CONGRATULATIONS!
A nearly $500,000 USDA-Agriculture and Food Research Initiative grant, administered by Ajay Sharda, BAE assistant professor, will advance robust models for irrigation scheduling and practices for efficient on-farm water management, ensuring sustainable water is available for crop production. The project, Develop Canopy Sensing and Computational Systems for Real-Time Control and Feedback of Irrigation Technology, originated with and is co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation’s Cyber-Physical Systems, and co-investigator is Pavritha Prabhakar, Computer Science assistant professor.

Vladimir Karimov, BAE doctoral candidate, has been selected as the 2017 Honor Council Student Member of the Year. According to Dr. Steve Starrett, director of the K-State Honor and Integrity System, Vladimir’s “commitment to upholding Kansas State University academic standards, dedication to fair processes for the participants, willingness to serve on many Honor Council hearing panels, and involvement with presentations to Kansas State University leaders have been exceptional.” Congratulations, Vladimir, on the well-deserved award!

Zheng Zhao, BAE PhD student, was one of 10 graduate students selected to represent K-State at the 14th annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit on March 10. The summit is an annual showcase of research conducted by graduate students from Emporia State, Fort Hays State, K-State, Pittsburg State, University of Kansas, University of Kansas Medical Center and Wichita State. The graduate students shared their research posters with state legislators and members of the Kansas Board of Regents. The top presenters from each university will receive $500 scholarships sponsored by the participating institutions and BioKansas. Zheng’s presentation was Developing multiplexed detection of blood exosomal markers for diagnosis of ovarian cancer.

TAU BETA PI TO HOST PI DAY
TBP will be serving free pizza in the Engineering Hall atrium on Tuesday, March 14, at 11 a.m. All you have to do is recite digits of Pi (10 digits = 1 slice, 20 digits = 2 slices).

COE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH POSTER FORUM
The Undergraduate Research Poster Forum will be held on Thursday, April 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Engineering Complex atriums. Registration begins on March 1 and will be open until April 1.

BAE GSO FUNDRAISER
Orders are being taken for K-State/BAE 20 oz. stainless steel Yukon tumblers. Each tumbler is $20 and will have the K-State/BAE wordmark printed in purple. Orders will be taken in Seaton 129 and in Seaton 043 until noon on Friday, March 31. Payment is due when you place your order. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Nicholle Hatton. Nicholle is the current BAE GSO president. Thank you for your support of BAE’s GSO!

ATM CLUB LAWN MOWER CLINIC:
The annual ATM Club Lawn Mower Clinic will be held April 7 and 8 (Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). The cost is $45 per mower. Due to construction at Seaton Hall, drop off will be at the corner of 17th Street and College Heights. Pickup/delivery will be an additional $20 limited to the first 50 requests. To schedule a pickup, please call 785-532-2901 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 30 through April 6. Please leave a message if your call is not answered. Services to be performed: clean mower, change oil, replace spark plugs, sharpen blades and replace filters. An hourly fee will be added if extra repair work is needed. All work is guaranteed. Only push mowers will be accepted; payment is due upon delivery. Proceeds will benefit the ATM Club at K-State.
RECYCLEMANIA 2017 IS UNDERWAY

The K-State RecycleMania competition began February 5 and runs through April 1. There are more than 66 outdoor blue recycle bins on university grounds along with countless recycle bins inside the buildings. Items that can be recycled include all plastics, Nos. 1-7, all paper products, aluminum and tin cans. Cardboard and glass will be accepted in separate bins where allocated. Also, there are 10 large blue recycling containers at the K-State Recycling Center behind Weber Hall. Do your part to help K-State win the Big 12 RecycleMania competition!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“Pi is not just a collection of random digits. Pi is a journey; an experience; unless you try to see the natural poetry that exists in pi, you will find it very difficult to learn.” --Antranig Basman

LOOKING AHEAD:
Mar 14 – Pi Day
Mar 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
Mar 20-24 – Spring break
Mar 27 – Summer/Fall 2017 enrollment begins
Mar 31 – Engineering Open House
Apr 1 – All-University Open House
Apr 1 – Seaton Society
April 7-8 – ATM Club Lawn Mower Clinic
May 5 – COA Dean/Director’s Advisory Council meeting, Holiday Inn at the Campus
May 5 – Spring 2017 term ends
May 8 - Finals week
May 12 – Graduate School Commencement, 1:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum
May 12 – COA Honors Reception, 4:00 p.m., Alumni Center
May 13 – Undergraduate Commencement, Bramlage Coliseum

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