Calendar of Events:

November 23, 24  Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25, 26  Christmas Holiday
January 1        New Year’s Holiday
January 2        President’s Designated Holiday

Photo of the Month:  Graduate students meeting with Dr. Akinwumi Adesina
                      Photo by Kayenat Kabir

Congratulations:

Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, a Purdue alumnus and president of the African Development Bank Group, spoke with President Daniels on October 23 in Stewart Center’s Loeb Playhouse after the World Food Prize presented him as the 2017 World Food Prize laureate earlier that week. The World Food Prize, often referred to as the Nobel Prize for food and agriculture, is the highest international honor recognizing the achievements of those who have advanced human development by improving quality, quantity and availability of food in the world.

Adesina’s World Food Prize is given in recognition for his work with the Rockefeller Foundation, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), and as Minister of Agriculture of Nigeria. For the past 20 years, he has dedicated his career to improving the agricultural sector in Africa, having led initiatives to expand agricultural production, end corruption in the Nigerian fertilizer industry, and increase the availability of credit for smallholder farmers across the African continent.
“Purdue’s researchers and alumni have helped feed the planet by making significant contributions in science-based agriculture and food science, and there is no calling that is both more noble and necessary,” said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. “Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina continues that tradition, and we are thrilled that he will join us to discuss his extraordinary work.”

As a Purdue graduate, earning his master’s (1985) and doctoral (1988) degrees in agricultural economics as well as an honorary doctorate from Purdue (2015), Adesina joins Purdue faculty members Gebisa Ejeta (2009) and Philip Nelson (2007) as World Food Prize laureates.

Thought You Would Like to Know:

Tom Hertel was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Annual Review of Resource Economics.

Krannert recently installed a skateboard rack near the north entrance of Krannert. Students (or staff) now have a place to safely lock their skateboards. The Rec Sports center has a few but we are the first academic area to provide one. If you see a student carrying one from class to class, share this option with them.

News from Graduate Students:

Brian Bourquard attended the INFORMS Annual Conference in Houston, Texas and presented his dissertation, “Raw Material Variability in Food Manufacturing.” Brian also met neat people and ate Mexican food.

Hyungkwan (James) Kim was selected for "Sloan Foundation Funding" to present at the "PhD Day" event, United States Association for Energy Economics Conference". James presented "The Impact of Virtual Spread Product on Multi-Settlement Wholesale Electricity Market". Information: [http://www.usaee.org/usaee2017/phd.html](http://www.usaee.org/usaee2017/phd.html)

Sanchita Chakraborty mesmerized the audience at Purdue Bangladesh Night. Photo submitted by Kayenat Kabir.

News from AGEC Undergraduates:

See the success stories of our undergraduates at:

[https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Undergraduate-Success-Stories.aspx](https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Undergraduate-Success-Stories.aspx)

Presented papers, seminars and travel:

Russel Hillberry gave a public lecture at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia on Oct 30. The title was “Trade Facilitation: The Nitty Gritty of International Trade.”


Hertel, T.W., based on joint work with Urus L.C. Baldos and Frances Moore, “Assessing the Inter-regional Incidence of Climate Impacts on Agriculture”, Presented at the IMPACTS-World Conference in Potsdam, Germany, October 11, 2017.

Farzad Taheripour, An Exploration of Agricultural Land Use Change at Intensive and Extensive Margins: Recent Evidence and Implications for Biofuels Induced Land Use Change Modeling, CRC Workshop on Live Cycle Analysis of Transportation Fuels, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, October 24-26, 2017.

Wally Tyner and Xin Zhao participated in the International Civil Aviation Organization Alternative Fuels Task Force meeting in Brasilia, Brazil, October 22-27, 2017. Tyner is the co-lead for the induced land use change activity.

Brigitte Waldorf served as a panel member at the NIH / NCI Rural Definition Workshop in October 2017. At the workshop, she also presented a paper—coauthored with Ayoung Kim—entitled “Defining and Measuring Rurality in the US.”

Publications:

Russell Hillberry has a paper accepted for publication at the Review of International Economics. The paper is co-authored with Xiaohui Zhang of Exeter University in the UK. The title is “Policy and Performance in Customs: Evaluating the Trade Facilitation Agreement”

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Positions, Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
Career and Job Sites on the Internet
Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academemploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Ag Careers http://www.agcareers.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Academic Keys http://www.academickeys.com
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
ConAgra (http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/)
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
Education Jobs Page http://www.nationajob.com/education
Employment/Resume posting http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html
EPA http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe
Final words . . . When life shuts a door . . open it again. It's a door. That's how they work.