



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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DEPARTMENT NEWS

***NACTA:** The NACTA Competitive Teams is now an official ISU RSO! The purpose is to bring together the fundraising and coordinating efforts of all of those interested in competing in NACTA competitions. We will organize trainings and practices and host preliminary contests to establish an ISU team where necessary. Everyone is welcome!

ISU is the host for the 2026 NACTA Judging Conference! Please plan to attend one of the two information sessions / call-out introduction meetings for the NACTA Club on Monday if interested.

Monday 16 Feb 2026 at noon in RAB 108G

Monday 16 Feb 2026 at 5pm in RAB107F

Contact Dr. Heller (njhelle@ilstu.edu) or Bailee Stratman (brstrat@ilstu.edu) know if you have any questions!

***WANTED - MR. AG REDBIRD ROUNDUP CONTESTANTS:** ISU Alpha Zeta is searching for the next Mr. Ag! Are you involved in a department club? Hiding a fun talent? Ready to compete for an organization of your choice? Prepared to wow a crowd? For more information email ejfloer@ilstu.edu. Scan the QR code by February 20th!



***MR. AG PAGEANT ROUNDUP:** Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm – Doors open at 6:30!

\$10 entry fee – Located in the Brown Ball Room | Bone Student Center. Presented by Alpha Zeta.

RSO / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

ISU SPVA (Student Pre-Veterinary Association): Spring Semester 2026 Meetings:

February 17th | March 3rd | March 17th | March 31st | April 7th | April 21st. RAB 108G | Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm

JOB / INTERNSHIPS

Full-Time And Internship: Scoular is an \$8B supply chain company with more than 130 years in agriculture, logistics, and food systems. With 1,400 employees across 100+ locations in North America and Asia, we are committed to innovation, inclusion, and developing future leaders. JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION LINKS: (2/9/26)

Facility Operations Intern:

https://recruiting.adp.com/srcash/public/RTI.home?r=5001149184706&c=1174715&d=ExternalCareerSite&_dissimuloSSO=H-ZyuZ9t2EA:9_cin5o3LdAuYBJexluAYwdtSuc

Pathways Associate Superintendent:

https://recruiting.adp.com/srcash/public/RTI.home?r=5001149996806&c=1174715&d=ExternalCareerSite&_dissimuloSSO=WtvY5M35mGg:ILsDj37wU9y-rNBWibGm46fsFQw

Landscape Position: Here is a link to a landscape position currently open with the City of Champaign.

<https://jobs.makeitcu.com/companies/city-of-champaign/jobs/65353621-landscape-maintenance-worker-ii>



This was shared with Dr.Boerngen by Johnpaul McGreal, ISU Class of 2015, who currently works in that department for the City of Champaign. The city has a strong preference for those with a Horticulture/Agriculture degree and will be flexible with a start date if the candidate is finishing their degree; the city will help train the candidate to get their CDL. For more information or with questions, students can reach out to Johnpaul directly (johnpaul.mcgral@champaignil.gov). (1/26/26)

Broker Assistant Position: Advance Trading (ATI) is looking to fill a full-time position. The Broker Assistant will assist brokers daily with functions related to commodity trading and daily trade verification. Excellent interpersonal skills are a must because this individual will interact with a large volume of customers via phone calls, email, and IMs. This is a full time position with full benefits. Work hours would be 6am-2pm, 7am-3pm or 8am-4pm. Please reach out to me should you have any questions. Debi Belmar | Human Resources Manager | Advance Trading | 309 664 2340 (1/20/26)

Internships: Click on the links below for more information and to apply for internships:

<https://jobs.jbsfoodsgroup.com/pages/students>

<https://careers.cargill.com/en/northamericanuniversityprogram>

<https://careers.landolakesinc.com/us/en/purina-internship>

<https://beefnw.com/internships/>

<https://gkbcattle.com/internship-program/>



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Internships: GROWMARK/FS has multiple internship opportunities: Career Portal (<https://jobs.growmark.com/fssystem/search/>)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships: Illinois Landscape Contractors Education & Charitable Organization (ILCECO) has seven college scholarships available for 2026. For more information and to apply visit <https://landscapeillinois.org/scholarship-program/>. Applications are due by March 6.

Scholarship: Agriculture Scholarship Centre ("ASC") is a non-profit organization established to support students majoring in Agricultural Business/Finance/Economics. We also provide industry training through our Merchandising Skill Building Program for individuals pursuing careers in the grain industry. Full details are also available on our website: www.ascapply.org. Scholarships of \$5,000.00 per academic year (paid \$2,500 per semester) are available to students currently enrolled in college as well as Spring 2026 High School graduates. The application deadline for the 2026-27 academic year scholarship is **March 13, 2026**.

Scholarships: Trans Ova Genetics is now accepting scholarship applications. Are you a livestock – enthusiast planning on attending college? Consider applying for a Trans Ova Genetics Youth Scholarship. We know it is not easy to finance a college education, and we know many students can use help achieving their educational goals. Our scholarship program is designed to encourage youth involved in the livestock industry to make a commitment to higher education and agriculture. The program offers multiple scholarships with a value of \$1,000 per scholarship. The scholarship categories are: • High School Senior | • Undergraduate Student | • Veterinary Student. Scholarship applications will open in January. Applications are due by **March 15**. [Apply](#)

Scholarships: 2026-2027 scholarship opportunities through the Garden Clubs of Illinois (GCI) and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). **Garden Clubs of Illinois:** two (2) \$4,000 scholarships for next school year. **Deadline is March 15, 2026.** Complete requirement information and forms are available at <https://www.gardenclubsofillinois.org/scholarships>.



Scholarship: 2026 Grain & Feed Association of Illinois Scholarship Opportunities. Deadline to apply is **April 30th**



GRAIN & FEED ASSOCIATION of Illinois

Eligibility: - Permanent Illinois address and a full-time freshman, sophomore or junior at an accredited college or university - High School seniors with a minimum of 24 completed college credits are eligible to apply. Students must be willing to: **1.** Work four days at a member facility (2 days each in spring and fall) **2.** Attend the Summer Kickoff Tour on August 3-5, 2026 **3.** Write two blog posts detailing their experiences. [Scholarship Information](#). [2026 Application](#)

NETWORKING

Landscape Illinois: We're looking forward to welcoming you and your students to iLandscape 2026 in Schaumburg this February.



As registration continues, we wanted to share a few important reminders and highlights to help you plan your visit. **Event Dates: Wednesday–Friday, February 25–27, 2026** | A few reminders about the show:

- Tradeshow passes are FREE for students, parents/chaperones, and staff
- Use discount code HORTSTU26 to receive special student pricing |

Register here: https://www.compusystems.com/servlet/sar?evt_uid=348

Show website: <https://ilandscapeshow.com> | Student Day & Design Awards (Friday): The Student Design Awards Ceremony begins on Friday at 10:00 a.m. New for 2026: Following the awards, a panel of landscape designers/architects will provide live critiques of student designs. Friday also includes student-focused programming and full access to the show floor.

