**Calendar of Events:**

- **August 16/17** New Graduate Student Orientation
- **August 20** Fall Classes begin
- **October 27** Homecoming – Ag Tent on the Memorial Lawn

**Congratulations and Names in the News:**

**Jay T. Akridge appointed interim vice provost for engagement**

A Purdue agricultural economist on Friday (July 27) was named as the university's interim vice provost for engagement.

Jay T. Akridge, the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics and director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, will begin his duties Aug. 1, said interim Provost Victor L. Lechtenberg.

As vice provost for engagement, Akridge will lead Purdue's efforts to use university resources to address economic development and other issues affecting the state's prosperity and quality of life. He will work directly with Indiana's leaders, the business community and citizens to find ways for Purdue to advance that mission.

Akrige also will help communities throughout the state develop technology parks and promote the growth of high-paying jobs. Another goal is to advance initiatives such as the Technical Assistance Program, which last year helped 536 Indiana companies implement new technologies. Akridge also will work with the Purdue Center for Regional Development to assist with strategic economic development planning on a regional basis.

Additional programs under Akridge's supervision will include the Office for Continuing Education and Conferences and Science Bound, which assists Indianapolis Public Schools students in preparing for a science-related degree at Purdue.
"Jay has been a visionary in agribusiness and marketing and has worked with food and agricultural managers throughout the United States to adopt new ways for success," Lechtenberg said. "He will put that experience to good use as he travels throughout Indiana to collaborate with business and community leaders."

Akridge said he looks forward to advancing Purdue's engagement efforts.

"Purdue has made significant advancements with work force training, new business development and other economic development initiatives," he said. "We also have made progress in using our resources to advance K-12 education and promote the concept of service-learning, through which Purdue students use the skills they learn in the classroom to help Indiana communities. I am eager to build on the momentum gained by Provost Lechtenberg, whose leadership as our most recent vice provost for engagement has truly made a difference in the quality of life for Indiana citizens."

In his previous position, Akridge led a center whose staff conducts management education programs for working professionals in the food and agribusiness industries. He also directed the MS-MBA program, which consists of a master's degree in business administration from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and a master's degree in agricultural economics from Purdue.

Akridge also taught graduate and undergraduate courses in strategic management of food and agribusiness firms. In 1996 he received Purdue's highest teaching honor, the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, and he was named a University Faculty Scholar in 2000. In 2003 he was added to the Purdue Book of Great Teachers, and was recognized with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Ag Science's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Akridge earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture and business administration from Murray State University in 1982. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue in 1983 and 1986, respectively.

On August 15, 2007, a retirement celebration for David Petritz will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds hospitality tents near Gate 12 from 11:30 – 1:30 pm (Lunch will be served). A program will begin at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP by visiting www.ces.purdue.edu/petritz or calling 765 494 8392. There will be an Indiana State Fair entrance fee of $8 per person. If you are unable to attend the August 15th celebration, a campus reception will also take place on August 23rd in the Pfendler Hall Gallery from 3-5 pm. The Agricultural Economics 'hanging' for Dave Petritz will be Friday, October 26 in KRAN 661.

**Thought You Would Like to Know:**

Homecoming will take place October 27th as Purdue takes on the Northwestern Wildcats at a noon kickoff. We will again have faculty trading cards and the honorees are: Luc Valentin, Scott Downey, Holly Wang, and Dave Petritz. The College of Agriculture will host a tent on the Memorial Lawn and there will be a buffet from 9 to 11. Meal ticket TBA. The deadline for ordering meal tickets: Monday, October 15th. Football tickets will be available at a group rate of $32 per ticket (everyone entering the stadium must have a ticket, regardless of age). The deadline for ordering is Monday, Sept. 10th. For game ticket and buffet ticket information contact the Ag Alumni Office at 765 494 8593.
Badri Gopalakrishnan has been hired as Database Construction Specialist and Research Economist in the Center for Global Trade Analysis. Bari completed his Ph.D. at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research.

News from the Center for Food and Agribusiness

Strategic AgriMarketing: October 22-26, 2007

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:


Publications:


Job Announcements:

University of Kentucky: Grain marketing
Penn State University: Agribusiness Economics
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association: Agricultural Economist Planner
University of Arkansas: Assist Prof – Farm Policy and Agribusiness Marketing
FAO Vacancy Announcement: 6 positions see below
Kansas State University: Faculty position

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/
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
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
http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsjobs.htm

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