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Upcoming Events

April 2015

24th- SAAER GSA Symposium

May 2015

15th- Graduation

Rosson's Roundup

First, let me congratulate Jug Capps who will be receiving the Association of Former Students Teaching Award Monday, March 27 at 1:30 in Rudder Theater. Congratulations to him for doing an outstanding job here at Texas A&M.

I also want to congratulate Danny Klinefelter. I was notified this week that Danny has been selected to receive the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association's Distinguished Extension Outreach Program Award, Ten or More Years' Experience. The award will be presented at the AAEA Annual Meetings on Monday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Yerba Buena Ballroom – Salon 9 of the Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco, CA. Congratulations Danny, for your sustained and outstanding contributions to the Department of Agricultural Economics and the profession!!

Monday and Tuesday I was in Washington, DC to meet with representatives from the USDA Rural Development Office, the Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Economic Research Service, and to testify before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Opportunities and Challenges in Agriculture Trade with Cuba. I think the major opportunities from meetings with the agencies were the possibility of internships for our masters and PhD students, interagency partnerships for faculty, and funding for cooperative agreements. The Senate testimony on Cuba went well, with the most difficult question coming from Chairman Pat Roberts from Kansas who asked me why Texas A&M left the Big 12. I was not prepared for that one. The other questions were pretty easy.

We've had several activities in the Department this week that were opportunities to showcase our programs and students with industry representatives from across the country. Charles Chaffin, Director of the Certified Financial Planning Board was here for the conference on Enhancing Diversity in Financial Planning put together by Nathan Harness, Jeanie Long and Gene Nelson. Kate Healy, Marketing Director for TD Ameritrade was a keynote speaker on Friday afternoon's panel. Lane Keller, AGEC, '79, KMH Wealth Management, was here to meet with our students to select interns and visit with classes. This was a great program. Thanks to all faculty, staff, and students who made these activities successful.

We also had Mark Kahn in the Department. He is with Omnivore Partners and met with MAB students to discuss opportunities in the food industry. Omnivore is a venture capital fund operating in India and his perspectives on that market were very well received.

Finally, let me note that Bruce McCarl will be in Dallas Saturday to speak at Earth Day Texas. Bruce will provide an overview on climate change impacts on Texas and the United States. This is a huge event and will be well attended. Thanks Bruce for your contributions on this important issue.

REMINDERS

Graduate Student Symposium, Agricultural and Applied Economics Research, 9 – 4:30, Equine Complex 3240 F&B Road, Luncheon Keynote by Henry Kinnucan, Alumni Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Auburn University. Jimmy Dodson, AGEC '74 and Ty Timm Honor Registry Member and Troy Thompson, AGEC '89, Ty Timm Honor Registry Inductee will be speaking at 3 p.m.

Soil Security Grand Challenge, 10 – 1:30, AgriLife Center. Focus will be on development of sustainable energy systems, adapting to climate change and maintaining biodiversity.

Enhancing Diversity in Financial Planning, 8 – 3:30, 110 Koldus. Sixteen universities are participating, along with several major industry representatives.

We have lots going on today, and despite the weather, I hope you can get out and enjoy some of the activities.

Tomorrow we have our undergraduate Awards Luncheon to recognize those students who are receiving major College or University awards at graduation. Dr. Doug Steele will be there and provide remarks prior to lunch.

Have a great weekend, and think about mowing the yard (maybe) – it needs it!!

Upcoming Birthdays

Wu Ximing 4/26

Loren Burns 5/2

Gary Williams 5/6



MVEA Announcement

The Missouri Valley Economic Association will be holding its annual meeting in Kansas City MO, October 22-24, 2015 and is asking for paper submissions.

The MVEA is a welcoming, regional organization which accepts papers in all stages of development. It also encourages and welcomes graduate students to attend and hone their presentation skills. More information is available on their website, www.mvea.net



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For Friday Coffee



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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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