**Rosson’s Roundup**

First, I want to recognize our students who attended and participated in the recent *Producer Marketing Association (PMA) Fresh Summit* ‘13 in New Orleans. **Will Fazzino, Allison Grainger, Payton Price and Will Carey** (see photo) represented the department and Texas A&M at the event. Payton Price was designated as the 2013 Pack Career Pathways Student by the PMA and the Jay and Ruth Pack Family Foundation. As a result, she accompanied former student, Dan'l (Mackey) Almy ’94, President of DMA Solutions in Irving, throughout the Summit and met many of the key players in the producer industry. Congratulations to Payton for being honored at the Summit and thanks to our students who participated in this important activity. Thanks to Marco Palma who coordinated our student’s participation at the Summit. High-impact activities such as this provide an excellent example of the types of things we can do to shape the lives of our students and influence the future of an industry at the same time.

**REMINDER: The final Departmental Tailgate** will be held Saturday, November 9, starting at 11:30 a.m. in the tent near the Aggie ring at the Clayton W. Williams Alumni Center. I hope all of you can come join us. We are expecting many students, former students, family and friends of the department to be there. We have also invited our colleagues from Mississippi State University to attend as well. It should be an excellent event.

**Web Site:** Suzy Pryor, Jeremy Frye and Katrina Tuazon are working to update the Departmental web site. This effort has been underway for some time and we expect to have some of the new features up and running next week. She has added connections to social media sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Pinterest. I’m hoping this will spread the word about Agricultural Economics to a broader audience and help educate the public about what we do to improve the lives of Texans and the world. Please take a look and let us know if you have any comments. The updating process continues, and Suzy will be contacting many of you to update the material related to your area of work.

**Honors Luncheon:** The Undergraduate Office held a luncheon for our Honors students Thursday at the Bell Ranch Steakhouse. This was a great event, allowing us to interact with the core group of students who are involved in many of our important high-impacts programs, such as Study Abroad and Research. Thanks to Donna Adcock, Pam Vernon, Lauren Johnson, Donna Chester and Fred Boadu for organizing and hosting this event.

Finally, I received word this week that Jeff Johnson, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at Texas Tech and Texas A&M AgriLife Research in Lubbock, will be taking a new position as Director of the Delta Research and Extension Center in Stoneville, Mississippi. Jeff starts his new job in mid-November. He received his master’s degree in Agricultural Economics for the department. Congratulations to Jeff and all the best in your new role. Thanks for your service to Texas A&M AgriLife and your many years of association with the department.

Let’s not overlook our weekend opponent: BTHO UTEP!! Gig ‘Em!!!
Position Announcements

Assistant Professor in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Nine-month, tenure-track position in environmental and natural resource economics (ENRE). Ph.D. in Economics, Environmental or Natural Resource Economics, or related field; excellent training in quantitative methods and microeconomic theory and application; coursework and research training in ENRE, and excellent oral and written communication skills. Please submit the following materials through Husky Hire at http://www.jobs.uconn.edu/ (search #2014147 under College of Agriculture and Natural Resources), no later than November 8, 2013: (1) a cover letter that indicates your vision and programmatic objectives for the position; (2) curriculum vita; (3) graduate transcripts (unofficial okay); (4) publication samples or dissertation abstract, and (5) contact information for three references. If available, include copies of teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness. The committee will not accept paper applications. We will be interviewing at the ASSA meetings in Philadelphia, January 2-5, 2014. For questions, visit http://www.are.uconn.edu, call 860-486-2836 or send email to Rigoberto.Lopez@uconn.edu

Assistant Professor of International Economic Development, University of California, Berkeley Tenure-track assistant professor position (academic year) in the area of international economic development, to begin July 1, 2014. This position includes a joint appointment in the California Agricultural Experiment Station. Applicants should have a PhD or equivalent in Economics, Agricultural Economics, or a related area, by the appointment date. Interested candidates should submit a letter of intent containing a teaching and research statement, c.v., evidence of teaching effectiveness, a copy of their job market paper, a graduate school transcript, and three letters of recommendation (requested directly through our online application system). All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality: http://apo.chance.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html Materials may be submitted online at: https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/apply/JPF00280. The closing date for applications is December 2nd, 2013. Applicants may contact Diana Lazo at: laz@berkeley.edu with any questions regarding this recruitment.

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