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“Tails” of Animal Sciences

The Department of Animal Sciences at Illinois has a diverse mission and our programs touch society in many ways. Our companion animal nutrition program has changed the way you feed your dogs and cats. Our research pushes back the boundaries of knowledge in areas that affect human and animal health, human and animal well-being, bioenergy and the environment, as well as food production and food security. I just read a PhD proposal from one of our Meat Science students that has implications on tenderness of those outstanding steaks I buy at our Meat Sales Room. Now that’s research I can sink my teeth in! Since our last newsletter I was able to visit the Illinois State Fair in Springfield and the Farm Progress Show in Decatur. Both of these events remind me of how agriculture has changed during my lifetime. I was bragging last weekend to my Mom about the size and scope of the Illinois Farm Progress Show. She thinks that Ag Progress Days in Pennsylvania is a big deal; she has no idea how we grow corn and beans in Illinois!

Fall semester is in full swing and the Illini football team is 2-0. Lots of hope and optimism on campus. That’s as it should be. In this month’s “Tails” of *Animal Sciences* you will find an incomplete list of our instructors ranked as excellent by their students. A remarkable 21 ANSC faculty and graduate teaching assistants were ranked as excellent last Spring semester. I tip my hat to their ability to communicate subject matter and change people’s lives. Yesterday, I received a real nice note from Jim Fraley, Manager of IL Milk Producers’ Association. He had the opportunity to tour our Dairy Farm and visit with our dairy faculty and staff last week. Jim was impressed by the efforts made by our dairy managers and staff to enhance cow comfort. He also complimented Dr. Cardoso’s Dairy Focus Team. This innovative program provides a great hands-on teaching tool for students.

We strive for excellence in all we do!

Steve (and Spenser)



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STUDENT RECOGNITION

Crystal Allen, a student working with Professor Hurley, successfully defended her Ph. D. thesis on "Learning styles and multiple intelligences in Animal Sciences: College instructors and their students". We wish Crystal success during her tenure as instructor in our department.

Congratulations Crystal!

Hunter Galloway, a student working with Professors Boler and McKeith, successfully defended his Ph. D. thesis on "Characterizing Meat Tenderness of Fishing Steers Fed for Different Rates of Gain". We wish Hunter success as he joins the faculty at Western Kentucky University.

Congratulations Hunter!

Eridia Pacheco, a student working with Professor Salak-Johnson, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "Assessing the well-being of gestating submissive sows in group pens using multiple welfare metrics". We wish Eridia success as she pursues a Ph.D. degree in animal biology at UC Davis.

Congratulations Eridia!

Mayra Lopez, a student working with Professor Salak-Johnson, successfully defended her M. S. thesis "The effects of high fiber diets and feeding partitions on the well-being of group-kept sows". We wish Mayra success in her career path.

Congratulations Mayra!

Tiago (former Ph.D. student with Tara Felix) and his wife, Grazi, welcomed their daughter, Luna. Luna weighed 6.7 pounds and was 19.7 inches long.

Congratulations Tiago and Grazi!
Welcome Baby Luna!



FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITION

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent—Spring 2015

Instructor	Course
* ADUR, M TA	ANSC 224
* ALBERT, S	ANSC 250,305,499
ALLEN, C TA	ANSC 110
BOLER, D	ANSC 409
* CARDOSO, F	ANSC 590
DAIGNEAULT, B TA	ANSC 224
* DILGER, A	ANSC 409,509,590
FELIX, T	ANSC 225
FISCHER, A	ANSC 407
HENLEY, P TA	ANSC 211
HURLEY, W	ANSC 103
* JONES-HAMLOW, K	ANSC 209,211
KLINE, K	ANSC 306
* KOELKEBECK, K	ANSC 404
KROSCHER, K TA	ANSC 224
MILLER, D	ANSC 204
ROCA, A	ANSC 446
RODRIGUEZ-ZAS, S	ANSC 590
* SHIKE, D	ANSC 209,211
STEIN, H	ANSC 520
SWANSON, K	ANSC422

Instructors' names are listed alphabetically within each department. The specific courses that were used in the ratings are indicated by the course numbers that follow the instructor's name.

The symbols used in the list have the following meaning:

T.A. - Teaching Assistant

* - The instructor ratings were outstanding.

For full list see:

<http://cte.illinois.edu/teacheval/ices/pdf/Spring15List.pdf>

FALL 2015 ACADEMIC DEADLINES

September 4

- Deadline to reduce semester program and receive refund if reducing assessment range
- Deadline to add a UG semester course
- Deadline to add a GRAD semester course via [Student Self-Service](#) and without approval
- Deadline to add a GRAD POT A course via department office

September 7

- Labor Day (all-campus holiday)

September 18

- Deadline to drop UG POT A course via [Student Self-Service](#) without grade of W
- Deadline to drop GRAD POT A course via [Student Self-Service](#)
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in UG POT A course
- Deadline to file intent to use Campus Grade Replacement option in UG POT A course

September 28

- Full payment due for Fall 2015 charges unless on a payment plan

October 2

- Deadline to drop a GRAD POT A course without grade of W
- Deadline for GRAD students to elect credit/no credit for a POT A course or to change credit/no credit to a regular grade

October 13 (noon)

- Faculty deadline for reporting midterm grades for freshmen

October 16

- Deadline to drop UG semester course via [Student Self-Service](#) without grade of W
- Deadline to drop GRAD semester course via [Student Self-Service](#)
- Deadline to remove UG incomplete grade from previous semester to prevent change to F grade
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in UG semester course
- Deadline to file intent to use Campus Grade Replacement option in UG semester course
- Deadline for UG to withdraw from Fall semester without grade of W
- Deadline for LAW students to drop semester course without grade of W

October 19

- Priority registration Time Tickets (earliest registration times) for Spring 2016 available on [Student Self-Service](#)
- POT B courses begin (non-traditional courses may begin earlier or later)

October 23

- Deadline to add UG POT B course
- Deadline to add GRAD POT B course via [Student Self-Service](#)
- Deadline for all students to drop POT B course for refund if reducing assessment range

October 30

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

November 2

- Priority registration for Spring 2016 begins

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