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Agronomy and Horticulture Newsletter

Dec, 9, 2011

Happy Holidays to all our employees, students and friends!

Schacht Wins Crowe Advising Award

The 2011 Lawrence K. Crowe Undergraduate Advising Award was given to Dr. Walter Schacht, Dept. of Agronomy and Horticulture, who is presently on sabbatical in Namibia. Dr. Lowell Moser accepted the plaque in Dr. Schacht's absence at the Undergraduate Advising Luncheon held Oct. 19, 2011, East Campus Union. The Crowe Family also provided a $1,000 stipend.

Administrative Team Provides Holiday Goodies

Holiday Treats, hot cider, and coffee will be available for everyone to enjoy throughout the day on Wed., Dec. 14, 202 Keim. We wish you the merriest Yule cheer! Compliments of your administrative team – Roch Gaussoin, Richard Ferguson, Sue Walker, Sam Shafer, T.J. McAndrew, John Dillingham, and Charlene Wendt.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon is Dec. 19

Everyone is invited to the Agronomy & Horticulture Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Mon., Dec. 19 from 11:00–1:00 p.m. in the Great Plains Room of the East Campus Union. For more information, see the website at: agronomy.unl.edu/holidaylunch.

Mark the Date!

Dec. 9: Dept. Seminar – cancelled for today.

Dec. 12: IANR Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., NEU. RSVP to Murd Holland was due Dec. 2, 2011.

Dec. 12: Heuermann Lecture series with former Sen. Bob Kerrey, Hardin Hall Aud., refreshments at 3:30 with lecture at 4 p.m.

Dec. 12–15: 2011 North Central Weed Science Society Annual Meeting, at the Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dec. 14: Holiday treats provided by the Agronomy & Horticulture Administrative Team, 202 Keim, all day.

Dec. 14: Farming after the Flood webinar, 1:30–4 p.m. Visit flood.unl.edu/crops.

Dec. 15: Teaching Brown Bag, noon–1 p.m., Goodding Lab. Presented by Dr. Mark Lagrimini on "What would a new science course look like for Agronomy & Horticulture Undergraduates?"

Dec. 16: CASNR Salute to Graduates, 4 p.m., Great Plains Room, NEU.

Dec. 16–17: UNL Graduation.

Dec. 19: Agronomy & Horticulture Holiday Luncheon, Nebraska East Union (NEU), 11 a.m.

Dec. 26–Jan. 2, 2012: Holiday Closedown. Offices re-open Jan. 3, 2012.

Jan. 4, 2012: Crop Production Clinics in Beatrice.

Jan. 5: Crop Production Clinics, York.

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Students Win Business Plan Competition

Students in the department's capstone AGRO/HORT/EAEP/ENTR 488/888 course competed against other UNL students in a business plan writing competition. The final round of competition was Fri., Dec. 2.

Winners in the undergraduate division who are currently in the 488 class are: 1st place – Ashley Nunnenkamp (Ag. Business major); 2nd place – Chase Holoubek (Ag. Economics major); and 3rd place – Molly Trausch (Horticulture major). Students in the graduate division who are currently in the 888 course include: 1st place – Robert Noonan (Masters of Ag.) and 2nd place – Tyler Williams (Masters of Ag.).

The competition is hosted by the UNL Center for Entrepreneurship, Alice Dittman and Cornhusker Bank. This is their 13th year of hosting the competition open to all UNL students who write a business plan as part of their course work.

Congratulations to these students and all the students who worked very hard on their business proposals! The course is taught by Dave Lambe.

Moser Family Welcomes New Baby

Congratulations to Dr. Lowell and Lovell Moser who welcomed a new grandson, Zachary Edward Moser, on Dec. 7. Proud parents are Bill and Christine Moser of Annandale, Va. Zachary weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Dr. Moser reports that all are doing well.

Shafer Retirement Reception Being Planned

Mark your calendar for Sam Shafer's retirement reception, Jan. 27, 2012, 3:30–5 p.m., at the Nebraska East Union. Details will follow in January.

2012 Teaching and Learning Workshop Set

On Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, a Winter Interim Teaching & Learning Workshop will be held from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at the Nebraska East Union (NEU). The theme for the workshop is "Applying Systems – Thinking to Water, Food and Energy Instruction." Register for free at http://casnr.unl.edu/2012workshop. Lunch is provided.

The workshop will focus on continuing the integration of systems thinking into the university curriculum. For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal, 2-6458, (lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu), Dr. John Markwell, 2-7912 (jmarkwell2@unl.edu) or Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, 2-8708(theng-moss2@unl.edu).

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Jan. 5–7: Great Plains Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference, Missouri Western State Univ., St. Joseph, Mo.

Jan. 6: Crop Production Clinic, Kearney.

Jan. 6: Deadline to nominate a CASNR colleague for UNL's Distinguished Teaching Awards.

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Jan. 9: Spring semester starts.

Jan. 10: Crop Production Clinics, Hastings.

Jan. 11: Crop Production Clinics, North Platte.

Jan. 12: Crop Production Clinics, Gering.

Jan. 16, 2012: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Offices closed & no classes.

Jan. 16: Holling Family Teaching Excellence Award nominations due.

Jan. 17: Crop Production Clinics in Ainsworth.

Jan. 18: Crop Production Clinics in Norfolk.

Jan. 19: Crop Production Clinics in Fremont.

Jan. 23–25, 2012: Nebraska Green Expo, Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, IA.

Jan. 27, 2012: Retirement Reception for Sam Shafer, 3:30-5 p.m. Nebraska East Union. Details to follow.

Jan. 29–Feb. 3, 2012: Society of Range Management 65th Annual Meeting, Spokane, Wash.

March 18–25: Spring Break.

May 4–5: Graduation.

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Interviews Set for Department Positions

The department is interviewing candidates for two open positions: a Crop Simulation Modeler and a Weed Management specialist. Below are the dates and times for the candidate seminars.

Crop Simulation Modeler interviews (position associated with the Water For Food Institute cluster hires).

- January 3 – Dr. Haishun Yang, Seminar at 9 a.m., Room 150 Keim;
- January 4 – Dr. Yang Yen, Seminar at 9 a.m., Room 150 Keim;
- January 5 – Dr. Guillermo Baigorria Paz, Seminar at 9 a.m., Room 150 Keim; and
- January 6 – Dr. Lianhai Wu, Seminar at 8 a.m., Room 150 Keim.

Weed Management Specialist interviews (50 percent research/50 percent extension faculty position in Agronomy and Horticulture).

- January 23 – Dr. Amit Jahla;
- January 27 – Mr. Sam Wortman;
- January 30 – Dr. Rakesh Godara; and
- February 1 – Dr. Avishek Datta.

Detailed interview schedules are being developed for both positions. Watch for more information.

Heuermann Series offers Food for Thought

The next speaker in the Heuermann Series is former Governor of Nebraska and U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey. Sen. Kerrey will speak on Dec. 12th, at 4 p.m., in the Hardin Hall auditorium, about "Conflict and Resolution on the Missouri River." A 3:30 pm reception will precede the lecture.

The Heuermann Series focuses on providing security in the areas of food, natural resources, and renewable energy, and securing the sustainability of rural communities. The sessions are open to the public and made possible through a gift from B. Keith and Norma Heuermann of Phillips, Neb. For more information, see the announcement at http://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/ianrnews/740/4441.

A Word from Your Office Professionals

Planning for Semester's End and the Holiday Shutdown

The Offices Associates can help faculty and lecturers with all the little things that need to be completed at the end of the semester: typing & copying exams, organizing meetings and presentations, hosting lunches, creating out-of-office phone and e-mail messages, and ordering supplies. Contact Kathy Schindler, 2-1508, kschindler1@unl.edu, for assistance.

Sympathy Extended to Arkebauer Family

Sympathy is extended to Tim Arkebauer, whose father, Herbert Arkebauer, of Springfield, Mo., passed away Dec. 5 at age 82. The memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2852 S. Dayton Ave., Springfield, Mo. Condolences may be sent to Tim and his family at 1441 W. Silver Bell Ct., Lincoln, Neb. 68523.

Funding News

FYI: Funding opportunities are publicized at the UNL Office of Sponsored Programs website at: http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml. These announcements are compiled from funding opportunities offered by federal agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. To subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or nmeier2@unl.edu).

Additional funding prospects are at http://www.grants.gov. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal agencies.

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