



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS Fall 2009

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

<http://agnr.umd.edu>

DATES OF INTEREST:

- AGNR Film Festival Submissions Due Dec 31
- Spring 2010 Registration Opens: Thursday, October 30
- UM Main Commencement: Saturday, December 19 at 7 p.m. - Comcast Center
- Spring 2010 AGNR Freshman Connection Orientation/ Advising: Thursday, December 3
- AGNR College Commencement: Sunday, December 20 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel
- Spring 2010 Freshman and Transfer Orientation: Tuesday January 13
- AG Day/MD Day — Saturday, April 24, 2010

FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

AGNR students, staff, and faculty: Welcome back to a new academic year. There are a number of newsworthy items I would like to bring to your attention. Our incoming freshman class of 122 students sets a new milestone in enrollment. In all, college enrollment has reached a near all time high of 1111 undergraduate students. This would not have happened without your support.

In addition, a whole new group of transfer students have joined the college. They come from places as nearby as Prince George Community College and as far away as China Agricultural University. And like our freshman cohort, these students are academically talented and eager to take advantage of all the opportunities available at a great university like Maryland.

Our returning students are back on campus and re-energized after an all too short summer break. The Ag Council helped organize 'Fall Bash' and believe it or not have already begun planning 'Ag Day'.

As many of you know, Sheila Brown retired at the end of September after more than twenty years of service to the College. She will be sorely missed. But her successor Tim Lapanne has hit the ground running. You can expect great service from Tim as he manages our scholarship program and a plethora of other important activities. Please stop by and say hello to Tim if you find yourself on the ground floor of Symons Hall.

Fall 2009 is shaping up to be an exciting and challenging semester. I wish all of you great success during the coming academic year in all of your endeavors. Once again, welcome back!

Leon Slaughter

Welcome

The Office of AGNR Academic Program is pleased to welcome to our team Tim Lapanne who will serve the Scholarship Coordinator. Tim recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with his M.ED in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education. While at UNC he worked with the Director for Scholarships in the Financial Aid Office, and engaged in the planning and coordination of homecoming, awards banquets, and student leadership programming.

SUMMARY OF KEY AGNR RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES SINCE MAY

- ▶ 77,000 Broadcast Emails sent to interested AGNR prospective students across the US
- ▶ 2000 NFSC Broadcast emails sent to interested prospective students across the US
- ▶ 1050 ENSP Broadcast emails sent to interested prospective students across the US
- ▶ 250 Major Referral Letters sent to interested AGNR prospective students
- ▶ 200 PSLA Broadcast emails sent to interested prospective students across the US
- ▶ 5 Campus Open House Programs
- ▶ Portz Summer Honors Scholars Academic Sessions
- ▶ 4-H Leadership Conference
- ▶ College Access Conference for first generation and at risk students
- ▶ AGNR academic presentation to 15 Northwood HS rising seniors
- ▶ AG Discovery program, a two week residential camp for 14 prospective high school students
- ▶ AGNR Open House at CMREC
- ▶ Development of the AGNR Facebook page

IAA Professor Takes on UNIV 100 Section

A great teacher inspires students to learn regardless of the subject matter, and Roy Walls proffers the proof. Since joining the Institute of Applied Agriculture in the Fall of 1990, Roy has taught nearly a dozen different courses including Agricultural Mechanics, Landscape Construction, Power & Machinery, and now UNIV 100. In addition to teaching, Roy serves as the IAA's IT coordinator and serves as Treasurer of the Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association.

STEVEN HUTZELL IS NAMED A 2009

PHILLIP MERRILL PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR



Steven P. Hutzell is a Plant Sciences major studying Turf and Golf Course Management. He is in the University of Maryland Honors Program, maintains a 3.98 GPA, completed a summer internship at the Chevy Chase Golf Club, and is the recipient of several scholarships, including the first recipient

of the "Frank Duda Turfgrass Scholarship."

The The Merrill Presidential Scholars Program honors the University of Maryland's most successful seniors and their designated University faculty and K-12 teachers for their mentorship. The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources congratulates Steven on his achievements!

Applying to the University of Maryland

All applications for the Fall 2010 to the University of Maryland are submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If you are applying as a freshman applicant, there is a new Priority Application Deadline of **November 1, 2009**. Applying by this deadline ensures that you will receive the best consideration for admission, merit-based scholarships, and invitations to special programs. Please note that in order to qualify for this priority consideration your entire application and all additional materials must be submitted by November 1. All decisions are made by the Office of Undergraduate Admission Office and will be released in early February if you meet the November 1 priority application deadline. If you are applying as a transfer applicant for the Fall 2010, the Early Application Deadline is March 1. The regular application deadline is June 1. For more information please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 301-314-8385 or go to www.admissions.umd.edu.

Student Ambassadors

The Office of Academic Programs is pleased to announce that Scott Tjaden is the AGNR Student Ambassador Chair for the 09-10 year. Scott is an Environmental Science and Technology major and is involved in a number of organizations including CIVICUS and the "Mighty Sound of Maryland" Marching Band. Over the summer invitations were sent out to select current AGNR students who had sophomore level standing, were in excellent academic standing and studying in major areas left vacant by December and May graduation. In September ten new ambassadors were welcomed into the group, joining seventeen upper classmen. For more information please visit their website at www.agnr.umd.edu/prospective/Ambassadors.cfm

**FALL 2009 AGNR PEER MENTOR
OFFICE HOURS—0100 SYMONS HALL**

MONDAY		THURSDAY	
10-12 AM	Erin Cahill	10-12 AM	Kristine Caiafa
1-3 PM	Courtney Shay	1-3 PM	Kristine Caiafa
12-2 PM	Rachel Fishman	3-4 PM	Cindie Hengen & Courtney Shay
3-5 PM	Becky Brinsko		Cindie Hengen
TUESDAY		FRIDAY	
10-11 AM	Erin Cahill	12-2 PM	Curtis Bennett
12:20-1:50 PM	Jeff Jones	2-3 PM	Courtney Shay
3-5 PM	Cindie Hengen		
WEDNESDAY			
9-11 AM	Becky Brinsko		
11 AM-12 PM	Erin Cahill		
1-3:30 PM	Jeff Jones		

ENTER THE AGNR FILM FESTIVAL FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$200 CASH!!

It's time to turn those cameras on and get creative! AGNR needs YOU to create a video that will document the spirit & mission of our college in a positive manner. Your films may include lab work, internships, EcoHouse, research, study abroad, projects, life in AGNR, or any other topics relevant to the college. All videos must be submitted by **DEC 31, 2009**

Please visit <http://agnr.umd.edu/index.cfm> and follow the Film Festival link for more information.

**Student Profile
Cindie Hengen - Summer Internship**

Cindie Hengen is an Animal and Avian sciences major in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. She spent this summer interning at the Animal Care Taking center at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Cindie knew she had an interest in exotic animal medicine, so she looked online to see if the National Aquarium had internship positions. She had already interned at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and she was looking for something different. She had a phone interview and was offered the job.

Cindie says that at the National Zoo, her work was more focused on research and theory, but at the National Aquarium, her work was hands-on caretaking. "One day, I had the opportunity to assist the veterinarians in taking an ultrasound on a bonnethead shark!" she says.

She worked mainly with an aquarist and a herpetologist, who works with reptiles. Cindie says her co-workers would let her help out with medical procedures. "They knew I wanted to be a vet."

Although Cindie wants to work with exotic animals, she was a little anxious when dealing with certain animals. "I handled venomous snakes and very big turtles. I was afraid of getting bitten." She says she grew more confident because her mentors put a lot of effort into making her feel more comfortable.

Throughout her experience, Cindie learned a lot and has advice for aspiring interns: "Don't ever assume that a dream or goal is unattainable. If you network, it's definitely possible. One thing builds off another."

Cindie also says it's important to maintain the connections you make. "Once you do an internship, stay in contact with those mentors. They could really help you down the road."

\$ The Scoop on Scholarships \$

The office of AGNR Academic Program is pleased to announce that scholarships totaling over \$320,000 have been awarded to over 125 students enrolled in the college!

Scholarships were awarded to students from 19 of the 23 counties in Maryland plus Baltimore City. Press releases have been sent to newspapers in those counties listing the names, majors, and specific scholarship each student received.

Congratulations to all of the outstanding scholarship recipients!



AG Discovery 2009

In partnership
College of Agriculture & Natural



Ag Discovery 2009 brought 14 high school students from Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, New York, and North Carolina to campus for two weeks during July. The students had the opportunity to visit and meet campus faculty and graduate students, and to learn about their current research activities.



The students also got behind-the-scenes tours of the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, Capitol Hill, Dupont Research Labs, the National Zoo, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Crane Aquaculture Center, and the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center. This effort in previous years has proven successful in recruiting students into AGNR majors.

The Academic Programs Office wishes to thank everyone who contributed their efforts and time toward making the 2009 Ag Discovery program the best yet!

3 AGNR Courses Make the "I" Series List

1. The Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem: Intersection of Science, Economics, & Policy - *A Marquee Course in Science and Technology*
2. Greening Cities: Who Wins, Who Loses, & Who Cares?
3. Specialty Crops: Plantation Agriculture to Globalization

MEET THE STAFF



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