Faculty and Staff Recognition

Environmental and Health Assessment of Perfluorinated Compounds Grant

Congratulations to Linda Lee for her efforts in the proposal of *Environmental and Health Assessment of Perfluorinated Compounds*. The $298,889 grant proposal was selected out of a pool of 105 applications.

Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher

Congratulations to Dr. Cale Bigelow for being awarded the Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Award. He will present in Pfendler 241, Deans Auditorium, on September 16th from 3:30-5 p.m.

Updates in Agronomy

New Doors

You may have noticed new pictures in the large conference room. In efforts to bring a more diverse environment to the conference room, four pictures of our faculty and staff were hung. These pictures were already housed in the department picture library and will be changed out approximately every six months. Two pictures will be hung in the small conference room in the near future. If you have pictures that would be a good fit for the conference rooms, please send them to Sayde Uerkwitz at suerkwit@purdue.edu
It was the year of popcorn at the Indiana State Fair and Purdue Agronomy stayed on theme with a corn identification game at our booth on Purdue Day. Fairgoers had the chance to identify five different types of corn, learn about academic opportunities and win prizes.

Incoming freshman and transfer students who participated in Boilermaker Gold Rush (BGR) had the opportunity to meet with advisors and faculty from each college. Purdue Agronomy attended the BGR luncheon where several NRES and Agronomy students had productive conversations about the beginning of their academic careers at Purdue.
To conclude the Boilermaker Gold Rush activities, the College of Agriculture hosted the second annual Welcome Back Carnival. Activities including a dunk tank, pie eating contest and corn hole were attractions student enjoyed. Purdue Agronomy hosted the slushy booth where over 200 slushies were given out.
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Updates in Agronomy Cont.

Agronomy Welcome Back Gathering

The Agronomy Welcome Back Gathering was held on August 22nd on the Lawn of Lilly. Students could ride the Boilermaker Special, talk to faculty and staff and meet new people in the department. Bratwursts, hotdogs, chips, veggies and brownies were served.

Student Summer Activities

Summer internships are a common and successful way to gain industry insight about the field that interests you. Check out what our students have done over the summer.

Camp Tecumseh YMCA
- I learned how to be patient working with people of all different ages and backgrounds.
- A memorable moment from my job would have to be sitting at check-out with my nine year old campers waiting for their parents to pick them up while they all cried because they had such a great week at camp.

Texas Rangers
- I learned how to repair home plate after games.
- The most memorable moment of the summer was meeting Mariano Rivera.

AgReliant Genetics Research Intern
- I learned science is about having the patience to do the work in order to get a result.
- The other intern and I were supposed to come into work at 6:30 in the morning to do some field work. However, when we got there, we realized no one had given us a key to get in and no one else was there yet. We had to wait outside for our boss to come let us in. The lesson to be had was to always think ahead.

San Francisco Giants Sports Turf Intern
- I learned how to manage all aspects of baseball field maintenance at the highest level possible in the Sports Turf industry.
- A memorable moment had to be when I worked my first game on the job. It was my first ever MLB game attending and I got stuck out at 2nd base watering the infield soil before the game with my boss. As they told us to rise and remove our hats for the playing of the national anthem, I heard 45,000 fans roar behind me when it concluded.

Study Abroad New Zeland
- I had the best employment this past summer- I studied abroad in New Zealand during the spring semester and stayed a little longer than expected into the summer, to backpack Australia!
- The most important lesson I learned- BE FLEXIBLE

Indianapolis Indians Victory Field
- I learned that doing the little things and paying attention to details is what makes your field look and play good.
- A memorable moment was getting my hat stolen by the mascot before the game and my boss (Misty Stevenson) stealing it back from the mascot for me.
Bill Garner is retiring after 31 years at the farm, 26 were on the farm crew. In his career no one at Purdue has prepared more field plot ground for researchers than Bill. Join him to celebrate at 3 pm Friday August, 30th in the farm shop.

Bill Garner Retirement

The Agronomy and Environmental Science Clubs were at the Ag Council Ice Cream Social.

Ag Council Ice Cream Social

New Arrival

Congratulations to Patsy King, Business Assistant, and her family for welcoming Savannah Rose. She arrived at 11:26 PM on August 12, 2013. She was 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 ¼ in. long. She joins her big sister Taylor who is almost 5. She is their second grandchild.

In Loving Memory

On August 21st Ken Scheeringa’s wife, Marti, passed. Marti was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and later also an Indianapolis Colts fan. She was an advocate for disabled people, especially her son, and loved animals. She adopted a special needs dog into her home. She was fond of elephants from her parent’s stories of their missionary experiences in India. Visitation was on August 26th at Soller-Baker Funeral Home in Lafayette.