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Upcoming Events

September

10th-COALS Awards Ceremony 11th-C&D Center Dedication 12th-Tailgate Social 13th-Dept. Tailgate/Aggies vs Owls 16th-IceCream Social

Rosson's Roundup

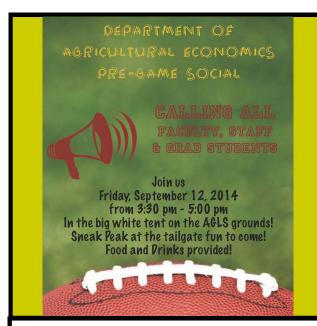
The students have returned to Aggieland!! All is in a state of excitement with anticipation of the first home football game against Lamar University and the unveiling of a partially renovated Kyle Field. I want to take this opportunity to welcome our students and provide some information on enrollment for our programs. As of Monday, we had 151 graduate students: 55 in the PhD program, 8 of whom are in the ABME, 42 MS, 42 MAB and 4 non-degree seeking. This is 17 more students than we had last year. We have 703 undergraduate students enrolled, 100 more than last year, and about evenly split between the AGEC and AGBU programs. I had the opportunity to meet with most of our new students in various orientation sessions throughout the summer and I believe it's a solid group.

The Grand Challenges call for proposals was sent out yesterday. There are opportunities to form integrative teams and receive funding to pursue joint projects. Please take a look at this information and we will discuss at the faculty meeting September 17. I think we can be successful in several key challenge areas.

Thursday afternoon, Dave Reed and I traveled to Houston to meet with the Brazil - Texas Chamber of Commerce (BRATECC). This organization has been heavily focused on the oil and gas industry for some time, but is now interested in shifting their efforts toward agriculture and agribusiness. We discussed some of the common features of Texas and Brazil, along with some the competitive aspects of the industry. I believe there will be opportunities to work with this group more in the future and will let you know how our discussions proceed.

Former student Bill Carter, '69 AGEC and Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry member will be here today working with some of our students who are preparing for the national Financial Planning competition. We appreciate Bill's involvement with the program and his continuing support. If you see him in the halls, please welcome him to the department.

Finally, enjoy the first home game football weekend. Yes, there's more traffic, but remember, these activities have a major economic impact on our community. Most important, all of these students are the reason we are here!





WELCOME BACK ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Faculty, Staff, Grad Students & Student Workers are invited. Please make plans to join us!

Upcoming Birthdays

Gene Nelson 9/9
Rebekka Dudensing 9/14
David Leatham 9/15



Thank You!!

Commons Committee



for hosting Friday Coffee

Position Announcements

USAID/Food for Peace is recruiting for a **Food Security and Markets Advisor** based in Washington, DC. The job solicitation link is below, the deadline for applications is September 11th. This position is assigned to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), Office of Food for Peace (FFP). The Program Analyst is a member of the Policy and Technical Division's (PTD) Technical Team, and will be designated as the lead advisor for food assistance programming directly linked to cash transfers, food vouchers, and local and regional procurement. They will provide policy, technical, and grant management assistance to Country Backstop Officers (CBO) who have overall responsibility for FFP programming in specific countries/regions. For more information and to apply, go to: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/379591900

Assistant Professor of AgriBusiness, Texas A&M University-Commerce, The assistant professor of agribusiness is a tenure track position and will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in agribusiness, agricultural economics, and general agriculture. The assistant professor will serve as advisor for undergraduate agribusiness majors. Ph.D. or DBA in agribusiness, ag economics, or closely related discipline, with at least 18 semester hours of graduate coursework in agribusiness or agricultural economics. Contact Person:Dr. Jose Lopez Phone:903-886-5623 Email Address: jose-Lopez@tamuc.edu Apply URL: https://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/74612

Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University, Agricultural Marketing, Agribusiness, Production. This is a 12-month, 85% Extension, 15% teaching tenured track appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. A Ph.D. in agricultural economics or economics with specific training in agricultural marketing, agribusiness management, production economics, farm management, and/or related topics. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all college and university work, and have three professional letters of reference sent to: Mrs. Debra Price, Department of Agricultural Economics, Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762 (or by email to Price@agecon.msstate.edu). Applicants must complete the Personal Data Information form found at www.jobs.msstate.edu. (Search postings for PARF# 7880). For more information about this position and the Department of Agricultural Economics contact Steve Turner (turner@agecon.msstate.edu), 662-325-2049). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled with initial screening and interview arrangements to begin on October 15, 2014.

Click here for position announcements

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu