K-STATE RESEARCH FORUM:
BAE students presented at the Spring 2015 K-State Research Forum on March 31. Competition results are as follows:

Engineering/Math/Physical Sciences Poster Competition
1st Place: Aqueous Enzymatic Extraction of Oil and Protein from Microalgae (Chelsea Dixon, Laura Soto Sierra, Lisa Wilken). Ms. Dixon is a doctoral student working in Dr. Wilken’s bioprocessing and bioseparations lab. (Pictured left to right: Ms. Chelsea Dixon and Dr. Lisa Wilken.)

Engineering/Math/Physical Sciences Oral Presentation Competition
1st Place: Model Study on Extraction of Both Fermentable Sugars and No-Structural Carbohydrate from Sweet Sorghum through Diffusion Processor (Nana Baah Appiah-Nkansah, Ke Zhang, William Rooney, and Donghai Wang). Mr. Appiah-Nkansah is a doctoral student in Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

CONGRATULATIONS:
The application Dr. Joe Harner submitted to the Administrative Core of the Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) for Recruiting Dr. Mei He as an assistant professor in BAE has been approved by the selection committee. This project is supported by an Institutional Development Award (IDeA) from the NIH National Institute of General Medical Sciences. The purpose of the project is to develop research and programs in a biomedical related field.

KANSAS SECTION ASABE MEETING – April 10
The meeting will be hosted by the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering of Kansas State University and will be held in Seaton 142 (Manhattan Campus) with registration starting at 8:00 a.m. Continuing Education topics are:

- The Future of Surface Water Supply in Kansas—as Part of the Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas (8:30 a.m.);
- Soil and Water Research in the Little Arkansas River Watershed (9:15 a.m.);
- Laser Enhancing Technology – Rethink Your Design (10:15 a.m.); and
- Center for Off Road Equipment (C.O.R.E.) (11:00 a.m.).

Lunch, including awards and recognitions, will begin at noon. Immediately following lunch will be the State of the Department followed by Student Design Team Presentations from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. The day will conclude with a student/member reception from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

2015 ENERGY SYMPOSIUM:
K-State’s Center for Sustainable Energy will present the 2015 Energy Symposium, The North American Energy Perspective, on April 8-9, in the Big 12 room at the K-State Student Union. Registration is now open and free for K-State faculty, staff, students and the public at: http://cse.ksu.edu/registration. A poster session is open to all K-State undergraduate and graduate students conducting research related to energy with prizes being awarded for the top posters. For more information to go: http://cse.ksu.edu/node/167

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“Around here, we don’t look backwards for very long...We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we’re curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

--Walt Disney

LOOKING AHEAD:
April 6 – Graduate Student Appreciation Week
April 10 – Deadline to sign up for Undergrad Research Poster Forum
April 10 – ASABE Kansas Section meeting, Seaton 142
April 10 – College of Engineering Open House
April 11 – All-University Open House
April 30 – Engineering Research Faculty Meeting: Collaborating Outside Engineering with Animal Health, Bio and Agro-defense and Veterinary Medicine, 3:30-5:00 pm, Fiedler Auditorium
April 30 – Engineering Undergraduate Research Poster Forum, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Engineering Atrium
May 8 – Spring 2015 semester ends
May 11-15 – Finals week
May 15 – Graduate School Commencement
May 16 – Undergraduate Commencement
May 16 – Residence Halls close
May 18 – Intersession begins
May 19 – Spring 2015 final grades submission deadline: KSOL 4:00 p.m., iSIS 5:00 p.m.
May 20 – Grades available in iSIS
May 25 – University holiday
May 26 – Summer 2015 term begins

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