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Congratulations and Names in the News

Thirty-four Agricultural Economics undergraduate students attended the Ag Futures of America (AFA) Leaders Conference in Kansas City from Nov. 4-7, 2010. The students received $1000 company sponsorships to attend the conference. The Purdue Ag Alumni Trust $4000 Grant also provided assistance to help students with the costs of travel. One of the students, Jenna Langley, has served on the 2010 AFA Student Advisory Team and has assisted with planning the conference.

The 2010 Townsend Debate Champion Team included two Agricultural Economics students – Beau Williamson and Kim Hoeing, the team was coached by Agricultural Economics Associate Professor, Corinne Alexander. The 2010 Townsend Debate Runner-Up Team also included two Agricultural Economics students – Chelsea Mann and Michelle Steinbarger, the team was coached by Agricultural Economics Professor, Frank Dooley.

Corinne Alexander, Bruce Erickson, Chris Hurt, Jim Mintert, and George Patrick were honored November 10 as recipients of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialist Association (PUCESA) Team Award, for Extension specialists who have significantly contributed to Indiana
through Purdue Extension. The Managing Moldy Corn Team responded to unprecedented levels of corn ear molds in Indiana in 2009 by developing management recommendations for crop and livestock producers and allied industries, then delivered the message through teleconferences/webinars, a website specific to the topic, customizable handouts for Extension Educators, and numerous media releases.

The Department of Agricultural Economics has awarded four $500 scholarships for students studying abroad during the Spring 2011 semester – Thomas Atchley, Junior, Ireland; Jay Fiechter, Junior, Mexico; Joshua Price, Junior, Ireland; and Shelby Wade, Freshmen, Australia.

News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

National Conference for Agribusiness a Success
More than 100 industry professionals from 20 states attended the 2010 National Conference for Agribusiness, held at the Purdue Memorial Union on November 16 and 17. With the overall conference theme of “Discovering New Ways to Grow” in mind, participants attended sessions on sustainability, recruiting the next generation, sales and marketing, capital market challenges, and the importance of innovation in agribusiness.

The conference’s featured keynote speakers included:
- Gebisa Ejeta, 2009 World Food Prize Laureate
- Sam Rovit, Head of Global Agribusiness Practice, Bain & Company
- Carl Hausmann, Managing Director of Global Government and Corporate Affairs, Bunge Limited
- David Reid, Vice President of Corporate E&P Business and Technology, National Oilwell Varco

The conference’s expert panelists included:
- Dave Coppess, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Heartland Co-op
- Sarah Vacek, Area Business Manager, Monsanto Company (Purdue alum)
- Dan DeSutter, DeSutter Farms
- Brian Briggeman, Economist, Kansas City Federal Reserve (Purdue alum)
- Ed Cooper, Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo
- Ejnar Knudsen, Co-Portfolio Manager, Passport Capital
- Mike Pawlak, President, Greenfield Marketing Solutions

Professors Allan Gray, Mike Boehlje, and Scott Downey from the Department of Agricultural Economics, in addition to Professor Carolyn Wiethoff from Indiana University, led the conference sessions and played a key role to its success. April Sauer, managing director at the center, oversaw the development and delivery of the conference, and Danielle Quirk, event manager, coordinated the logistics to ensure that each participant had an enjoyable experience on campus.

Read a story about the conference from the *Journal & Courier.*

See a few pictures from the conference on the [center’s Facebook page.](#)

The National Conference for Agribusiness is a biennial event, hosted by the center. It features current industry topics and research of interest to professionals in agribusiness. Center staff and faculty members who bring a mix of current research and experiences facilitate the conference’s sessions. Keynote speakers and guest panelists, often industry veterans, offer participants new ways of approaching their everyday challenges. The next National Conference for Agribusiness will take place during the fall of 2012.
The first-ever offering of Agribusiness Finance for Non-Finance Managers will take place December 13-16 in Stewart Center. The program is designed for non-financial mid- to upper-level managers who typically focus on sales, marketing, operations, or human resources; yet who also have responsibilities for budgets, capital purchases, staffing costs, or other decisions that affect the company’s bottom line. Designed to expand their understanding of financial management responsibilities and how they fit into broader company goals, the industry, and the marketplace, the program will cover topics like thinking like a CFO, financial statements, financial evaluation, profitability analysis, and financial management.

**Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:**

Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan gave a seminar "Impacts of Tariff Liberalization of Indian Auto Industry: Application of a CGE Model on disaggregated sectors" at Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, India on 12th November.

Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan gave a seminar "International Trade and Pollution Abatement Costs in Indian Textile Sector" at Madras School of Economics, Chennai, India on November 12th and South Indian Textile Research Association, Coimbatore, India on 20th November.

Joe Balagtas will present his paper (co-authored with Metin Cakir) "Estimating Market Power of U.S. Dairy Cooperatives in Fluid Milk Markets" in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, the University of Maryland, December 1, 2010.


Bruce Erickson was a speaker at the Informa Economics 25th Annual Fall Outlook Conference November 18 in Memphis. Erickson’s presentation was “Agronomic Input Trends.” He was also a panel member for the session “Can Technology Improvements Match Global Increases in Demand for Agricultural Products?”
Otto Doering will be discussing a white paper on Invasive species and climate change at the mid-December meeting of the Department of Interior’s Invasive Species Advisory Committee.


Paul Preckel will be traveling to Pristina, Kosovo to present a workshop on Long-Term Electricity Infrastructure Planning and the Benefits of Increased Trade, November 30-December 1 at the American University in Kosovo.

Dr. Holly Wang will attend The Chinese Economists Society (CES) Presidents Forum on Dec 9, 2010 at Tianjin, China, as a panelist on the roundtable discussion of Agricultural Development and Urbanization.

**Publications**


**Internship Opportunities**


[http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1](http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1)

[http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm)


Job Announcements:

University of California-Davis: Assist professor – applied econometrics, environmental

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.academploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Academic Keys http://www.academnickeys.com
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
ConAgra (http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/)
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
Congressional Budget Office http://www.cbo.gov
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
Foreign Ag Service http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm
Government Career http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/
National Job Bank http://www.jobs.joe.org
USDA, Ag Research Service http://ars.usda.gov

For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651
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