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:  Dr. Michael Langemeier, International Business Conference at Universidad Austral, Argentina

Congratulations:

After many years of dedicated and excellent service to the department, Dr. Chris Hurt is ready to move on from his duties as extension coordinator for the department. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Maria Marshall has accepted the position. Please join us in thanking Chris for his leadership and service and in welcoming Maria to the new role.

Purdue ranked 5th best public university in U.S.

Purdue ranks fifth among public institutions in the United States, based on a survey released Tuesday (Sept. 26) by The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education. The rankings, according to The Wall Street Journal, focus on performance indicators for student success and learning.
Forty percent of the overall score is based on student outcomes, 30 percent from resources, 20 percent from engagement with students and 10 percent from the learning environment. The rankings include a list of more than 1,000 institutions in the United States.

Purdue is fifth among public institutions and 43rd overall nationally, according to the rankings. UCLA, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina and University of California, Berkeley, rank ahead of Purdue among public institutions. Purdue also tied with the University of Michigan and William & Mary for the best student-faculty ratio among public universities, with a rate of 12-to-1.

“We’re pleased to again be among the nation’s top institutions based on a methodology that focuses on value and outcomes, the goals we at Purdue believe should be higher education’s central priorities,” Purdue President Mitch Daniels said. “We continue to thank our alumni for their excellence and our faculty for their commitment to provide a high-quality education at the highest proven value.”

From The Wall Street Journal (a subscriber web site):

**Thought You Would Like to Know:**

**Ariana Torres** and Andres Gallegos (visiting scholar) will travel to Parke County on September 28th. They are collaborating with James Luzar (extension educator) on testing an enterprise budget tool with Amish growers.

Watch a live interview with **John Connor**, Professor Emeritus and Senior Fellow American Antitrust Institute on the South African Broadcasting Corp. at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcH9tsD0zus

Who: Purdue Initiative for Family Firms
What: Workshop “Who gets the family farm?”
When: November 16, 2017 4-9 pm
Where: Krannert Auditorium

One of the toughest challenges facing Hoosier farmers has nothing to do with unpredictable weather, price fluctuations and damaging infestations. It has to do with the question inevitably facing every owner of a family farm: “Who should I designate to inherit the farm?”

That’s the question that will be addressed during events hosted by the **Purdue Initiative for Family Firms**, the “Map of My Kingdom” play and Legacy Letter Workshop. Those invested in farms and family businesses are invited to attend the play/workshop, which will be held 4 p.m.-9 p.m. on Nov. 16, at Purdue’s Krannert Auditorium, 403 W. State St.

Farmers and business owners participating in the workshop will learn strategies for developing a legacy plan that’s based on the pros and cons of their options. The play, “Map of My Kingdom,” offers a depiction of the rich legacy of land transition. It is commissioned by the Practical Farmers of Iowa and written by Iowa’s Poet Laureate Mary Swander.

As part of the workshop, attendees will learn:

- How to start difficult conversations with family members and tenants about legacy plans.
- How to write down the rich history of the farm and future goals.
- How to develop a farm legacy document.
- How to outline details on how to manage the farm in the future.

For more information or to register, visit [http://bit.ly/2fogFf4](http://bit.ly/2fogFf4). The cost of the workshop is $50 per person for the Legacy Legacy Letter Workshop, “Map of My Kingdom” play, a reception, and a discussion session. The cost is $20 per person for the play and discussion session only.

**Purdue-China Agribusiness Training Workshop**

The annual Purdue-China Agribusiness Training Workshop was offered 8/27-9/9 with fifty participants from two of the top Chinese Agricultural Economics programs, Zhejiang University and Nanjing Agriculture University. They received lectures on a variety of Agribusiness topics given by the department’s faculty, toured farms and agribusiness firms, visited Federal and State government agencies, and interacted with students from Purdue as well as from local high schools.
News from Graduate Students:

The MS-MBA graduate students will be in residency October 15-20.

‘Welfare impacts of optimal virtual bidding in a multi-settlement electricity market with transmission line congestion’ a poster by James Hyungkwan Kim, Paul V. Preckel, Douglas Gotham, and Andrew L. Liu was selected to be displayed at the United States Association for Energy Economics 2017 Conference.

Here is a link to the workshop website in case needed. (http://www.usaee.org/usaee2017/)

Graduate Student Orientation: Marshmallow Challenge

Welcome to our new students:

Master of Science
Andrew Anderson  Brigham Young
Sanchita Chakrovorty  Bangladesh
Wesley David  West Virginia – Purdue
Aaron Edwards  Indiana/Brazil
Amanda Fuller  Rhodes College
Xiao Han  University of Washington
Jonathan Lawing  Clemson
Nick Lancaster  Purdue
Rachel Purdy  Wyoming
Wajiha Saeed  London/Warwick
Sarah Sellers  University of Illinois
Jeremiah Stevens  University of Georgia
Qinling Zhu  China Ag/Purdue

PhD
Assemgul Bissenbina  Kazakhstan/Boston
News from AGEC Undergraduates:

See the success stories of our undergraduates at:

https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Undergraduate-Success-Stories.aspx

Presented papers, seminars and travel:

Hertel, T.W., based on joint work with Uris L.C. Baldos and Frances Moore, “Assessing the Inter-regional Incidence of Climate Impacts on Agriculture”, Presented as part of the ISEE Congress on Climate Change, University of Illinois, September 19, 2017.

Publications:

[http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13571516.2017.1339950]


Zhang, Y., X. Rao, and H. Holly Wang*. “Organization, technology and management innovations through acquisition in China’s pork value chains: The case of the Smithfield acquisition by Shuanghui.” Food Policy, DOI:10.1016/j.foodpol.2017.08.004


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.academicemploy.com/
For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT

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