ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE RESULTS: Departmental Awards and BAE Student Awards

Congratulations to our engineering students for an incredible showing at the 2014 Open House Awards Banquet. Thank you to the many students who contributed to the success of Open House!

- Outstanding Department Award (1st place): Biological & Agricultural Engineering (tied with IMSE)
- Yellow Brick Award (1st place): Float and skit competition – World Hunger Games (Grant Brady, Kayla Wehkamp, Maggie Spangler, Phil Mahoney)
- Curriculum Display (1st place): Fostering Ingenuity (Grant Brady, Kayla Wehkamp)
- Technical Display (1st place): Aquaponics (Grant Brady)
- Limited Display (3rd place): Bioseparations & Bioprocessing (Melissa Ebert, Alexa Jacobs, Kseniya Sheshukova)
- Open Class Display (3rd place): Aquaponics (Grant Brady)
- Graduate Display (2nd place): Precision Agriculture (Devin Mangus)

Other Awards:
- Engineering Ambassador Association Outstanding At-Large Member: Allison Sommer
- Knights of St. Patrick: Emma Brace and Grant Brady
- 2014 St. Patricia: Emma Brace
- Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship: Emma Brace, Kathryn Douglass, and Kayla Wehkamp
- Tau Beta Pi Initiates: Erica Schmitz and Maggie Spangler
- Steel Ring: Kayla Wehkamp

ASABE KANSAS SECTION:
The ASABE Kansas Section meeting was held on Friday, April 4, in Manhattan, Kansas. Congratulations to Dr. Josephine Boac in being selected as the Kansas Section Young Member of the Year; and to Duane Mueting as being awarded the Kansas Section Member of the Year.

Executive Committee news: Troy Kolb, Capstan Ag Systems, Inc., was recognized for completing his tour of duty through the officer rotation. Election results: Ed Brokesh, Kansas State University, past chair; Josephine Boac, Kansas State University, chair; Jonathan Aguilar, Kansas State University, 1st vice chair; Kari (Friedrichs) Bigham, Wildhorse Riverworks, Inc., 2nd vice chair; Dan Rogers, Kansas State University, treasurer.

BAE 815 SEMINAR:
Presentations will be given by Mr. Kyle Merklein and Mr. Jed Barker on Thursday, April 17, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Seaton 133. Mr. Merklein’s presentation is on High Yield Production of Butyric Acid through Fermentation; Mr. Barker’s presentation is titled Field-Based Mobile Sensor Platform for Phenotyping.

DEFENSE OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATION:
Mr. Ke Zhang will defend his doctoral dissertation, The Effect of Ecotype and Planting Location on Properties and Biofuels Yield of Big Bluestem, on Friday, April 18, 2014, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Seaton 133.

STATE OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE ADDRESS:
The State of the College of Agriculture Address will be held on Wednesday, April 23 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Town Hall at the Leadership Studies Building. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. The address will be given by Dean and Director John Floros. A Question/Answer session will follow.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“While most are dreaming of success, winners wake up and work hard to achieve it.”

LOOKING AHEAD:
April 18 – BAE Faculty meeting, 1:30 p.m., Seaton 133
April 18 – BAE Teaching Faculty meeting 2:30 p.m., Seaton 133
April 25 – Last day for graduate students to confirm (online) May commencement attendance; last day for graduate students to submit documents for May graduation
May 7 – BAE/ATM Advisory Council meeting
May 9 – Spring 2014 semester ends
May 12-16 – Finals Week
May 16 – Graduate School Commencement
May 17 – Undergraduate Commencement
May 20 – Spring 2014 final grades submission deadline: KSOL 4:00 p.m.; iSIS 5:00 p.m.
May 21 – Grades available to view in iSIS
May 26 – University Holiday
May 27 – Summer 2014 semester begins

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