K-State Proud Campaign:

Don’t forget to make a donation to the K-State Proud Campaign this week! A minimum donation of $10 will get you a K-State Proud t-shirt. If you stop by the K-State Student Union today, February 19, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., you can make your donation, get your Proud shirt, and have your picture taken with Willie! During the past several years, this campaign has raised more than $550,000 for Student Opportunity Awards which are given to students who have depleted all forms of financial aid and are at risk of leaving K-State. To nominate a student in need, go to http://www.k-stateproud.org. During the 2011-2012 academic year, 70 students were able to stay at K-State because of your generosity to the K-State Proud Campaign!

K-State Alumni Association Named No. 1!
The K-State Alumni Association has been named No. 1 in the Big 12 for the percentage of graduates who are members of their respective alumni associations for 17 straight years!

Travels:

Dr. Donghai Wang has been invited to speak at the European Coatings Conference on Biobased Adhesives February 21-22 in Düsseldorf, Germany

ETDR Information Sessions Scheduled:

Two one-hour overviews of the electronic theses, dissertations and reports (ETDR) have been scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Town Hall at the Leadership Studies Building, and in the K-State Student Union Room 206 on Thursday, March 7, beginning at 2:00 p.m. No registration is required; sessions are open to all graduate students.

Funding Bulletin Volume 22, Number 6 Items of Interest:

6-3 Organic Transitions Program (USDA)
The overall goal of the Organic Transitions Program (ORG) is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices. In FY 2012, ORG will focus on environmental services provided by organic farming systems that support soil conservation and contribute to climate change mitigation. Practices and systems to be addressed include those associated with organic crops, organic animal production (including dairy), and organic systems integrating plant and animal production. USDA-NIFA-ICGP-004168 (GG 2/8/13)

6-6 Measurement Science and Engineering (MSE) Research Grant Programs (NIST)
NIST is soliciting proposals for financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2013 under the following programs: 1) the Material Measurement Laboratory (MML); 2) the Physical Measurement Laboratory (PML); 3) the Engineering Laboratory (EL); 4) the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL); 5) the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR); 6) the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology (CNST); 7) the Office of Special Programs (OSP), and 8) the Associate Director for Laboratory Programs (ADLP). 2013-NIST-MSE-01 (GG 1/29/13)

6-7 Hydrologic Sciences (NSF)
The Hydrologic Sciences Program focuses on the fluxes of water in the environment that constitute the water cycle as well as the mass and energy transport function of the water cycle in the environment. The Program supports studying processes from rainfall to runoff to infiltration and streamflow; evaporation and transpiration; as well as the flow of water in soils and aquifers and the transport of suspended, dissolved and colloidal components. Water is seen as the mode of coupling among various components of the environment and emphasis is placed on how the coupling is enabled by the water cycle and how it functions as a process. The Hydrologic Sciences Program retains a strong focus on linking the fluxes of water and the components carried by water across the boundaries between various interacting components of the terrestrial system and the mechanisms by which these fluxes co-organize over a variety of timescales and/or alter the fundamentals of the interacting components. The Program is also interested in how water interacts with the solid phase, the landscape and the ecosystem as well as how such interactions and couplings are altered by land use and climate change. NSF 13-531
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.”
--Hada Bejar

LOOKING AHEAD:
February 18-22 – E-Week
March 18-22 – Spring Break
March 25 – Enrollment for Summer/Fall 2013 begins
April 1 – Last day to DROP a course
April 6 – Seaton Society
April 19 – Engineering Open House
April 20 – All-University Open House
May 10 – Last day of Spring 2013 classes
May 13-17 – Finals Week
May 17 – Graduate School Commencement, Bramlage Coliseum, 1:00 p.m.
May 18 – Undergraduate Commencement, Bramlage Coliseum (COA at 2:15 p.m.; COE at 6:15 p.m.)

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