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ADVISING CENTER NEWS

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THEY'RE BA-ACK! We may not feel ready for fall semester, but it's here nevertheless, so here we go, full steam ahead!

Faculty advisor assignment sheets for fall, 2007 were distributed recently to faculty members who are advising undergraduate students. Students' email addresses are listed on that sheet, and I encourage you to contact your advisees during the next couple weeks. If you tell students you want them to meet with you soon, most will respond positively to that request.

Important advising dates coming up in September:

Drop/Add Deadline – **Wednesday, September 5**
Late Drop Period Begins – **Thursday, September 6**
Deadline to file 'Intent to Graduate' – **Monday, September 10**
Registration for SPRING classes begins– **Monday, September 10**
(Registration is staggered based on credits accumulated)

DEPARTMENT SOCIAL HOUR

The department will be starting our first social hour of the semester on Friday, September 7th at 9:30 in room 21 Tyson. Open to everyone in the department including faculty, staff, graduate students, post docs, and visiting scholars. Please encourage others, who haven't attended in the past, to attend so that they can meet and socialize with other colleagues in our Department. Small refreshments will be provided but you are welcome to bring something to share with everyone.



SEPTEMBER

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1-5

- Drop/Add Period

Sept. 3

- Labor Day Holiday-NO CLASSES

Sept. 6

- Late Registration and Late Drop Begin

Sept. 10

- Activate the intent to graduate on eLion

Sept. 24- Oct. 7

- Final Exam Conflict Period

Congratulations

Hamid Ashrafi completed his thesis research and graduated with a Ph.D. degree in Genetics. His advisor is Majid Foolad. Hamid plans to stay with the tomato program for one more year as a postdoctoral scholar.

Heather Merk passed her Ph.D. comprehensive exam in Genetics. Her advisor is Majid Foolad.

Matt Kinkade passed his Ph.D. comprehensive exam in Plant Biology. His advisor is Majid Foolad.

Taryn Bauerle graduated with a Ph.D. degree in Horticulture. Her advisor is Dave Eissenstat.



Join us for the Centennial Celebration of the Department of Horticulture at Penn State

The Department of Horticulture will celebrate its first 100 years October 5 – 7, 2007. This will be a great time to visit with old friends, take in the 94th Hort Show, watch a Big 10 football game, and tour the Penn State Campus and the Rock Springs Research Farm.

Below is the tentative schedule of events, but registration information will be sent out electronically along with on-line registration material. Visit the web site for updated information at: <http://hort-centennial.psu.edu>.

Friday Evening October 5: Meet at Ag Progress Days (APD) site at Rock Springs for a Bon Fire and snacks. There will also be a family-friendly movie. Motel rooms will be limited because of the home football game, so camping will be available, so bring a tent or your RV.

Saturday October 6: Tour the Hort Show at the Ag Arena and have a continental breakfast (transportation will be provided to and from the APD site). If you chose not to stay on campus for the game against Iowa, then return to APD for lunch and watch the game on big-screen TV. There will be activities for kids. Dr. Dick Craig will make a presentation on the *History of the Horticulture Department*. There will be a pig roast followed by the Annual Alumni Meeting for election of new officers plus other activities.

Sunday October 7: Continental breakfast plus tours of the Horticulture Research Farm and tours of campus.

Annual Club/Organization/Society/Coach Annual Advisor's Meeting

The Club/ Organization/ Society/ Coach Annual Advisor meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in room 118 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building. All Faculty and staff involved in advising organizations are encouraged to attend. Topics covered will include funding resources from the Student Activities Association and from the Office of Undergraduate Education.



Raul Jaramillo-Velastegui	Sept. 1
Hamid Ashrafi-Nasrabad	Sept. 6
Charles Heuser	Sept. 7
Tracey Harpster	Sept. 10
Joseph Verica	Sept. 12
Kathleen Brown	Sept. 13
Bruce Dye	Sept. 16
Christina Wagner	Sept. 21
Chien-Chih Chen	Sept. 28

Cellar Market

The Cellar market is now open. Hours of operation will be Wednesday's and Thursday's 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. Come on in and check out the selection of fresh fruit and veggies.

Penn State Football



HOME-Saturday, September 8 vs. Notre Dame

HOME-Saturday, September vs. Buffalo

AWAY-Saturday, September 22 Michigan

AWAY-Saturday, September 29 vs. Illinois

CNFA Volunteers Receive National Honor

CNFA is proud to present 40 of its leading Farmer-to-Farmer volunteers with the President's Volunteer Service Award. The President's Volunteer Service Award was created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation as a way to honor Americans who show a level of commitment that inspires others to engage in volunteer service. Seven CNFA volunteers will receive gold awards, which are given to individuals with more than 500 hours of service. The other 33 volunteers will receive silver awards, which are for volunteers with more than 250 hours of volunteer service.

The volunteers receiving these awards have made an impressive contribution to America and the world. The 40 honorees have performed a combined 626 days of volunteer work with farmers and aspiring rural entrepreneurs in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. Through their efforts, in a wide variety of agricultural disciplines, these volunteers have helped introduce innovation, improve business skills and increase rural incomes for more than 85,000 people. In so doing, they have exemplified the American values of citizenship, service and responsibility and have shown the best of our country to the world.

CNFA is grateful for the service of these remarkable individuals and is honored to present our Farmer-to-Farmer volunteers with this award.

The John Ogonowski Farmer-to-Farmer Program is funded by the US Agency for International Development. The program provides voluntary technical assistance to farmers, farm groups, and agribusinesses in developing countries to promote sustainable improvements in food processing, production, and marketing. The program relies on the expertise of ordinary Americans from farms, land grant universities, cooperatives, private agribusinesses, and nonprofit farm organizations to respond to the local needs of host-country farmers and organizations. Since first authorized by Congress as part of the 1985 Farm Bill, the program has fielded over 11,000 US Volunteers, from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, to work in more than 80 countries around the world."

Congratulations to Pete Ferretti and Kathy Kelley for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Gold Award



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