“Tails” of Animal Sciences shares’ many accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students. I hope you enjoy learning about the activities of your colleagues. A big shout out goes to Jamie Evans for publishing our newsletter every month. On March 13 and 14 we hosted Explore ACES for prospective and admitted students. This event is a major component of our recruiting effort. Thanks to all who participated. I believe the event was a huge success. That success only happened because of the passion our students, staff, and faculty have for who we are and what we do. Katelyn Jones-Hamlow, our Student Ambassadors, ANSC clubs, and those who led the learning activities did an awesome job. The Midwest American Society of Animal Sciences meetings were held in Des Moines, Iowa from March 15-18. We had several faculty present prestigious invited papers. I was fortunate to hear many of our graduate and undergraduate students present their original research. I am always impressed by the quality of the research they do. Our students bring prestige to the University of Illinois. Brad Daigneault (advised by Dr. David Miller) was selected as a recipient of a 2015 ASAS Midwest Section Young Scholar Award. Katie Haerr (advised by Dr. Phil Cardoso) look 3rd place in the Masters paper competition, and our Academic Quadrathalon Team (Buddy Haas, Brandi Burton, Taylor Rietveld and Carlie Kalebich; lead by Dick Cobb) won the Lab Practicum competition. Congratulations to all!

Next week is Spring Break, and April is just around the corner. The rest of the semester will fly by and before you know it, Commencement will be upon us. Sprint to the finish line!
MYTH: SIMPLY CUTTING MEAT FROM YOUR DIET WILL MAKE IT HEALTHIER

The video below is part of America Meat Institute’s Meat Mythcrushers series which seeks to educate consumers about the truth behind meat myths. Dr. Anna Dilger was asked about the healthfulness of eliminating meat in the diet. The American Meat Science Association serves as scientific resource for these videos helping them to film and edit them and providing “the stars” as well.

http://www.meatmythcrushers.com/myths/cutting-meat-from-your-diet-will-make-it-healthier.html

STUDY LOOKS AT FEED EFFICIENCY

Dr. Dan Shike spoke to producers at the Cornbelt Cow/Calf Conference on January 31, 2014. The Minnesota Farm Guide has a great article on Dr. Shike’s presentation below.


NAS Biographical Memoir of David H. Baker

FACULTY AND STAFF CELEBRATIONS

Nancy David, Office Support Specialist, retired on February 28th, 2015. Nancy started at the University in February of 1987 with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. In 1988, she transferred to Crop Sciences, at that time called Plant Pathology. She joined the Department of Animal Sciences in 1996. Nancy was a recipient of the Staff Award for Excellence in 1998.

Congratulations Nancy!

Kristoff David Miller was born Monday, March 2, at 12:51 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs, 4.5 oz and was 19.5 inches long. He has light brown hair with a touch of red. Little Sophia is quite proud of her baby brother. Congratulations to the Miller Family!
ANIMAL SCIENCES MEDIA PLACEMENTS

This list is a snapshot of how and where some of our research is being shared in the media. It does not include all Animal Sciences press releases that went out during 2014 and it doesn’t reflect every media source that ran Animal Sciences news.

If you have recently published research that you would like to share with the media, please contact Stephanie Henry in News and Public Affairs for assistance.

Stephanie Henry, 217-244-1183, slhenry@illinois.edu, http://news.aces.illinois.edu

Webinar to address FDA decision on antibiotics use in food animals - 1/8 - Pettigrew
- Rock River Times - 1/15
- The Poultry Site – 1/23
- Farm Week - 1/20

Study provides nutritional value for co-products from the human food industry for use in pig feed – 1/29 - Stein
- MidAmerica Farmer Grower
- Animal Frontiers
- Science Codex - 4/9
- AgroTimes.com – 6/1
- The Pig Site
- Prairie Farmer (print) - March

Smaller meals more times per day may curb obesity in cats – 2/10 – Swanson
- Examiner.com – 2/20
- HealthDay – 2/25
- Nature World News – 2/20
- Science Newsline – 2/20
- Healthy Pets (Mercola) – 4/4
- U.S. News & World Report – 2/25

Researchers determine feather meal good source of energy for swine – 2/26 - Stein
- AgriNews - 3/5
- Illinois Farmer Today (print) – 3/8

Beneficial anti-inflammatory effects observed when plant extracts fed to sick pigs – 2/26 – Pettigrew
- Science Daily - 2/28
- Farm Progress - 2/27
- Big Apple News Radio –
- All Ag News – 2/27
- AgroTimes – 8/11

Nutritional values of oilseed meals as part of a pig diet established – 5/7 - Stein
- The Pig Site – 6/25
- Farm Progress (print) – June
- AgriNews (print) – 8/1

Values published for eight grains that could be part of a healthy, sustainable diet for humans – 6/4 - Stein
- Journal Gazette/Times Courier (Coles County) - 6/4

New planned swine research unit will allow more research on infant nutrition and cognition – 6/19 – Dilger
- Swine Web.com – 5/19
- Dairy Reporter – 6/24
- Illinois Farmer Today (print) – 6/28
- Farm Week (print) – 7/14

Piglet brain atlas new tool in understanding human infant brain development – 10/10 – Johnson
- Popular Science – 11/5
- Pig Progress.net – 11/24
- Neuro Science News – 11/5
- Jersey Tribune – 11/5
- ScienceNewsline – 11/6
- Science Daily – 11/5
- Pork Network.com
- Nature.com
- Farm Progress/Prairie Farmer – 10/13

Shift in gut bacteria observed in fiber supplement study may offer good news for weight loss – 11/17 – Swanson/Holscher
- The Epoch Times – 11/19
- Yahoo! News – 11/19
- NewsMaxHealth.com – 11/18
- Science Daily – 11/18

Duckweed a good potential protein source for swine, according to study – 12/3 – Stein
- Growing New York – 12/5
- Farm Week (print) – 1/19/2015

Beef selection and management seminar scheduled for Jan. 27 - Meteer
- Herald News (Lincoln and Logan Counties) – 1/14/15
Dr. Bryan White has been elected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology. The Academy, the honorific leadership group within the American Society for Microbiology, recognizes excellence, originality, and leadership in the microbiological sciences, and his election to this group is a mark of great distinction.

As a newly elected Fellow, Dr. White will be recognized at the Academy Fellows Luncheon at the 115th ASM General Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on June 2nd.

Congratulations Bryan!

**LIST OF TEACHERS RANKED AS EXCELLENT BY THEIR STUDENTS FALL 2014**

- Dustin Boler
- Phil Cardoso
- Anna Dilger
- Tara Felix
- Dan Shike

**NEWS FROM DR. MILLER’S LAB**

Dr. David Miller’s lab has been awarded a grant from the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative at USDA titled “Sperm Storage and Release in the Porcine Oviduct.”

**NEWS FROM DR. LOOR’S LAB**

The Campus Research Board has agreed to fund Dr. Loor’s project “Discovering the impact of fetal programming in beef cattle: Effects of maternal performance on progeny skeletal muscle transcriptome and epigenome.”
ACADEMIC DEADLINES

Spring 2015 Academic Deadlines
March 2015

March 10, Noon
- Faculty deadline for reporting mid-term grades for freshmen

March 13
- Deadline to drop a UG POT 1 course via Student Self-Service without grade of W
- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT 1 course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline to remove UG Incomplete grade from previous semester to prevent change to an F grade
- Deadline to elect credit/no-credit or to change credit/no-credit to regular grade basis in a UG POT 1 course
- Deadline to file intent to use the Campus Grade Replacement option in a UG POT 1 course
- Deadline for UG students to withdraw from Spring semester without grade of W
- Deadline for LAW students to drop a semester course without grade of W

March 16
- POT B courses begin (nontraditional courses may begin earlier or later)
- Priority registration Time Tickets (earliest registration times) for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 available on Student Self-Service

March 20
- Deadline to add a UG POT B course
- Deadline to add a GRAD POT B course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline for all students to drop POT B course for refund if reducing assessment range

March 21 - 29
- Spring Break

April 2015

April 3
- Deadline to withdraw from the University and receive the minimum 40% pro-rata refund

April 6
- Priority registration for Summer and Fall 2015 begins

April 10
- Deadline to add GRAD POT B course via department office

April 17
- Deadline to drop UG POT B course via Student Self-Service without grade of W
- Deadline to drop GRAD POT B course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in UG POT B course
- Deadline to file intent to use Campus Grade Replacement option in UG POT B course
- Deadline to drop GRAD POT 1 course without grade of W
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in GRAD POT 1 course
- Last day for GRAD students to withdraw from Spring 2015 semester without grade of W

April 27
- Open registration begins for Summer and Fall 2015