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## Upcoming Events

### December

- 18th-Commencement
- 24th-Jan 1st-Holiday Break
- 30th-Aggies vs Louisville  
Music City Bowl

## ***Rosson's Roundup***

At Wednesday's faculty meeting we had several recognitions I want to mention. First, congratulations to James Richardson who received his 35 year pin. Congratulations to Richard Conner who received his 30 year pin and his retirement certificate, and Ed Rister who received his 30 year pin. You are all to be commended for your dedication, loyalty and steadfast service to Texas A&M. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the Department, Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas A&M University.

Thursday morning I had the opportunity, along with several other department heads and Dr. Sams, to meet with Dr. Daniel Pugh, the Vice President for Student Affairs. He's been at Texas A&M for months and is reaching out to colleges and departments to identify ways to increase student involvement in more experiential learning. One of the possible avenues to enhance interaction would be to recruit existing faculty to serve as Faculty Fellows of the Division of Student Affairs. The Fellows would develop and implement innovative partnerships between the Division and colleges. In addition, we also discussed some specific opportunities for our own department. Increased financial planning involvement with the broader student body was one, along with agribusiness management, marketing and entrepreneurship, sales management, and increased mentoring for our students by leaders in the community. I think there are many more potential areas for strengthening our relationships across the campus. This new initiative will provide some additional resources to accomplish that over the next several months. I'll report more on this as it develops.

Well, the end of the semester is nigh: finals are over, grading is in progress or complete in many cases, and we are making ready to enjoy the break. Before departing, please take a moment to congratulate our students on their outstanding accomplishments. We have 103 students graduating today, 9 with AGECE honors of those 5 are graduating Cum Laude. Congratulations to all, your hard work has paid off!

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a safe, pleasant Holiday Season! Remember, the Aggies are in the Music City Bowl on December 30, so BTHO the Cardinals! See y'all next year!

## New Publication



Palma, Marco A., Alba J. Collart, and Christopher J. Chammoun. 2015. "Information Asymmetry in Consumer Perceptions of Quality-Differentiated Food Products." *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 49 (3):596-612. doi: 10.1111/joca.12053.

## Upcoming Birthdays

Monica Irick	12/22
Natalie Outlaw	12/23
Marco Palma	12/24
Marc Raulston	12/28



## Thank You!!

### Extension Administration

for hosting Friday coffee



## Position Announcements

**Associate or Full Professor** in Agricultural Economics, The University of California, Riverside (UCR) is embarking on a major new hiring initiative that will add 300 tenure track positions in 33 cross-disciplinary areas selected through a peer-reviewed competition. Over the next three years, we will hire multiple faculty members in each area and invest in research infrastructure to support their work. As part of this cluster hire, the University of California, Riverside invites applications for a senior faculty appointment at the Associate or Full Professor level in Agricultural Economics with a focus on agricultural production of citrus, other perennial crops such as grapes or avocado, and other annual crops important to southern California. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or a related field. Complete applications will include a cover letter of interest, a current CV, samples of research work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, statement of research, and names and contact information of 5-7 references. All materials must be uploaded using UCR's on-line application system located at <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00479>. To ensure full consideration, applications and supporting material should be received by January 15, 2016.

**Post-doctoral Researcher** position in Agribusiness at the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. Applicants with interest in agribusiness finance, structural changes in agriculture, agricultural markets and marketing, or agricultural policy are encouraged to apply. This position can be located in Columbus, Ohio or in Washington, DC. The successful applicant is expected to participate and contribute to the Farm Income Enhancement Program: <http://aede.osu.edu/programs/farm-income-enhancement-program>. The successful applicant will hold a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business, or related fields at the time of hire. The candidate should have research experience in agribusiness or agricultural economics. Application materials (CV, statement of qualifications and experience, names and contact information for three references, graduate school transcript, and research paper sample) may be emailed to: Dr. Ani Katchova, [katchova.1@osu.edu](mailto:katchova.1@osu.edu). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but those received before January 1, 2016 will receive priority consideration.

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

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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