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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

**\*ISU FARM – SUMMER HELP:** Student summer help needed at the Illinois State University Farm in Lexington, IL. Students would be able to work 28 hours per week. Help is needed Monday – Sunday. Please contact Billy Marquardt (309) 445-9807 or Jason Lindbom (309) 846-8274. Minimum Wage.

**Social Night:** ISU Ag Social Night is **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** All students and faculty are welcome! Everyone meet at Lunkers at 7:00 p.m. for food and drinks with your other ag peers. As the night progresses, we will go to some more uptown locations for other food and drinks. For any questions or inquiries contact Joe Tomminello at (815) 681-0462 or Nick Mattern at (815) 303-9223.

**Awards Program:** The Illinois State University Department of Agriculture will have its 56th Annual Awards Program on **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, at the Illinois State University Edwards Hall, Capen Auditorium (110 S. University Street, Normal, IL 61761). We will be recognizing the Outstanding Students and faculty in the Department of Agriculture, Incoming and Continuing Scholarship recipients, and the J. R. Holbert Student and Honorary Award recipients. **Doors will open at 1:30 p.m., with the awards ceremony beginning at 2:00.** The program should be concluded by 4:00. You and your family/friends are invited to attend the program and visit with students, faculty, staff, and other friends of the department. Free parking is available in lots G64 and F64 just northwest of Edwards Hall. There is no charge for the program, but reservations will assist us in planning. Please complete this [form](#) by **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the program. [https://forms.illinoisstate.edu/forms/annual\\_department\\_of\\_agriculture\\_awards\\_program](https://forms.illinoisstate.edu/forms/annual_department_of_agriculture_awards_program)

## REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ISU Student Pre-Veterinary Association (SPVA)** meets bi-weekly on Thursdays from 6-7pm in RAB 108G. **The next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Everyone is welcome. Come learn about all things vet and animal related | Guest Speakers | Hands-on workshops | Volunteer opportunities.



**Agronomy Club:** Meetings held in **RAB 107F every Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome!  
What we do: Competitions | Service Projects | Cookouts | and other fun activities!

**Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR):** Alpha Gamma Rho is a social-professional fraternity To Make Better Men, providing each and every brother with superior lifelong personal development and professional success since 1904. As a social-professional fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho members are a brotherhood bound by shared values and shared professions in agriculture, natural resources, and related fields. Contact Logan Watson for more information ([ljwats1@ilstu.edu](mailto:ljwats1@ilstu.edu)).



**Farmhouse Fraternity:** Join Farmhouse – the longest-standing fraternity on campus. We're dedicated to fostering friendship, leadership, community service, and academic excellence. As a member, you'll be part of a close-knit brotherhood that values both personal and collective growth. We offer affordable housing and a supportive environment that helps you succeed in any major and beyond. Come be part of the tradition of Building Men, contact our VP of recruitment for more information. [Djhemke@ilstu.edu](mailto:Djhemke@ilstu.edu)

## CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bug2School:** Collaborative insect ecology research in school gardens! Spend the summer doing guided insect ecology experiments in school gardens with Bug2School! ([bug2school.org](http://bug2school.org)). 8-weeks, June-July 2025, 30 hrs/week | Stipend: \$5,000 stipend. **Locations:** U of I Champaign-Urbana, Chicago State University | Currently enrolled undergraduates graduating fall 2024 or later. Learn to grow food and be a scientist together with a cohort of students as we collaborate on a single large-scale experiment, with close, in-person mentorship from university faculty. Our program begins with a 5-day orientation in Champaign-Urbana for team-building and rigorous training in gardening, insect ecology, and scientific methods. As we complete research, we'll also develop creative web and video content to help students and teachers learn about plants and insects in school gardens. Contact Dr. Blubaugh for more info: [blubaugh@illinois.edu](mailto:blubaugh@illinois.edu)

## JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Associate Laboratory Technician:** Cargill in Bloomington, IL has a full-time lab position available. For more information and to apply visit: <https://jobs.cargill.com/job-invite/305161/>. (3/17/27)



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**Western DuPage Landscaping, Inc.**

**Multiple Positions:** Western DuPage Landscaping, Inc. in Naperville, IL, is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions. Please send resumes to: [susan@wdlinc.com](mailto:susan@wdlinc.com) (3/17/25)

**Landscape Construction Foreman** – Basic requirements are the ability to lead crew members and follow Supervisor’s direction. Have an Illinois State CDL ‘A’ driver’s license with air brake endorsement. Hardscape Installation Knowledge – 3 years’ experience preferred. Plant Installation Knowledge – 3 years’ experience preferred. Must be able to lead crew members and follow supervisors’ directions. Follow and enforce the WDL Safety and Best Practices.

**Landscape Construction Laborer** – Must have experience in Landscaping and be willing to learn and follow directions. Must be able to show up at work every day. Must follow all safety WDL protocols. Maintain a high level of integrity and have a good attitude.

**Horticulturist** – This is a working management position and requires hands on field work to ensure quality project outcome and training of field staff. Horticulturist is to provide the necessary support to Staff in the areas of landscape maintenance, and all aspects of proper horticultural practices and care of shrubs, trees, perennials, and annuals. This will be accomplished through appropriate controls in coordination with and supervision of the WDS Manager. It also requires sales work and collaboration with the Design Studio Landscape Architects.

**Landscape Maintenance Account Manager** – The Account Manager is responsible for exceeding customer expectations by effective management of the financial and human resources appropriate to them by following WDS Quality Standards. The Account Manager will be responsible for selling the products and services WDS offers as well as achieving assigned sales goals and gross profit. The position ensures the performance of WDS Quality Standards and the management of all resources to achieve client confidence and exceptional service for their clients.

**Landscape Architect/Designer Salesperson** - Key responsibilities include consulting with clients to determine design preferences, budget, and project requirements. Develop detailed landscape designs, including renderings, material selections, and construction specifications. Identify and coordinate subcontractors as needed. Prepare work orders to facilitate the installation process. Collaborate closely with the Design Team, Project Managers, and Installation Crews to ensure seamless execution. Perform customer service walk-throughs to confirm client satisfaction and address any concerns.

**Seasonal Horticulturist:** Bloomington Country Club is seeking a Seasonal Horticulturist. Preparing, planting, watering, pruning, and maintaining the extensive flower beds around the clubhouse, pool area, and on the golf course with assistance from other team members. Also be expected to assist in keeping all club areas clean, debris and weed free, and may also be cross trained to perform golf course tasks. **Requirements:** •Horticulture education or experience is preferred but not required •An interest in maintaining landscape and flower beds •Attention to detail is a must •Someone who enjoys outdoor work •Working one weekend morning a week. For more info, or to apply contact Matt Harstad, Golf Course Superintendent by email at [mharstad@bloomcc.com](mailto:mharstad@bloomcc.com) or by phone at (309) 829-5584. (3/17/25)



*Bloomington Country Club*

**Full-Time Farm Technician, Alexis, IL:** Applications are being accepted for a full-time farm technician. The candidate will assist with a wean-to-finish swine operation, beef feedlot enterprise, and corn and soybean production. Willingness to obtain a class A CDL and willingness to do some minor mechanical work would receive additional compensation. Housing could be provided. Salary is based on skill set and experience and includes health insurance. Wanting to find an individual to be part of the team as soon as possible. For more info or to apply, contact Aaron Brokow (309) 737-0890 or [aaron\\_kaylin@yahoo.com](mailto:aaron_kaylin@yahoo.com). (3/17/25)

**Internships:** Miller Park Zoo is seeking Animal Care Interns for Winter, Spring, and Summer of 2025. Apply at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityblm/promotionaljobs>. (1/13/25)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Miller Park Zoo is seeking volunteers. Must be at least 16 years of age | Complete a Volunteer Application Form | Must be able to pass a local, state, and national background check | Complete in-person interview and a volunteer orientation with the Volunteer Coordinator | One time only \$25 registration fee | If interested in Animal Care, you must provide a current TB Test result. For questions and assistance please contact Silvia Schuh – Miller Park Zoo – [sschuh@cityblm.com](mailto:sschuh@cityblm.com) | (309) 434-2826.



**ANIMAL CARE | ZOO PROJECTS/GARDENING | SPECIAL EVENTS | GUEST SERVICES** (1/13/25)

