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Rosson's Roundup

Several congratulatory mentions are due. First, congratulations to John Siebert for 20 years of service to Texas A&M University. John received his 20 year lapel pin at the faculty meeting Wednesday afternoon. Thanks, John, for your diligent efforts in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations are extended to several of our faculty who were notified that they were selected to receive the Superior Service Award from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The following will receive Extension's highest honor at the upcoming annual conference on January 12, 2016: Mac Young, Individual Award; Marco Palma, Team Award; Joe Outlaw, Mark Waller, Steve Amosson, Jackie Smith, Stan Bevers, Jason Johnson, Blake Bennett, Rob Hogan, Bill Thompson, Levi Russell, Dede Jones, Mac Young, Luis Ribera Steven Klose, Mark Welch, Dean McCorkle, Natalie Outlaw, and David Anderson, Farm Bill Team Award. Congratulations all for your exceptional service and dedication.

Thanks to Joe Outlaw who took 14 AGECE 429 Honors students to Washington, DC this week. I'm told it was an eye opening experience for them all as they met with commodity group representatives, lobbyists, administration staff and other key players. Thanks also to George Knapek who helped shepherd the students on and off of the Metro!

Markus Frank, BASF Sustainability Assessment, was here this week to participate and lead several activities for our Masters of Agribusiness program. He conducted a sustainability simulation game Tuesday night and a discussion Wednesday morning of BASF's new AgBalance tool. AgBalance allows producers, policy makers, students and faculty to assess how various changes in cropping methods affect the environment. This approach has been used by various businesses and governmental agencies in the European Union to determine how certain policy approaches affect agricultural production and the surrounding natural resource base and environment. It's a interesting method that's receiving much attention and application across the globe and will probably experience more U.S. applications in the future.


The Personal Financial Planning Conference was held Thursday evening and all day Friday. Major topics included Creating Ethical Habits and Trust, Eye Tracking Neuromasurement Tools, Diversified, Low Correlation Portfolios, Using Social Media, and Millennials and Their Investment Decisions. For the first time, the conference featured match-making and recruitment sessions for businesses and students interested in internships and career opportunities. More than 30 firms were represented at the event, along with six universities, conducting more than 60 interviews, so it was a huge success according to our students and other participants. In total, 115 people attended the conference and helped make this an excellent program. Scholarships were earned by the following students: Kayla Brown, Keller Scholarship; Anthony Guzman, TD Ameritrade Diversity Scholarship; and Emma Kramm, Founders Scholarship. Skyler Denny received the Gene Nelson Leadership and Service Award, which was created in Gene's honor to recognize leadership in the program. Congratulations to these exceptional students! Thanks and congratulations to Nathan Harness, Jeanie Izurieta and Gene Nelson who organized the conference. Thanks to Marco Palma for his presentation on eye-tracking. We also want to express our thanks to all of program sponsors, TD Ameritrade Institutional, Career Sponsors Efficient Wealth Management, Fidelity Investments, Merrill Lynch, Traditions Wealth Advisors, United Capital and Founders Club members KMH Wealth Management, Carter Financial Management, Jorge Bermudez and Paragon Financial Advisors. Educational sponsors were Bill Carter, Elizabeth and Paul Braun, and Allan Riggs.

REMINDER:

Steve Polasky, TIAS Fellow is here December 4 and will provide a lecture at 2 p.m. in Room 129 AGLS. I hope you all can attend.

Have a great weekend and BTHO Vandy!

Happy Thanksgiving!


Happy Holidays
2015
joy

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
 Holiday Reception**
 December 3, 2015
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 AgriLife Center

AG ECONOMICS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
 FACULTY, STAFF, GRAD STUDENTS & STUDENT WORKERS

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT
 NOON ON THE 3RD FLOOR

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE



Here is the link to the signup sheet!
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nOW4Ouyk4CjWidVEX9hPSYXt_mIzCmQPuGfkJdYuaMg/edit?usp=sharing

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Norma Pantoja</i>	11/29
<i>Flynn Adcock</i>	12/4
<i>Senarath Dharmasena</i>	12/4
<i>Connie Moore</i>	12/9
<i>John Park</i>	12/9



Thank You!!
Business Office
for hosting Friday Coffee



Position Announcements

Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension – Livestock and Rangeland Economics, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Davis Campus. Ph.D. degree in agricultural economics, economics, or other closely related discipline is required. Applicants should submit: curriculum vitae, including publication list; statement of research and extension interests and goals; one or more publications or working papers; copies or links to recent relevant publications; and should arrange to have three letters of reference provided. Submit on-line at <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00785>. Closing date is December 15, 2015.

Faculty position openings at Purdue University, Department of Agricultural Economics:

Research Assistant Professor in Global Economic Analysis; For further information: <https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx>

Tenure track Assistant Professor of Agricultural Trade and Global Sustainability
 The candidate must have a Ph.D. in agricultural and applied economics, economics or another closely related field, along with expertise in economic theory and quantitative methods as well as evidence of program interests in problems related to international agricultural trade and the environment. Your application to EJM.org must include a short statement describing research, teaching and Extension interests, graduate transcripts, a writing sample, contact information for three references, and curriculum vitae. Please label your pdf application files using this naming convention: LastName:Application Letter, LastName:Statement, LastName:CV, etc. Applications must be sent to: www.EconJobMarket.org For further information: <https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx>

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Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events
 Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.
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