WELCOME to the Spring 2015 semester at Texas A&M University’s Department of Agricultural Economics. We are happy to have you back!

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 1 (which will be here quickly!) Go to http://scholarships.tamu.edu/Apply-for-Scholarships and select the Continuing Students link. With this one application you are considered for University scholarship money, College of Agriculture and Life Science money AND the Department of Agricultural Economics scholarship money. Don’t say you don’t have a chance, you don’t know what the pool of applicants looks like. Give yourself a chance! You should have at least a 2.75 to be a viable candidate!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN MAY 2015, DON’T FORGET TO APPLY FOR GRADUATION. The deadline to apply, how to apply, as well as other graduation related information can be found http://agecon.tamu.edu/undergraduate/current-students/graduation/. (NOTE: THIS CHECKLIST WILL BE UP BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN INTERNSHIPS OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT THE SPRING 2015 AGRICULTURE CAREER EXPO DAY (ACE DAY) HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 3rd, IN THE BETHANCOURT BALLROOM IN THE MSC FROM 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. For more information go to Aeday.tamu.edu

To get you ready for ACE Day the following events are offered:

Resumania – January 26th – MSC 2406 – 9 am to 6 pm Come have your resume reviewed by the Career Center Staff during this time.

Preparing for Ag Career Expo Seminar – January 26th – AGLS 109 – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Come learn how to get the most out of your career fair experience!

Agriculture Resume Reviews – January 27th – 515 AGLS – 8:30 – 11 am

Agriculture Resume Reviews – January 28th – 515 AGLS – 1:30 – 4 pm

SPRING MINI-SEMESTER TO BRAZIL – TRAVEL DATES ARE MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 24. DEADLING TO APPLY FOR THIS TRIP IS JANUARY 22nd. This trip is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students may earn 3 or 6 hours of credit. ALED 422 “Cultural Pluralism in Agriculture” and ALED 485 “Directed Studies”. For more information please go to http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=11626 You can also contact Dr. Kirk Edney at kc-edney@tamu.edu or office phone 979-458-2306 or cell phone 979-219-3782

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE – offers summer internships. Under the new Pathways Program, ERS hires students for summer internship positions. Applicants must be enrolled at least half-time at an accredited school (high school, technical or vocational school, 2 or 4 year college, university, graduate, or professional school) and be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or better). Students are hired to work full-time but may work part-time if discussed when student is hired. Please keep checking the following website for more information, openings, application process, etc. http://ers.usda.gov/about-ers/careers-at-ers/employment-opportunities.aspx

USAJOBS is the Federal Government’s official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.
ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2015 – The workshops offered this spring are:

Starting Out Right – What to do in your classes to start off strong; tools for a successful academic semester
I’m Late, I’m Late, I’m Always Late – Time management strategies and dealing with procrastination
Do I Have to Buy the Book – Concentration, reading comprehension, textbook reading strategies
Why Do I Have to Write That Down – Forgetting curve, note-taking techniques
Do or Die: Test Preparation – Specific focus on midterms. Prioritizing study tasks: 5 Day Study Plan
My Heart is Racing & My Mind is Blank – Dealing with academic stress, test anxiety, and test-taking skills
Memory Matters – Information processing, types of knowledge, self-regulated learning, understanding retention
Do or Die: Finals Preparation – Prioritizing study tasks for finals; 5 Day Study Plan

Please see the attached flyer for dates and times.

These workshops are FREE; however, you do have to register for the Workshops. You can register at ers.tamu.edu or go to their website SuccessCenter.tamu.edu for more details. All workshops are on Wednesdays from 1:50 – 2:40 and 3-3:50. Workshops will be held in Hullabaloo Hall room 105. If you have any questions, please contact their office at 979-458-4900 or successcenter@tamu.edu.

ELECT HER – AGGIE WOMEN WIN – Encouraging women to run for student government and future political office. Sunday, February 15, 2015; 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Women’s Resource Center, Offices of the Dean of Student Life. Texas A&M has been selected as one of only 50 sites in the nation to host the American Association of University Women’s program Elect Her, which is a half day workshop designed to encourage and train college women to run for student government and future political office. Elect Her addresses the need to expand the pipeline to women running for office and to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap. During this free training, participants practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring speakers, and discuss research on women in government.

A faculty or staff member must nominate you. Nomination deadline is Sunday, January 25, 2015. Nominated students will be allowed to simply register for the workshop rather than having to complete an application for one of the 100 open spots. The online nomination form can be found at http://electher.tamu.edu. Student Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, January 25, 2015. Nominated students will have until 11:59 pm on Monday, January 26, 2015 to register for the workshop. Students will also have the option of applying for Elect Her via our website until Wednesday, January 28, 2015. This class is open to all female students, regardless of their academic classification. If you would like one of the Academic Advisors to nominate you, please call 979-845-4911 to schedule an appointment. Remember, whoever answers the phone will be able to help you make your appointment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Wheeler, Program Coordinator of the Women’s Resource Center, at 979-845-8784 or heatherw@studentlife.tamu.edu.

THE AMERICAN SEED TRADE ASSOCIATION AND THE FUTURE SEED EXECUTIVES (FUSE) is pleased to announce the annual Campus Connections program is open for application. The program provides undergraduate students interested in seed industry careers networking opportunities with industry mentors, executives and thought leaders. Program participants will travel to ASTA’s 132nd Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., June 17-20, 2015 to interact with more than 350 seed industry professionals representing ASTA’s diverse membership. FuSE will cover registration fees and lodging for the convention. Reimbursement will also be provided for travel expenses.

Campus Connections is available to juniors with one year of undergraduate studies remaining in one of the following seed-related degree programs: Agronomy, Plant science/genetics, Crop science, Agricultural business/economics, Biological engineering, Horticulture, Floriculture. For those interested, please send attached filled out application and resume to fuse@amseed.org by January 30, 2015. For more information, please go to http://www.amseed.org/education/fuse/campus-connections/
AGRICULTURAL & NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY (ANRP) INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 ARE AVAILABLE. Do you want to build your resume, increase career opportunities, and earn course credit all while having the time of your life? Come experience public policy first-hand and the many benefits that living and working in Washington, D.C. or Europe have to offer. Students of all majors and disciplines are encouraged to apply! For more information including deadlines to apply, please see the attached flyer. You are also invited to attend an ANRP informational. Join the program staff for an in-depth presentation of the opportunities, benefits, hosting offices, and application process for the program. Also, meet with former interns from many of our internship placement sites.

Event Details: Wednesday, January 28th from 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. Memorial Student Center (MSC) 2401

BECOME A MONEY WISE AGGIE – FREE Workshops. The Money Wise Aggie’s mission is to help students make smart personal finance decisions while pursuing their academic degrees and to lay a foundation for financial success throughout life. Workshop topics include: Money Management for College Students; Understanding Credit Cards and Credit Scores; Saving and Investing; Love & Money: What you Need to Know Before Getting Married; I’m Graduation: Now What?; Eating Smart on a Budget; Car Maintenance 101; Identity Theft; Buying a Car; Buying a Home; Repaying Your Student Loans. For information about the workshop topics and the dates, times and locations of the workshop, please see the attached flyer.

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