APPOINTMENTS WITH AG ECONOMICS ADVISORS

- To make an appointment with one of the Ag Economics advisors, you MUST call the Undergraduate Office at 979-845-4911. Our friendly and helpful front office people (also known as the folks that answer the phone) will assist you in making an appointment that will fit into your schedule.

- Please do not email an advisor to ask when you can meet with them. You will be referred back to the instructions in the first bullet.

- If you would like assistance in planning your Spring 2015 schedule, you should make your appointment sooner, rather than later as the advisor’s calendars are filling up quickly. You cannot wait until a day or two before you are supposed to register and try to get an appointment.

   The key word in the previous bullet is “assistance”. You will need to bring at least a tentative list of courses you think would be appropriate for you to take in the Spring with you to your appointment. Your list will serve as a starting point for you and the advisors.

LEARNING COLLEGE TERMINOLOGY (Contributed by Ms. Donna Adcock.)

Upper-classmen can use this reminder of an often used term, just freshmen can begin applying this concept when planning their schedules. The term is “prerequisite”. According to Mr. Webster, the dictionary king, prerequisite means, “required beforehand”. An example of this is AGEC 105, ENGL 104, MATH 141 and MATH 142 are “prerequisites” for AGEC 217. For upper-classmen, an example would be AGEC 217, ECON 323, and STAT 303, 302, 301 or SCMT 303 are “prerequisites” for AGEC 317. This, in a nutshell, means prerequisite courses must be taken BEFORE the class NOT with the class. A list of prerequisites for AGEC courses can be found at http://agecon.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/AGEC-Course-Prerequisites1.pdf

I would like to take this opportunity to remind Agribusiness majors that you CANNOT take any upper-level business course (MKTG 321, FINC 341, MGMT 363, SCMT 303) until they have completed the following “prerequisites.”

1. Must have completed at least 60 hours to achieve junior status.
2. Must complete ALL of the following courses: ACCT 229, ACCT 230, ECON 202, ECON 203, MATH 141, MATH 142, AGEC 217, MGMT 211

FYI

1. ECON 202 and MATH 142 are prerequisites for ECON 323.
2. MATH 141 is a prerequisite for STAT 303, 302, 301 and SCMT 303.
3. We will allow Agribusiness majors to take STAT 303, 302, or 301 as a substitute for SCMT 303. You do not have to be eligible for upper-level courses to take STAT 303, 302, or 301 as these courses are in the College of Science NOT Mays Business School.
4. Agricultural Economics majors MUST be classified as Juniors (completed at least 60 hours), and meet any other posted prerequisite, in order to eligible for any 300- or 400-level AGEC course.
5. If you are currently a Sophomore Ag Economics major that will have junior hours after this semester, you will NOT be able to preregister for upper-level AGEC courses. You MUST go to our force request link http://agecon.tamu.edu/undergraduate/current-students/resources/ and put in a force request for EACH 300-and/or 400-level AGEC course you want/need. This does not guarantee that you will be forced into the class, but this is the only way we have to try and meet student’s needs. Decisions on force requests will NOT be made until grades are posted in December (the 22nd) so you will not be contacted until we return to work in January.
6. Agribusiness majors, please remember that we CANNOT force students into classes that are NOT AGEC courses.

For MGMT courses, please go to http://mays.tamu.edu/mgmt/mgmt-advising/ and select the Full Courses/Wait List Link. (ACCT, FINC, MKTG, and SCMT force information is on the next page.)
For ACCT courses, please go to http://mays.tamu.edu/acct/advising/ and select the Wait List/Full Courses link.

For FINC courses, the Finance department does not incorporate the waitlist procedure and allows minimal forcing into courses because it opens ALL available seats for finance courses on Howdy. We find this to be the best suitable option of fairness and equity for our students. Further, the Finance department will not force any students into courses that are not required for graduation or a finance elective when other electives are open and available for enrollment. Generally, overrides will be granted only in the case of bona fide graduation emergencies: For some reason beyond the student's control, they are unable to get a class that will keep them from graduation that semester, he or she should contact Ms. Brie Garcia if you need an override.

For MKTG courses, please go to http://mays.tamu.edu/mktg/advising/, and select the Wait List/Full Courses link.

For SCMT courses, please go to http://mays.tamu.edu/info/current/, and select the Wait List Requests link.

➤ SPRING INTERNSHIP WITH GANADA FARMS (This is an excellent opportunity to learn about and network with people in the horse industry if that is what your career interest is.)

Granada Farms is seeking an individual interested in an office work internship position for the 2015 breeding season. The internship will begin in AFTER Christmas/early January and continue through July (and possibly longer if the applicant wishes). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. This is a paid internship.

Granada Farms is located in Wheelock, TX, a short 30 minute drive from College Station on Old Spanish Road (OSR). They are a large commercial equine breeding facility averaging over 300 mares per year. Currently, we are involved in race and barrel Quarter horses; however, we do custom work for a number of other breeds and registries.

A qualified applicant should have completed a finance or an accounting class, should have a desire to learn and be willing to work Monday through Friday 8-5. It will be helpful if the individual is knowledgeable about the equine industry as a whole. The intern selected will gain experience in the following areas: customer relations, veterinary data entry, accounts receivables and payables, billing, mailing contracts, receiving horses onto the farm, telephone and filing skills, and various other related office work.

Resume’s may be faxed to (979) 828-5902 or please email them to granada@granada.com

For further information please contact:
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ganada@granada.com or check out our website at www.granada.com

➤ OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY IS LOOKING FOR SPRING 2015 INTERNS: The Office of Sustainability is searching for Spring 2015 interns to help increase awareness and education about the growing field of sustainability and everyday sustainable practices. Sustainability encompasses environmental, economic, and social aspects, and encourages the use of critical thinking skills to come up with long term solutions to societies biggest problems. Sustainability’s interdisciplinary approach to problem solving makes it perfect for students in any undergraduate major on campus. The position description and internship application are attached. Application materials (Internship Application, Resume, and Cover Letter) are due by Noon on Friday, November 14th, 2014 and should be sent to sustainability@tamu.edu or dropped off at the General Services Complex, Suite 1801.

➤ ARE YOU INTERESTED IN OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS? Startup 101 is a workshop series held for students, faculty, and community members interested in someday running their own business. Participants are introduced to the core issues of how to transform an idea into an operating business. By participating, you will learn the important questions to ask and discover resources that will be there to help you when the time comes to launch your venture!

When is it? Three consecutive Tuesday nights: November 4th, 11th, and 18th
What time? 5:45 to 8:30pm
What’s included? Hear from 8 fabulous speakers including Dr. Richard Lester of the Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship, Jim Pillans of the local Small Business Development Center, founders of Gazoo Chris McDonald and Scott Morton, lawyers Adam Robertson and Rick Barker, marketing specialist
Courtney Donnell, and Curtis Donaldson, founder and CEO of Clean Fuel USA! Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres while you network with other students and community members during the 30 minute intermission held each night between speakers!

Where is it? The TIPS Building; 800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway, Suite 2060; College Station, TX 77843-4478

How do I sign up? Please register through their portal by going to their website at http://esociety.tamu.edu/startup101. The cost is $40 for students and $50 for faculty, staff, and community members.

Questions? Check out their website for more information, or send us an e-mail at eclub@esociety.tamu.edu

➢ FREE GRE PRACTICE TEST

- You can take a free PRACTICE GRE test that will give you the most accurate score possible outside of the actual test. See the link http://bit.ly/1tjiM45
- The next GRE Prep class for Aggies is starting November 15. Sign up now to reserve your seat and learn everything you need to know about the GRE including:
  - How schools use (and don’t use) your scores
  - The best techniques to conquer the verbal and math sections
  - Simple tips to maximize your math score
  - Every math concept ever seen tested on the GRE
  - The easiest way to memorize large amounts of vocabulary as quickly as possible

- NEXT CLASS
  - Saturday, November 15, 2014
  - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - One (1) hour lunch break
  - Location is near the A&M campus

- Please go to http://bit.ly/1tjbbm8 for more detailed information including future classes, course details, pricing, and information about private tutoring.
- http://bit.ly/1tjiM45 is the location for more information and it is where you reserve your seat.

➢ FISH CAMP 2015 IS ACCEPTING NAMESAKE NOMINATIONS: Namesake nominations for Fish Camp 2015 are now being accepted! A Namesake has the great honor of being both a support and a resource for the counselors and freshmen. We encourage you to nominate someone whom you feel should be honored and respected for impacting Texas A&M University in a positive way. Keep in mind that undergraduates are not eligible and that a Namesake can only serve in this position once every 20 years. You can find a list of past Namesakes, as well as the year that they were Namesakes at fishcamp.tamu.edu/namesakes! To nominate someone for Namesake please go to: http://fishcamp.tamu.edu/namesakenomination2015

***Nominations are due November 16th, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.*** Fish Camp; 131 John J. Koldus Building.1236 TAMU; 979-845-1627; fcamp-ops@dsa.tamu.edu or email fishcamp.tamu.edu

DON’T FORGET THE TIME CHANGES THIS SUNDAY!