BAE FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD
Dr. Lisa Wilken, BAE assistant professor, is one of four K-State faculty members receiving the 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Dr. Wilken exemplifies the values and skills she teaches through her leadership roles in the engineering community. She was instrumental in revamping a biological and agricultural design course with 10 semester-long projects. She coached upperclassmen in serving as peer mentors to guide freshmen through the process. Dr. Wilken has developed an educational model that integrates the development of superior writing and oral communication skills with quality laboratory research experiences. Congratulations, Dr. Wilken!

K-STATE DESIGN TEAM TIES FOR FIRST PLACE IN REGIONAL COMPETITION
A team of five K-State students tied for first place in the 2016 Great Plains Low Impact Development Student Design Competition in Omaha, Nebraska, March 7-9. Three of the five team members are BAE students: Kari Bigham, master’s student; Erica Schmitz, BSE senior; Kelsey McDonough, doctoral student. Team advisors are Dr. Trisha Moore, assistant professor and Dr. Stacy Hutchinson, professor, both in BAE; and Dr. Lee Skabelund, associate professor in Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning. The team developed an innovative low impact design to rehabilitate Omaha’s Gifford Park, an area with significant flooding and water pollution problems. The team hopes the project inspires Omaha’s leaders to discuss benefits of low impact development and educate citizens about environmentally focused engineering solutions. Congratulations to all!

BAE STUDENTS ATTEND 5TH ANNUAL STUDENT WATER CONFERENCE
A team of BAE students led by Dr. Aleksey Sheshukov traveled to Oklahoma State University last week to present their research findings at the 5th Annual Student Water Conference. Vladimir Karimov (BAE doctoral candidate) presented his study on Impacts of Precipitation Patterns on Ephemeral Gully Erosion; Gia Nguyen (BAE doctoral student) talked about the Mobile Drip Irrigation; The Prospective Technology to Improve Water Productivity of Corn; Tobias Oker (BAE doctoral student) made a poster presentation on Mapping Critical Sources of Sediment in the Little Arkansas Watershed; and Ms. Reggeany Friesen (CHE senior) showed A Comparative Study of Soil Erodibility on Samples with and without Cover Crops. Dr. Sheshukov was a judge at the poster competition, and led a professional development session for graduate students. Again, great showing by BAE water students at the conference!

BSE STUDENT RECIPIENT OF SUMMER RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANT
Anna Brokesh, BSE junior, is one of eight students selected by the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry to receive summer research and travel grants. Anna will work with Dr. Richard Todd, associate professor in Plant Pathology. Congratulations, Anna!

GRADUATE SCHOOL GRAD FORUM
The Graduate School GRAD Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 30 in the Engineering Complex. Posters will be on display all day. The awards ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. in 1109 Engineering Hall.

BSE STUDENTS - Pancake Feed tickets for you to sell for Open House are available to pick up in Seaton 129!
ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH POSTER FORM: Abstract Submission Deadline Extended to April 1
The deadline has been extended to April 1 for abstract submission for the 2016 Spring Engineering Undergraduate Poster Form to be held on April 15.

ATM CLUB LAWN MOWER CLINIC:
The annual ATM Club Lawn Mower Clinic will be held April 1 and 2 (Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). The cost is $40 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 40 requests. To schedule a pickup, please call 785-532-2901 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 24 through March 31. Please leave a message if your call is not answered. Services to be performed: clean mower, change oil, replace spark plug, sharpen blades, replace air filter as needed. Only push mowers will be accepted; payment is due upon delivery. Proceeds will benefit the ATM Club at K-State.

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR ENGINEERING HALL
The College of Engineering will officially mark the opening of Engineering Hall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 1, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the southeast outdoor plaza area of the Engineering Complex.

RECYCLEMANIA – Now through-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
“Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day.”
--W. Earl Hall

LOOKING AHEAD:
March 28 – Last day to drop a course
March 28-31 – K-State Blood Drive, Student Union, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 28-30, and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 31
March 28 – Company Spotlight BNSF, 4:30 p.m., Lecture Hall DUE 1109
March 30 – Graduate School GRAD Forum, Engineering Complex
April 1 – Engineering Hall ribbon-cutting ceremony, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Southeast entrance
April 7 – COE spring faculty meeting, 3:00 p.m., Engineering Hall 1109
April 15 – ASABE Kansas Section annual meeting, 7:30 a.m. registration, K-State Student Union Flinthills Room
April 15 – Engineering Open House
April 15 – Engineering Undergraduate Research Poster Forum
April 16 – All-University Open House
May 6 – Last day of Spring 2016 term
May 9-13 – Finals week
May 13 – COE Graduate Student Graduation Reception, 10:30-11:45 a.m., IGP
May 13 – Graduate School commencement, 1:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum
May 14 – Order of the Engineer, 2:00 p.m., Forum Hall
May 14 – COE Undergraduate Commencement Reception, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Engineering Atriums
May 14 – Undergraduate commencement: COA 2:30 p.m., COE 6:30 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum
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