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Words from Waller

On Thursday, I went with members of the Departments Undergraduate Advising Office (Dr. Fred Boadu, Donna Adcock, and Donna Chester) to welcome prospective students to the Department from selected high schools across Texas. I heard Dr. Boadu tell them about the valuable education they would receive as students in our department, and the opportunities they would have while here and throughout the rest of their lives. The rest of today's column provides some examples.

Vicky Salin, Professor and Chair of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Agribusiness here in Ag Eco, was the Study Abroad program leader earlier this summer for a high-impact educational trip to Swaziland and South Africa. Students from the Master of Agribusiness program were impressed by meeting young people passionate about their country and about agriculture in Swaziland during the 4th edition of the study abroad program "Agri-Tourism, Market Research, and Exploration". Swaziland is a poor country with a high rate of HIV infection and a unique culture where monarchy, cattle, and wildlife conservation interact in fascinating ways. The group toured commercial production of sugar with the Komati Farmers Association and saw/learned how small-holder Swazi farmers have participated in a major irrigation project on the Lower Usuthu River in which water is managed cooperatively for Mozambique, South Africa, and Swaziland. They were *fired up* by the pre-harvest crop management and by the inspirational poet, Thandua!

In contrast to tiny Swaziland, the group also had a close look at the big city life of Soweto, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, and the vast area in Kruger National Park. They were lucky to see special wildlife in their natural environment—for example, a mama cheetah trying to teach her cub how to hunt. They also had glimpses of mother and baby rhinos and engaged in great conversations with the people at the Southern Africa Wildlife College who are working to protect rhinos from poaching.

Dr. Salin sends a heartfelt **thank you** to parents, donors, administration and staff who support Study Abroad. She also expressed a special thank you to AfricanQuiver.com for excellent travel guidance and planning. Dr. Salin also sends a shout-out to Garrett, Farrell, Cici, and Morgan and the University of Tampa cohorts for being excellent travelers and dedicated students, spotters, and photographers. Dr. Salin said the trip is certainly #WorthIt and she looks forward to a reunion someday. Photos from the trip can be seen at: (https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPmFWzfExs8Zi7U_6E9WpdgFybNeybN4SGIWRsiMLOxVrGJZtVfr8yb-VpHB3x7Q/photo/AF1QipOzhIL-TQxZDDz2_IzM65ByOGavNy0324VaKEFJ?key=bnlGU2MxR1MtTGIQb1IVNkd4ME84bURzMFdoTHJB)

In Texas A&M University news, ten Aggie former students were recently selected to receive the 2018 Distinguished Alumnus Award — the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University. Since the inception of the award in 1962, only 281 of Texas A&M's 488,500 former students have been recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award, awarded jointly by Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students. This honor recognizes those Aggies who have achieved excellence in their chosen professions and made meaningful contributions to Texas A&M University and their local communities. Three of this year's ten Aggies are former students from our Agricultural Economics Department, bringing the total number of our Department's former students having received this award to 22! Please help us add a special congratulations to:

- Joe B. Swinbank of Houston, Class of '74
- Kathleen Miller Gibson of Dallas, Class of '81
- Graham Weston of San Antonio, Class of '86

Information on this year's award winners can be found at the following web-link: (tx.ag/DA2018)

Hope you all have a good weekend!

Happy Birthday!!

Richard Conner 6/22
Kristen Berger 6/25
Dean McCorkle 7/3
Lora Monsees 7/5
Caroline Gleaton 7/14



**Friday Coffee
Will Return
Fall 2018**



Position Announcements

Assistant/Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Economist-Management, District 1, Amarillo, Texas. 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a permanent, full time, non-tenure track position. Responsibilities involve district leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in management, marketing, finance, resources, and policy by providing technical expertise and educational program development for industry audiences such as farmers and ranchers, merchandisers, processors, lenders, and users. A Ph.D. degree, either completed, or all but dissertation in Agricultural Economics or closely related field along with coursework in one or more of the following areas; farm and ranch management, agricultural finance, marketing, policy, and risk management is required. Closing Date for Applications: June 30, 2018, or until the position is filled. Application Process: Go to the Workday website to apply electronically. https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/AgriLife_Extension_External/job/Amarillo-AL-EXT/Assistant-Associate-Professor---Extension-Specialist_R-005067

Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Economist-Management, District 3, Vernon, Texas. 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a permanent, full time, non-tenure track position. A Ph.D. degree, either completed, or all but dissertation, or a Masters degree and three years experience in Agricultural Economics or closely related field along with coursework in one or more of the following areas; ranch and farm management, livestock management/marketing, policy, and risk management is required. Closing Date for Applications: April 15, 2018. Application Process: Go to the Workday website to apply electronically.

https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/AgriLife_Extension_External/job/Vernon-AL-EXT/Assistant-Professor---Extension-Specialist--Economist-Management_R-002269-1

Chair and Professor, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Ohio State University. Review of applications will begin September 1, 2018 and continue until a qualified candidate is identified. Nominations and applications from qualified individuals are invited at any time. Qualified applicants are requested to submit the following: letter of application; statement of the applicant's vision and administrative philosophy; leadership experiences and qualifications; a one-page statement of philosophy and perspective related to inclusion and diversity, and how they can help us achieve our goals related to diversity and the mentoring of underrepresented groups; and curriculum vitae including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five references. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon approval of the applicant. Application materials should be sent electronically (PDF format) to: Mary Roberts at Email: Roberts.299@osu.edu
Questions should be directed to: Dr. John C. Foltz, Chair of the Search Committee, Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, 110B Animal Sciences Building, 2029 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH 43210, Telephone: 614-292-1242, Email: foltz.75@osu.edu

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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.

Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu