The month of November is known as the month of thanks. As all the leaves are nearly off the trees, snow flurries may start to float in the wind, families gather for a Thanksgiving feast and the preparation for winter holidays start. With this month being full of great events, let's remember to give thanks to those around us, as we all partake in many activities.

Transferring to Purdue University can be challenging for parents and students. Although there are many steps involved, the College of Agriculture hosted the Transfer to Purdue Agriculture Program on October 30th to make the process easier. Anneliese Kay, Assistant Director of Transfer and Dual-Credit of Academic Programs, said the Transfer to Purdue Agriculture Program is designed to give students an opportunity to learn about the College of Agriculture and to provide information about all that the college has to offer. “We had 34 students join us, from Vincennes University and Ivy Tech Kokomo. All of the College of Agriculture departments were represented, along with Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technology.”

The students had a full schedule planned for the day including a presentation from a representative of the Office of Admissions, an International Programs in Agriculture presentation, a panel discussion with students who transferred to Purdue West Lafayette, a tour of the Agriculture Campus from the Agriculture Ambassadors and two sessions of departmental tours.

Jennifer Piotrowski, a junior in the College of Agriculture, was part of the student panel discussion. She said the reason she participated was to see students from other universities that have interest in Purdue’s College of Agriculture.

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 them 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 Sayde Uerkwitz at suerkwit@purdue.edu.

Friendly reminder that this newsletter will be linked and archived to the OAP website.
Transfer to Purdue Agriculture Program

“I was happy to volunteer and tell my story of coming to Purdue. It was also interesting to hear what other student’s majors are and what makes them want to come to Purdue. Students are often intimidated coming to a campus with 39,000 students, explaining to them that once they are in their classes Purdue will feel like home and much smaller than when they first came.” Piotrowski said.

Jennifer Vanderburg, Assistant Professor and Agriculture Program Chair at Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo, gave insight on why she encourages her students to attend programs like this.

“It is not unusual for our students to have some contact with Purdue, especially through FFA in high school,” Vanderburg said. “It is important for students, certainly for first year college students, to be familiar with the college campus and that is my primary goal for my students who want to continue to obtain their BS. It is also a great opportunity for students to network with advisors and other faculty.”

Chuck Mansfield, Vincennes University- Purdue University Agriculture Program Coordinator and Purdue Extension Agronomist, also mentioned his students gain valuable information about transferring to Purdue.

“The main purpose we have been participating in the transfer day for the past 10 years is for our students to connect with campus and meet advisors in the area of their interest. Thirty Vincennes students participated in the transfer program this year, and all gave good feedback about the day, some said it was the most useful thing they did all semester. One student I had said she knows exactly what she wants to do when she gets to Purdue,” Mansfield added.

Vanderburg said about one third of her students will go onto earning a BS degree while Mansfield said about half of his students will.
College of Agriculture 2012 Fall Career Fair

Purdue Agriculture hosted another successful Fall Career Fair. Over 1,187 students attended with 949 of those students from the College of Agriculture. Students were able to network with the 123 companies in attendance who were recruiting for numerous Internship and job opportunities. We received several positive comments regarding the organization of the fair, hospitality, and how prepared the students were.

Lori Pence Barber, Assistant Director of Academic Programs, said the caliber of our students really stands out among our peers with many of the employers touting that our Fall Career Fair is one of the best. This really speaks to the reputation of the College of Agriculture and Purdue University.

Twenty-three companies stayed over to interview students the following day. There were 40 individual interview schedules which allowed several students the opportunity to interview for numerous positions.

The Spring Career Fair planning is underway, which will be held on February 20, 2013 in the South Ballroom.
National FFA

Last week, Indianapolis hosted a record breaking National FFA Convention. FFA Members & Guests witnessed a record attendance of over 56,000. Highlights of the convention includes: live steaming of most events over TV and the internet; packaging of over one million meals in the FFA Rally to Fight Hunger; a record $16.2 million dollars of Foundation support; participation in the dedication of the Coliseum at the fairgrounds; celebration of our Hispanic and Latino members with the "Somas FFA-We are FFA" and the seventh successful year holding the convention in Indianapolis.

We would like to recognize a few of the hundreds of Purdue faculty, staff, County Extension Educators, alumni and student volunteers for their commitment to making Purdue Agriculture's presence at the National FFA Convention vast and impactful for many prospective students. A huge thanks to Carol Brock from the Office of Academic Programs for coordinating tours for the nearly 600 FFA members, advisors and guests who travelled to West Lafayette.

Participating as presenters for the Career Success Tours were: Jeff Sanson - Agricultural Economics; Suzanne Cunningham - Agronomy; Rob Sovinski - Horticulture & Landscape Architecture and Jolena Waddell - Animal Sciences.

Brian McGowan - FNR and Tracie Egger - OAP secured 60 volunteer judges for both days of the National FFA Environmental & Natural Resources Career Development event which takes place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the Martell Forest and the J.S. Wright Forestry Center. The College of Ag Ambassadors comprised some of the 50 people who staffed the booth throughout the 3 days of the convention, which was located inside the Career Expo at the Convention Center. They were instrumental in talking to FFA members about opportunities at Purdue and they served as tour guides on campus. Most of the 24 career development events have a Purdue Agriculture contact to help those contests run as smoothly as possible. John Graveel and Sherry Fulk-Bringhman both from the Agronomy Department lead teacher workshops in Indianapolis. Thanks to everyone for making Purdue Agriculture shine! The convention will now move to Louisville, KY for the next three years and move back to Indianapolis in 2016.
Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Certificate Program welcomed College of Agriculture alumni, Kevin Eikenberry, to lead a workshop on "What is Leadership" held Monday evening, October 29. Forty students pursuing the certificate attended this College of Ag workshop.

The fall 2012 Learning from Leaders guest was Jane Ade-Stevens. She is the CEO of the Indiana Soybean Alliance, Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Corn Grower’s Association. Stevens presented a leadership workshop on October 30 to 45 College of Agriculture leaders titled "Roadmap to Success - Creating a Vision through Strategic Direction." On October 31, she interacted with students, faculty and staff from various College of Agriculture Departments.

Forty-eight College of Agriculture students are taking part in the Agriculture Future of America Leaders Conference held in Kansas City, MO, November 1-4. The conference is designed to provide each of the 500 total collegiate participants with training and personal development experiences needed to enter the workforce to succeed. Students participate in one of four program tracks with the following emphases:
- Track 1 - Personal assessment & career preparation;
- Track 2 - Communication & relationship building skills;
- Track 3 - Managing change & preparing to live and work in a global marketplace;
- Track 4 - Lifelong learning & industry awareness

For more information about the conference, go to www.agfuture.org

College of Agriculture Etiquette Dinner

Over 50 College of Agriculture students attended the College of Agriculture Etiquette Dinner on October 11th. Students were able to prepare for the etiquette portion of their upcoming interviews with guidance from Mr. Anthony Cawdron, events coordinator for the Purdue University President.
Study Abroad

"Study Abroad is the chance everyone should get to discover their sense of adventure and to justify traveling as many have wanted to do. But it also provides a unique environment for a student to academically, socially and culturally grow into a more confident and skilled citizen."
- Brittany Sievers-

Encourage your students to apply! Please direct students to our website or to AGAD 26 or email AgAbroad@purdue.edu.

We can speak in your classroom or club/organization meeting about study abroad. E-mail AgAbroad@purdue.edu the date, time, and location for us to speak for 5 minutes or an hour.

If you want some 2013 Study Abroad Opportunities brochures, please email us.

Read the November 2012 issue of the AgAbroad Newsletter.

Maymester course options are located in Brazil, China, Ireland, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Mauritania, Romania, Sweden, and Ukraine. The deadline is November 30th.

Summer course options are located in Brazil, France, Honduras, and Taiwan. The application deadline is extended for these courses.

Semester Exchange Programs have numerous locations available. Students can still apply for the fall 2013 semester.

“Studying abroad gives you the chance to have adventures that very few people get to experience in their lifetime. It gives you the opportunity to meet new people all around the globe and to make friendships that can last forever.”
-Alexis Zobel-
Disability Resource Center

Scheduling Accommodated Exams for 2012 Finals

DRC Testing’s hours of operation will be as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 8 am – 8 p.m.
Friday: 8 am – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 am – 12 p.m.

DRC Testing will attempt to schedule the requested exam time as close to the original requested time as possible.

Please NOTE – An exam can begin no later than the following:

Monday – Thursday: 4 p.m.
Friday: 1 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.

STUDENTS: Please determine with your instructors the acceptable date and time range that you can request a final exam. Then, submit your final exam requests online at www.purdue.edu/drctesting as soon as possible. STUDENT DEADLINE: Friday, November 30.

FACULTY: Once we receive a student’s request, DRC Testing will schedule the final exam (again, as close to the requested start time as possible). For example, if your student requests a 9 a.m. start time, we will most likely move this to an 8 a.m. start time. Likewise, if a student requests a 6 p.m. start time, the exam will be scheduled for 4 p.m. on Monday – Thursday based on our hours of operation. Once you receive a confirmation email from DRC Testing with a specific date and time for your student’s exam, then it’s your turn to submit the faculty request. * For FACULTY that have more than four (4) students taking a particular exam, the faculty template form (attached) may be used to make your submission. If you have four (4) or less students taking an exam, please utilize the online request system at www.purdue.edu/drctesting.com. FACULTY DEADLINE: Final exams must be received no later than 5 pm the day before the exam is scheduled.

If anyone has any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact DRC Testing at 765.494.1246 or by email at drctesting@purdue.edu.
Faculty Teaching Experience in the Purdue Classroom Environment

ADVANCE-Purdue Center for Faculty Success Survey Online

Several Faculty have raised concerns about their negative experiences in the classroom. As part of the Center for Faculty Success’s mission to increase faculty success, they are seeking to understand faculty related to student interactions and the classroom environment. Purdue Faculty will be receiving a request from ADVANCE-PCFS to complete an online survey asking about their classroom experiences. The survey is anonymous and should take less than 15-20 minutes to complete. The summarized results will be used to inform the development and implementation of programs and procedures to facilitate professional success and foster a welcoming environment for all. The survey is IRB approved and has the OK from the provost office.

Core Curriculum Deadline

To provide faculty additional time to nominate courses to meet the foundational outcomes of the Undergraduate Outcomes-based Core Curriculum, the deadline has been extended to Wednesday, November 21, 2012. Please submit your course nominations to https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eR8SFjAPVDDWQL. Should you have any questions regarding course nominations, please feel free to contact Teresa Taber Doughty (tabert@purdue.edu) or Nancy Gabin (ngabin@purdue.edu) (UCC Co-Chairs).

A list of currently approved courses for Purdue’s core curriculum may be found on the faculty Senate website under the core curriculum tab: https://www.purdue.edu/senate/curriculum.cfm
Core Curriculum Workshops

The workshops are available for you to collaborate, discuss and work together on developing Core Curriculum. Please feel free to visit the Core Curriculum Website for further details and documents. For more information contact Shelly Dunk, Assistant to Dale Whittaker at sdunk@purdue.edu

November 06, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., LILY G401.
November 15, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., EE 224.
November 20, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., GRIS 276.
November 29, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., KRAIN G005.
Pact Facts for Student Success

Teaching & Learning Presentations
George Hollich (PSY120) and Marcy Towns (CHEM115) will talk about their IMPACT course redesign experiences.

Factors Affecting Student Success & Retention
A Series of TED(like) Talks on:
- Grouped Data to Predict & Compare Academic Success Rates
- At-Risk Students
- CODO and Student Success
- Co-curricular Effects on Student Success
- Effect of Residence Hall Living on Student Success
- What Predicts Grad Student Success?
Higher Education Challenge Grant Program

Deadline February 8, 2013

The Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program is a program focused on improving formal, postsecondary-level agriculture sciences education. Guided by critical societal issues laid out in the “New Biology for the 21st Century” report, as well as the five compelling NIFA Priority Areas, HEC-funded projects provide funding to eligible applicants to help ensure a competent, qualified, and diverse workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system. At the same time, HEC-funded projects improve the economic health and viability of rural communities through the development of degree programs emphasizing new and emerging employment opportunities. Finally, HEC projects focus on the national challenge to increase the number and diversity (i.e., having an agricultural sciences workforce representative of the nation’s population) of students entering other food and agriculture-related science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

USDA-NIFA has refocused its mission to direct agricultural sciences research, education, and extension programs on addressing the following five Priority Areas: Food Security and Hunger, Climate Change, Sustainable Energy, Childhood Obesity and Food Safety.

Public institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. The deadline is the close of business day on February 8, 2013. Please find the application here.
The November Scoop... Did you know?

607 - Boniface III ends his reign as Catholic Pope

1477 - 1st English printed book "Dictes & Sayengis of the Phylosophers"
1604 - William Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" 1st presented

1775 - Henry Fox appointed English Secretary of State
1800 - 1st president to live in White House is John Adams

1883 - Standard time zones forms by railroads in US & Canada
1927 - 1st underwater tunnel, Holland Tunnel connecting NY to NJ opens

1938 - Seabiscuit beats War Admiral in a match race at Pimlico
1961 - JFK sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam

1985 - Republic of Ireland gains consultative role in Northern Ireland
1989 - US 63rd manned space mission STS 33 (Discovery 9) returns from space

1998 - Then Vice President of the United States Al Gore symbolically signs the Kyoto Protocol.
2005 - The first partial human face transplant is completed in Amiens, France.
# Purdue University Academic Calendar 2012-13

## West Lafayette Campus

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Instructor Resources
Check out these websites for more information

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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/

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