UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:
Complete the general scholarship application by February 1. Only those who apply by February 1 will be considered for scholarships. This includes students with renewable scholarships as well. To apply (estimated completion time is 15 minutes—this will be worth your time!) go to: https://apply.k-state.edu/app/open/SFALanding_open.action

COMPANY SPOTLIGHT SERIES:
John Deere is the featured company on Monday, February 1. Representatives will begin their presentation at 4:30 p.m. in 1109 Engineering Hall on what it’s like to work for the company. Free pizza will be served at the Company Spotlight Social (in order to receive free pizza, you will need to attend the presentation). If you are unable to attend the presentation/social, John Deere representatives will be at an information table in the Engineering Hall first-floor atrium from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. prior to their presentation.

CONGRATULATIONS!
A research paper published by Zheng Zhao, BAE graduate student, and Dr. Mei He, BAE assistant professor, has been featured as the back cover story in the Journal of Lab on a Chip. This journal, with an impact factor of 6.12, publishes significant and original research related to engineering and miniaturization of advanced technologies at the micro- and nano-scale across a variety of disciplines.

CONFERENCE:
BAE graduate students Zheng Zhao, Kimberly Plevniak and undergraduate student Sallem Ambessie attended the Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Symposium in Kansas City on January 16-17, 2016. Zheng and Sallem presented a poster entitled ExoSearch Chip for Blood Exosome Based Diagnosis of Ovarian Cancer. Kim presented a poster, Smartphone-based 3D Chip Diagnostic Strategy for Personalized Medicine. The students are under the supervision of Dr. Mei He, BAE assistant professor.

BAE DOCTORAL CANDIDATE PRESENTED AT SSA:
Mr. Nana Baah Appiah-Nkansah (BAE doctoral candidate) was invited by the president of the National Sweet Sorghum Association, Dr. Gillian Eggleston (who is also the lead scientist at the USDA Southern Regional Research Center-New Orleans), to present Adding Sweet Sorghum Juice into Current Dry-Grind Ethanol Process for Improved Yields and Water Efficiency at the Sweet Sorghum Association 2016 annual conference in Orlando January 27-29. Other researchers include Ms. Kaelin Saul (BAE MS student), Dr. William Rooney (professor, Department of Soil & Crop Science, Texas A&M University), and Dr. Donghai Wang (BAE professor).
MMR VACCINATION CLINIC TODAY:
Lafene Health Center will have a walk-in measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccination clinic for K-State students, faculty and staff from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. today. The University confirmed one student case of mumps last week.

RECYCLEMANIA – February 1-March 30:
RecycleMania competition is now underway. Items that can be recycled in the blue recycle bins located throughout campus are: plastics (#1-#7), all paper products, aluminum and tin cans. Cardboard and glass will be accepted in separate bins where allocated. There are six large blue recycling containers at the K-State Recycling Center located behind Weber Hall. Be sure to recycle the above items and help K-State win the Big 12 recycling competition this year!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

LOOKING AHEAD:
February 1 – Undergraduate Student scholarship deadline
February 1 – ESC Company Spotlight: John Deere, 4:30 p.m., 1109 Engineering Hall
February 2 – Groundhog’s Day!
February 8 – Last for 100% refund for a regular session course
February 9-10 – COE Career Fair, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Student Union, second floor
February 15 – Last day to drop for a 50% refund for a regular session course
February 15 – Spring Census Day
February 19 – Summer/Fall 2016 course schedules on the web
February 23 – Last day to drop a course without a W being recorded
March 3 – Eyestone Lecture, Michelle Munson, 3:00 p.m., Engineering Hall 1109
March 14-18 – Spring Break!
March 21 – Enrollment for Summer/Fall 2016 terms begin
March 28 – Last day to drop a course
April 1 – Engineering Hall ribbon-cutting ceremony, 3:00 p.m.
April 15 – Engineering Open House
April 16 – All-University Open House
May 6 – Last day of Spring 2016 term
May 9-13 – Finals week
May 13 – Graduate School commencement
May 14 – Undergraduate commencement
May 17 – Spring 2016 final grades submission deadline: KSOL 4:00 p.m., KSIS 5:00 p.m.
May 18 – Grades available in KSIS
May 23 – Summer 2016 term begins
May 30 – University holiday

Please submit your news and travel information to Barb Moore bjmoore2@ksu.edu