Welcome to the April edition of MUCH in OAP

Please SAVE THE DATE for the Annual
College of Agriculture Recognition Program
Friday, April 13, 2012

The Program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Loeb Playhouse.

If you have an article, or photo, relating to our undergraduate/graduate programs, please feel free to share; we will do our best to incorporate in the newsletter. We do want to try and keep it simple, yet informative. Please note the parameters: we will need any information, that you would like to see in this newsletter, one week prior to the first Monday of each month. Please forward to Janet Ward at janetward@purdue.edu.

Friendly reminder that this newsletter will be linked and archived to the OAP website.

Student Happenings—“New Really Exciting Stuff in the College of Agriculture”

Alpha Gamma Rho Scholarship Dinner
March 26, 2012

Farmhouse Academic Dinner
March 5, 2012
Study Abroad to Costa Rica included 12 undergraduate students and an undergraduate teaching assistant. Dr. Reuben Goforth was the only faculty member involved with the trip. This field study-based Study Abroad focused on providing students with the opportunity to explore both lowland rainforests and coastal ecosystems. These incredibly diverse ecosystems provide an ideal foundation for allowing students to directly interact with a wide range of organisms in their natural habitats. Students were also directly involved with my ongoing research related to stream fish communities and changes in these communities associated with land use. Thus, in addition to being exposed to a wide range of organisms, they also learned and used field sampling techniques associated with “real” research, an experience that was new for most participants. We visited and sampled at three biological stations and reserves, including La Tirimbina Biological Reserve (http://www.tirimbina.org/), Reserva Ecológica Bijagual (www.bijagual.org), and the Organization for Tropical Studies’ La Selva Biological Station (www.ots.ac.cr). Students remained almost exclusively in rural Costa Rica where they were able to both learn about the rich biodiversity of landscape and experience the culture of rural Costa Ricans. This mutalistic approach to international study provided students with hands-on experience conducting field research in the tropics while contributing to a line of research that Dr. Goforth expects to serve as the proof-of-concept for future, more intensive projects.

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Study Abroad Trip to Costa Rica—Spring Break 2012

The whole group of students posed by a huge Ceiba tree at La Tirimbina Bioreserve.

Matt Hamilton, a senior FNR Wildlife major with a bizarre praying mantis.

Group of students (BELOW) .... at a local Costa Rican soda...sort of a Costa Rican rural “fast food” joint (with AWESOME food!).

Emily Liedtke (Animal Science major) with a HUGE walking stick insect

Group of the students enjoying a swim at Bijagual Bioreserve.
Student Happenings—“New Really Exciting Stuff in the College of Agriculture”
Study Abroad Trip to Ireland—Spring Break 2012

Group Picture...The Upper Lake at Glendalough

St. Kevin’s Monastery
Study Abroad

Study Abroad – Applications are being accepted for semester programs and the Hait Service Learning Winter Break course. Encourage students to stop by AGAD 1 to discuss their study abroad plan. Thanks for your help in promoting study abroad! We will gladly speak in your classroom or club meeting about study abroad.

During spring break, 32 students participated in the Ag in Ireland course and 12 students went to Costa Rica on the Tropical Biology Practicum course. Over 150 COA students will study abroad this summer.

The link for Ag Study Abroad: http://www.ag.purdue.edu/ipia/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx

The April Scoop....did you know?

837 - Best view of Halley’s Comet in 2000 years

1348 - Prague U, 1st university in central Europe, formed by Charles IV

1513 - Florida discovered, claimed for Spain by Ponce de Leon

1819 - 1st successful agricultural journal ("American Farmer") begins

1870 - Victoria Woodhull is 1st woman to be nominated for US president

1912 - Titanic undergoes sea trials under its own power

1870 - Metropolitan Museum of Art forms in NYC

1853 - 1st train in Asia (Bombay to Tanna, 36 km)

1939 - Boston Red Sox Ted Williams hits his 1st HR
Academic Regulations Governing End-of-Semester Exams

TO: Dears and Department Heads
FROM: Tim Sands, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
SUBJECT: Academic Regulations Governing "End-of-Semester" Examinations
DATE: March 21, 2012

University Policy requires that my office implement a procedure to inform faculty each semester of the academic regulations governing “end-of-semester” examinations and activities. These academic regulations are as follows:

The final examination period is intended for the end-of-semester examination. No examination or quiz may be given during the week preceding the final examination period of the semester.

Students scheduled for more than two final examinations in one calendar day are entitled to reschedule any examinations in excess of two. Similarly, students faced with a direct exam conflict are entitled to reschedule either examination (University Regulations Part 2, Section I, B, 5-b). It is the responsibility of the student to make the necessary arrangements with the instructor for rescheduling his/her individual examination before the last week of regularly scheduled classes. When a student does make such a request of you, please work with them to make alternative arrangements for the exam. Course instructors shall not penalize a student who chooses to reschedule an examination under these options.

Please follow whatever method is most appropriate for your department or school to inform faculty of these academic regulations. Thank you for your attention to these policies — and to the well being of our students.
Teaching for Tomorrow Awards

Nominations should be forwarded to Marcos, via Jan Ward at janetward@purdue.edu by Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Note: See attachment links at the bottom of this page

From: Ward, Janet L.
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:51 PM
To: 'coa-acadheads@lists.purdue.edu'
Cc: 'coa-acadheadassts@lists.purdue.edu'; Akridge, Jay T.; Fernandez, Marcos; McClure, Dinah I.; Aldridge, Nancy M.
Subject: Changes Made Today From Provost Office ... RE: Teaching for Tomorrow Awards

The originating e-mail below, has now been changed per an e-mail received today from the Provost Office. Please note the first attachment for changes in funding, for the 2012 Teaching for Tomorrow Award.

From: Dawson, Mary K
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:56 AM
To: Aldridge, Nancy M.; Cochran, Barbara E; Ebershoff, Janet K; Klasse, Theresa K; Lenartz, Diane M; Morris, Patsy J.; Reeves, Carla A.; Smith, Kristy Jo; Teel, Angela J.; Welch, Barbara E; Levesque-Bristol, Chantal; Nelson, David B; Carow, JoAnne L.
Subject: RE: Teaching for Tomorrow Awards

There has been adjustments made to the funds for the 2012 Teaching for Tomorrow award. Please forward the updated attachment to your Dean. Thank you!

From: Ward, Janet L.
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:55 PM
To: 'coa-acadheads@lists.purdue.edu'
Cc: 'coa-acadheadassts@lists.purdue.edu'; Akridge, Jay T.; Fernandez, Marcos; McClure, Dinah I.; Aldridge, Nancy M.; Ward, Janet L.
Subject: FW: Teaching for Tomorrow Awards

On behalf of Dean Jay Akridge and, Marcos Fernandez, this message is being sent regarding the Teaching for Tomorrow Awards solicitation, that we have received. Nominations should be forwarded to Marcos, via Jan Ward at janetward@purdue.edu by Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

Each school/college is invited to nominate two to four junior faculty by the Dean's office and one senior faculty member. Please note fine details below and, the attachments.

From: Dawson, Mary K On Behalf Of Bulger, Nancy A.
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 2:35 PM
To: Akridge, Jay T.; Bertoline, Gary; Earley, P. Christopher; Jamieson, Leah H.; Ladisch, Christine M.; Mullins, James L.; Reed, Willie M; Roberts, Jeffrey T; Santos de Barona, Maryann; Svensson, Craig K; Weiser, Irwin H
Cc: Aldridge, Nancy M.; Cochran, Barbara E; Ebershoff, Janet K; Klasse, Theresa K; Lenartz, Diane M; Morris, Patsy J.; Reeves, Carla A.; Smith, Kristy Jo; Teel, Angela J.; Welch, Barbara E; Levesque-Bristol, Chantal; Nelson, David B; Carow, JoAnne L.
Subject: Teaching for Tomorrow Awards

RE: Teaching for Tomorrow Awards

The Classes of 1944 and 1945 have established a Teaching for Tomorrow Award for up to twelve assistant professors (or recently promoted associate professors) and up to three senior faculty (those with more than 10 years teaching experience). The faculty should be either tenure-track or clinical faculty. The award program provides professional development stipends for each of the recipients and brings these faculty together in a year-long faculty enrichment program focused on teaching and learning. Details of the program are discussed in the enclosed announcement.

Each school/college is invited to nominate two to four junior faculty by the Dean’s office and one senior faculty member. Nominations should be forwarded to Dr. Nancy Bulger, Assistant Provost, Hovde Hall Room 100, (bulger@purdue.edu) by April 6, 2012. Announcement of award recipients will be made in April 2012. The program will begin August 2012 and end May 2013.

Links:
Teaching for Tomorrow Description - http://www.ag.purdue.edu/oap/Documents/Newsletter_documents/Teaching_for_Tomorrow_Description.doc
$500 Grants for Research Mentors .. Deadline June 30, 2012 or until all funds are distributed

Any student engaging in research under a professor in Agriculture may apply for a $500.00 grant on behalf of her or his professor. Since professors may incur significant costs in hosting undergraduate researchers, this is an opportunity for students to help defray some of your expenses. Go to [http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/oap/undergraduateresearch.asp](http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/oap/undergraduateresearch.asp) and look for a link to the application form under the “Office of Academic Programs Funding for Professors” heading. Applications must be submitted by the student. Questions—please contact Tim Kerr, Assistant Director for Academic Excellence (kerrtp@purdue.edu or 494-8470).

CSRC Meeting Schedule

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Start a trend …..

Marcos Fernandez and Tim Kerr did….
Aloha Shirt Friday on Purdue's Ag Mall!
Instructor

Resources

Check out these Web sites for more information on ......

Technology in the Classroom
http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/facilities/tic/

Technology in the classroom locations
http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/facilities/tic/locations/

iClicker information
http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/tools/iclicker/

Reserving an Instructional Lab
http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/facilities/instructionallabs/resources/request.cfm

Assistive Technology Center (ATC)
http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/support/atc/

Instructional Labs
http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/facilities/instructionallabs/

Spring 2012 Academic Calendar

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