BAE E-News
Week of October 31, 2011

TRAVELS:
Dr. Naiqian Zhang will give a presentation at the 2011 Yangling International Agri-Science Forum, and will also visit four agricultural universities in China from October 28 through November 8.

RESEARCH AND THE STATE – GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER SESSION:
Graduate student poster session begins at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. TODAY for the first round of judging in the West Ballroom of the K-State Student Union. The top 16 presenters will be selected for the second round of judging which begins at 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The top 10 presenters of the second round will present their posters at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka on February 16, 2012. Both sessions are open to the public. A program booklet may be accessed at www.ksu.edu/grad/research.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2012 HEALTH INSURANCE/FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS:
Today is the last day for open enrollment for 2012 health insurance and flexible spending accounts. If you do not wish to change your plan, there are two items that require your action: (1) to receive the non-tobacco discount, you must re-certify your tobacco user status. If you do not re-certify tobacco user status or sign up for a cessation program, you will pay higher premiums; (2) to participate in flexible spending in 2012, you must re-enroll. If you had a “Benny” debit card in 2011, it will automatically renew unless you contact ASI, the flexible spending account administrator. Go to: https://sharp.ks.gov/ to declare your non-tobacco user status or to make changes to your health insurance.

BAE 815 SEMINAR – 3:30 P.M. IN DUR 1061:
Presentations in BAE 815 this week will be given by Mr. Vahid Rahmani, Intense Rainfall Events Distribution Pattern in the State of Kansas; and Mr. Arthur James, Performance Evaluation of an Updraft Biomass Gasifier.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”
--Dale Carnegie

LOOKING AHEAD:
October 31 – Research and the State-Graduate Student Poster Session, Student Union, West Ballroom
November 2 – Assessment Showcase Fall 2011, 9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Student Union, second floor
November 3 – COE Faculty Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium
November 4 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 4 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 9 – Tenure track faculty workshop, Alumni Center, 7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
November 18 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 18 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
November 21-25 – Fall break week
December 2 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 2 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 9 – Graduate School Commencement, 1:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum
December 10 – Commencement: COA:1:30 p.m.; COE 3:00 p.m. – Bramlage Coliseum
December 10 – COE Graduation Reception (12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.)/Order of the Engineer initiation–COE Atrium/Pasl
December 12-16 – Finals week
December 15 – COE Holiday Luncheon – Alumni Center
December 16 – BAE Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 16 – BAE Teaching Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 133 Seaton Hall
December 23 – BAE Faculty annual evaluations due
December 26-January 2 – University Holiday–all offices closed
January 16 – University Holiday
January 17 – Spring semester begins
February 5-9 – Telefund
February 7 – Engineering Career Fair
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