-night Resume Reviews](#) for feedback.
- Develop a 30 second summary of your professional skills, experience and interests. Visit the [Career Resource Guide](#) for assistance.
- Participate in one of our [InstaCareer](#) career fair preparation sessions to learn how to introduce yourself, identify what to say, get tips on how to follow-up after the fair, and more!
- Attend [Navigating a Virtual Fair](#) so you'll not only know how to present yourself, but learn how to participate in the fair effectively.
- Check out these tips for [navigating a virtual fair](#).
- Dress the part. Review the [Career Resource Guide](#), for suggestions on appropriate attire and professional etiquette.
- Login to your [Hire-A-Redbird](#) account to register for the fair. Check out the [benefits of registering](#).
- Check out the [list of employers registered for the fair](#) to identify those you most want to meet. You can also access the list using the free [Symhttps://illinoisstate-csm.symphlicity.com/events/index.php?id=efc5cfe161e1125252fcf3cdc3ca53fc](https://illinoisstate-csm.symphlicity.com/events/index.php?id=efc5cfe161e1125252fcf3cdc3ca53fc) [Jobs and Careers app](#) available from the App Store or Google Play. Then, visit the [Career Resource Guide](#) to learn how to do quality research on employers so you can answer the question, "what do you know about our organization?"
- Prepare for on the spot [interviews](#). Visit [InterviewStream](#) to get interview questions listed by major and job industry, and practice your answers.
- Identify your answers to commonly asked questions. Check out the [Career Resource Guide](#) for sample questions.
- Join Career Services on social media. Visit [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and Instagram for fair updates and helpful preparation tips.
- Follow us on social media:  www.facebook.com/isu.agriculture  <https://www.instagram.com/isuagriculture/>
- Ag Future of America Leaders Conference application deadline is September 24. This is a great professional development opportunity. You can apply at [AFA website](#).



If you haven't picked up your face mask yet, you may pick it up in the main office of Ropp (125) from Mary. When you pick up your mask, all of our COVID rules apply (face covering, physical distancing, etc.). You will have to give Mary your name when you pick up your mask, so that she can check you off of her list.

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REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



NAMA: The National Agri-Marketing Association Competition Team is excited to be back and start preparing for our competition in the spring semester. Our meetings this semester will be every **Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. over Microsoft Teams**. Follow us on social media for updates or contact Michelle Cooney (mlcoone@ilstu.edu) for more info or any questions you may have. FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ISUNAMA> Insta: @isu.nama Microsoft teams link for the meetings:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a0b81e1fff0844abf87e77c7b4efc89f5%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=2639f559-0bc5-47d4-9cb7-e6f5db4739a5&tenantId=085f983a-0b69-4270-b71d-10695076baf>

RSO Meetings: Unfortunately, this year due to Covid, RSOs may not use classrooms for in person meetings. Preferred method of meetings would be over ZOOM. If you need in person meetings, contact the Bone Student Center regarding room reservations there.

SCHOLARSHIPS / INTERNSHIPS

***USDA-FUNDED FELLOWSHIP:** Are you a senior Agronomy or Crop and Soil Science major, and a “numbers person” who is interested in using that talent in the context of agricultural or biological research? Then we have a need for you! Every research discipline is becoming progressively more data-driven, agriculture and biology included. In an effort to address the projected shortage of applied statisticians and data analysts, the ELIAS fellowship has been designed to support the concurrent training of students in both applied statistics and a hands-on field, greenhouse, or laboratory experience related to plant science research. If selected for this competitive, USDA-funded fellowship, you will receive:

1. A scholarship of \$7,250 per year.
2. An independent research experience with a faculty member of your choosing.
3. Multiple opportunities to present your research at university events and on your home university’s social media.
4. A \$205 stipend to cover most of the cost of taking the GRE. You must also take the GRE before 31 January 2020.

To be considered, you must have: completed a basic statistics course, passed AGR363 or take AGR 363 Spring 2021, and passed (or willing to enroll in) a computer programming course. **Application due 30 Sept 2020.** Interested students should contact Mary at < mfakers@ilstu.edu > for the Announcement and Application files.

***COUPLE OF AMAZING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

Advanced Agrilytics

- o 2020 Intern Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZttUzN8wyJY&feature=youtu.be>
- o Students can apply at https://www.advancedagrilytics.com/job-description?job_id=7

Evergreen FS - Hiring in Central Illinois.

- o Drone/Scouting Intern (10): <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Drone-Scouting-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/671983500/>
- o Agronomy Scouting/Operations Intern (5): <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Agronomy-Scouting-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/672113100/>
- o Agronomy Data Intern (2): <https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/job/Bloomington-Agronomy-Data-Intern-Evergreen-FS-Bloomington%2C-IL-IL-61704/673013100/>

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, they can reach out to me directly or apply online to the position(s). **We have a 50% hire rate after an internship into either a part-time or full-time role after the internship!** Christie Rabideau, PHR, SHRM-CP | HR Manager | Evergreen FS, Inc. | Ph: 309-834-0039 | Fax: 309-834-0040 | crabideau@evergreen-fs.com

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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. (9/08/20)

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***SALES, PARTS AND SERVICE ASSISTANT/INTERN:** Martin Sullivan is looking for an additional intern for the fall and spring. **MARTIN-SULLIVAN** Would prefer a Freshman or Sophomore so they can train them and possibly work them into a longer-term career at John Deere. They have 13 locations and are always in search of good talent now and in the future. 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 (9/08/20)

***SUMMER POSITION:** Beck's Superior Hybrids in El Paso, IL is seeking an intern for the Summer of 2021 who has interested in crop science and genetic testing. 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. (9/08/20)

NETWORKING

***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL:** ISU NAMA is hosting professionals from AFA and GROWMARK on an industry panel. They will talk about how you can grow as a professional in these uncertain times and what you can do to set you apart. **Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30pm** on MS TEAMS at <http://bit.ly/ISU-NAMA-TEAM>.



AFA Leaders Conference: The 2020 AFA (Agriculture Future of America) Leaders Conference will be completely online. **November 11-14, 2020. Deadline to apply is September 24.** Visit their website for more information and to apply:



https://www.agfuture.org/s/1342/rd16/index3.aspx?sid=1342&gid=1&pgid=1334&utm_source=AFA&utm_medium=Collegiate+Liaison&utm_campaign=AFA+Leaders+Conference

Redbird Study Rooms: The following rooms are available if you need a quiet place to study:

Center for Visual Arts – Room 133	DeGarmo Hall – Rooms 039 and 305
Fell Hall – Rooms 158 and 162	Felmley Science Annex – Room 231
Schroeder Hall – Rooms 115, 117, 207 and 211	State Farm Hall of Business – Room 133
Stevenson Hall – Rooms 120, 126, 234, 311 and 352	Turner Hall – Room 208

Redbird Study Rooms will be Reviewed Continuously to Determine Needs.

