

AGEC Weekly Newsletter

February 26, 2016

Interested in being an Aggie REPS for 2016-2017??



Applications are being accepted now and are due Friday, March 11 at 5:00PM in 214 AGLS.

[Click here for 2016-2017 Aggie Reps application](#)

Swaziland Agricultural Economics: May 28-June 16
with Dr. Victoria Salin

This week we are focusing on the Study Abroad trip to Swaziland. See page 4 for more information.



Important dates!

March 11th

- ◆ Applications for Aggie REPS due!

March 14-18th

- ◆ Spring Break

March 25th

- ◆ Reading day

April 19th

- ◆ Last day to Q-drop. Q-drop forms MUST be submitted by 12pm

Things to Do:

1. NOW is a GREAT TIME to meet with your professors; regarding homework assignments, grades and special projects. Mid term grades are due March 7th.
2. It is also a good time to meet with your Academic advisors regarding:

Summer and fall classes

Degree planner

Internships

Study Abroad

POSITION: Summer Intern

LOCATION: Travel expected throughout AgTexas Territory

SALARY: Negotiable

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Full-time, paid position for the Summer Semesters of 2016.

Internship term will be June 6th through July 29th. Students will travel throughout the AgTexas territory on a weekly basis. Students are expected to stay in each location Monday-Friday. Reliable transportation is required. Travel expenses will be covered by the Association. This temporary position is not eligible for benefits.



COMPANY PROFILE:

AgTexas Farm Credit Services serves approximately 2,500 borrowers in a 43 county trade territory. The association has an average volume of approximately \$1.4 billion. The loan portfolio consists of cotton, peanuts, livestock, dairy, feed grains, real estate and ag-related business loans. The association territory provides diversity in production and mortgage loans as well as commodities financed.

JOB SCOPE:

Exposure will be provided to all functions within the organization, including:

Credit Analysis

Operations/Loan Servicing

Lending Services

Portfolio Management

Appraisal

Crop Insurance

EDUCATION and SKILL REQUIREMENTS:

Coursework in finance, business, agricultural economics and/or accounting preferred. Position available for Junior or Senior under-graduate students. Intermediate skill level in Microsoft Office applications. Skill in oral and written communication

Application Deadline: March 31, 2016

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Swaziland Agricultural Economics:
May 28-June 16 with Dr. Victoria Salin



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Study Abroad with AGECE:
<http://studyabroad.tamu.edu>



What are you doing in the summer of 2016?

The Department of Agricultural Economics has made some changes in the classes offered in the summer!

The following will be offered on-line in the 10 week summer session:

- AGEC 105: Introduction to Agricultural Economics – Meets Core Social and Behavioral Science
- AGEC 314: Marketing Agricultural and Food Products
- AGEC 330: Financial Management in Agriculture - Prereq: Acct 209 or 229
- AGEC 435: Financial Planning for Professionals
- AGEC 437: Tax Planning
- AGEC 439: Retirement Planning
- AGEC 441: Financial Planning Capstone

The following will be offered in a traditional classroom setting:

- AGEC 317 ECON ANLYS FOR AGBU MGMT
 MWF 10-11:35AM
 10 week session
- AGEC 340: Agribusiness Management
 MTWRF 8:00-9:35
 First summer session

- AGEC 402: Survey of international Agricultural Economics:
 Study Abroad – France 5/25/15 – 7/11/16

The iOme Challenge is once again being offered to college students all across the United States. This year the iOme Challenge is being sponsored by the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER) in Washington, D.C., and is designed for students to help influence U.S. savings and financial security. The iOme (I OWE ME) Challenge asks student teams to write an essay and create a video to raise awareness about the impact of financial security in retirement and how it connects to the social and economic wellbeing of our society.

This Year's Challenge!

This year, teams will take part in a mock program in which they are selected by the President-elect to serve as his Council of Economic Advisors. The President's charge to teams is to prepare a policy proposal that he will introduce in Congress in January 2017. The proposal will address how the U.S. retirement system can be re-imagined to accommodate changes in the work patterns of the Millennial generation so they can be confident of a financially secure retirement.

Students will write an essay and develop a short video. A blue ribbon panel will judge submissions. **The winning team will share a \$5,000 prize, with an additional \$1,500 paid to the team's faculty advisor.** The winning team will also be invited to Washington, DC in late June to meet with policymakers on Capitol Hill and at the White House. The team will present the winning paper at a national symposium.

Please let your students know about this opportunity, encourage them to participate or perhaps incorporate this into your classes for the current semester.

Past winners and honorable mentions of the iOme Challenge have included: Virginia Tech, Texas Tech University, Western Michigan University, University of Nevada-Reno, La Grange College, LaGuardia Community College, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and Northeastern University.

More details and specific rules are available at the contest's website, www.iomechallenge.org. The **deadline for teams to submit their essay is April 30, 2016 at 11:59 PM CT** and their video by May 10, 2016 at 11:59 PM CT. We're looking forward to this year's submissions!

Sincerely,

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Howdy Ags,

The Department of Agricultural Economics has an opportunity for FREE prizes for all of it's students! We will be having a Facebook contest, beginning Monday the 22 and ending Friday the 26. All that you have to do is like our post, comment your email and shirt size, and like our Facebook page for the chance to win a free t-shirt!

<https://www.facebook.com/Texas-AM-University-Agricultural-Economics-Undergraduate-Program-313513346817/>



*The Adair Student
Organization & Advisor*
..... of the year
AWARDS

Nominations are now open!

More info at:

<http://tx.ag/OYAY>

Nominations close on March 11th, 2016

Award categories:

The Adair Student Organization of the Year,
New Advisor of the Year and
Advisor of the Year

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Nominations are now open for The Adair Student Organization of the Year and Advisor of the Year awards.

For each organization category (sponsored, affiliated, and registered) there are three awards: The Adair Student Organization of the Year Award, The New Advisor of the Year Award, and The Advisor of the Year Award. Each organization who receives one of the nine awards available will be given \$100 and recognition through award plaques in the Student Activities office.

These awards recognize organizations that have clearly distinguished themselves by making an impact on its members, leaders, and Texas A&M, as well as advisors in these categories who have clearly demonstrated excellence by providing exemplary guidance, support, and dedication to the advisement of a recognized student organization at Texas A&M University.

Nominations can be found at www.tx.ag/OYAY and close on March 11th. For more details please email Shanna Florence at sflorence@stuact.tamu.edu