This week I had the opportunity to travel to Fort Worth to visit with several former students and discuss our programs with them. Patrick Williams, Texas A&M AgriLife Development Office, and I met with Ken Leiber, AGEC ’81 and President of the National Finance Credit Corporation, to discuss the importance of having programs that cut across areas in finance, cattle, and beef marketing. We also met with Don and Louie Sullins. Don (’65) is retired Vice President with ADM and Louie (’97) is a Manager with Merrill Lynch in Grapevine. They have supported our tailgate activities and are great supporters of all we do.

Wednesday we hosted Graham Weston, AGEC ’86 and Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry member. We recognized him for his gift to the Department to support Kerry Litzenberg’s Sales Program. Graham, Lorenzo Gomez, and Emily Bowe represented the 80/20 Foundation, a non-profit organization in San Antonio that supports STEM Education, Urban Redevelopment and Entrepreneurial Activities. They were highly commendable of the Sales Program and look forward to working with us more in the future. Drs. Dugas, EJ Davis (Texas A&M Foundation President), and I provided brief remarks at lunch in the University Club. Thanks to Kerry Litzenberg for getting this done and to Cara Milligan, Patrick Williams (AgriLife Development Officers) and Tammy Shupak, AgriLife Development staff, for their support in hosting this important event.

Roxanne Orsak, AGEC ’88 and Winell Herron with HEB were in the Department Wednesday to be recognized for sponsoring the HEB Fellowship. They have been responsible for getting HEB to endow fellowship in the Department that will focus on supply chain research and extension. We are very grateful for the efforts of Jim McGrann, AGEC ’73 and Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry member for getting this started, and Jon Rigelsky for following up to get the deal closed. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, and students who participated in both of these events. They did a great job and represented the Department extremely well.

On another note the USDA Farm Service Agency has ten trainee job openings. Could be a good opportunity for our students. Will put the link down below. Have a safe, enjoyable long weekend, and Happy Easter!!

USDA-FSA website link:

https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/GetAdvancedSearchResults
Position Announcements

**Lecturer**, University of Connecticut, The College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources is seeking to fill a full-time, nine-month non-tenure track position with teaching responsibilities in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Start date is August 23, 2015. Minimum qualifications: A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or Economics or related field, Excellent oral and written communication skills, Commitment and desire to teach and mentor students. To apply, please submit the following materials through Husky Hire at [http://www.jobs.uconn.edu/faculty](http://www.jobs.uconn.edu/faculty) (College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, Search #2015146): (1) a cover letter; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) teaching statement (including teaching philosophy, teaching experience, and commitment to effective learning); and (4) graduate transcripts. If available, also upload copies of teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness. Three letters of reference should be sent to AREsearch@uconn.edu, Search #2015146. Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and continue until April 13, 2015. For more information regarding the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics please visit the department website at [http://www.are.uconn.edu](http://www.are.uconn.edu). For questions, call 860-486-2836 or send email to Karen.nye@uconn.edu.

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Tenure Track – 9 month appointment. Teaching/research. A Ph.D. in economics, agricultural economics or applied economics is required. The candidate must have strong training in economic theory and quantitative methods, strong oral and written communications skills, and the ability to interact effectively with students, other faculty, industry stakeholders and the public. Teaching experience is preferred. Position Available: August 2015 Application Process: Review of applications will begin May 1, 2015. Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of application, including a statement of qualifications, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, and at least three professional letters of references to: Dr. Steve Halbrook, Department Head, C/O Tonya Foster, University of Arkansas, 217 AGRI Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-575-2281, halbrook@uark.edu

**Teaching Instructor**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Non-Tenure Track – Instructor, 100% teaching – 9 month appointment – possible summer work. Qualifications: - An M.S. in Agricultural or Applied Economics or closely related field is required. A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or related field, and teaching experience at the collegiate level is strongly preferred. Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of application, including a statement of qualifications, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, and name, complete address, and telephone number of at least three professional references to: Dr. Steve Halbrook, Department Head, C/O Tonya Foster, University of Arkansas, 217 AGRI Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-575-2281, halbrook@uark.edu. Completed applications received by May 1, 2015 will be assured full consideration.

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**New Publication**

**Upcoming Birthdays**
Danny Klinefelter 4/5
Valerie Gerbig 4/6
George Kiapke 4/8

**Happy Easter!!**
Friday coffee will be back April 10th

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Monday, April 6, 2015 • MSC
Registration is required. Sign up to attend or for zoom access by March 30th at: [http://ffss.tamu.edu/2015/symposium/pi](http://ffss.tamu.edu/2015/symposium/pi) presented by International Faculty & Scholar Services

**New Publication**

**2015 Texas A&M Immigration Symposium**
Sessions of Interest to Faculty Members & Principal Investigators
Exchange Visitors Program for Scholars and Student Interns (10:15 - 11:00)
Virginia Blum, IFSS Immigration Specialist
Shilpa Hegde, IFSS Sr. Immigration Specialist
All You Need to Know About Export Controls (13:00 - 2:30)
Katherine Rojo del Busto, Associate VP for Research
Rose Ngdewa, Export Controls Coordinator, VPR

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