**BAE E-News**

September 14, 2015

**EMPLOYEES: GOT A FITBIT OR OTHER “ACTIVITY TRACKING” DEVICE? JOIN THE MOVEMENT CHALLENGE!**

K-State’s Movement Challenge is underway! Two good reasons to participate: (1) challenge yourself to move to an equivalent of at least 10,000 steps per day, and (2) competition between departments. The department with the most average steps per participant will be the Movement Challenge Champion. Want to participate but have no way to track your activity? Not to worry! Human Capital Services has pedometers available at no charge and they have procured discounts for K-State employees (student employees are included) for the month of September at Best Buy in Manhattan (12% off regular prices of all fitness bands and pedometers, as well as 5% off regular priced scales and other accessories that work with fitness bands and pedometers); Gizmoe’s (formerly Radio Shack-Manhattan). Gizmoe’s will offer discounts on the Garmin Vivofit and GNC Fitness Protrack Activity Band and Waist Clip and Watchband Activity Tracker. More info is available at: [http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits/purpleisprogress/](http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits/purpleisprogress/)

**K-STATE HORTICULTURE CLUB MUM SALE:**

The K-State Horticulture Club will have its annual mum sale during Family Day Weekend. The sale will start Friday, September 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the K-State Gardens. Go to: [http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=21709&category=events&referredBy=email](http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=21709&category=events&referredBy=email) for information on available colors, sizes and pricing.

**K-STATE HOMECOMING EVENTS:**


**RESEARCH AND THE STATE:**

The Research and the State Graduate Student Poster session will be held on October 27. This is an opportunity for graduate students to share their research and scholarly work and discuss the implications it has for topics of interest to the State of Kansas. Abstract submission is now open and will remain open through September 25 at 11:59 p.m. More information and guidelines may be found at: [http://www.k-state.edu/grad/students/studentcouncil/research-forums/](http://www.k-state.edu/grad/students/studentcouncil/research-forums/)

**FREE BUSINESS CARDS FOR ALL COE Ph.D. STUDENTS:**

ERGP is offering free business cards for all engineering Ph.D. students. Business cards must be requested before October 1. For the address, be sure to use Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Kansas State University, 129 Seaton Hall, 920 N. 17th Street, Manhattan, KS 66506-2906. For more information go to: [http://www.engg.ksu.edu/ergp/grad-program/current/businesscards.html](http://www.engg.ksu.edu/ergp/grad-program/current/businesscards.html)

**ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER FORUM:**

The COE Undergraduate Poster Forum will be held on Thursday, December 3 in the Rathbone and Fiedler atriums. This forum allows engineering undergraduate students the opportunity to share their research with the community. Abstract submission will open on October 1. More information will be available later this month.

**SPARK WEEK OCTOBER 5-9:**

Students Promoting the Advancement of Research at K-State events will focus on undergraduate research all week. Faculty and graduate students who mentor undergraduates are asked to participate as well. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry is sponsoring SPARK Tank on October 7 in Room 227 of the K-State Student Union. This is an opportunity for undergraduate students to pitch their research ideas to a panel of judges and possibly win a $1,000 OURCI research/travel grant.

**OURCI GRANT APPLICATION INFO:**

Spring 2016 Research and Travel applications are due November 2, 2015 to the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry. Click [http://www.k-state.edu/undergradresearch/opportunities/Grant%20Awards.html](http://www.k-state.edu/undergradresearch/opportunities/Grant%20Awards.html) for more information.

**WORKSHOPS/TRAINING FOR FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS:**

Professional development workshops and training about graduate fellowship programs; NSF GRFP submission; working with industry; Extension, National Science Foundation, etc.; introduction to the Department of Defense; National Science Foundation CAREER information session workshops and training sessions are available this semester. For more information, go to: [http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=21445&category=events&referredBy=email](http://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=21445&category=events&referredBy=email)
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“Those who think they have no time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness.”
--Edward Stanley

LOOKING AHEAD:
September 14 – Last day for 100% refund for a regular session course
September 21 – Fall Census Day
September 21 – Last day for 50% refund for a regular session course

**September 22 – All-University Career Fair**, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum
September 22 – COE Career Fair banquet, 5:30 p.m. social; 6:15 p.m. dinner, K-State Alumni Center

**September 23 – All-University Career Fair**, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum

September 25 – Spring 2016 course schedule on web
September 28 – President Schulz – State of the University Address, 3:30 p.m., Alumni Center Ballroom
September 28 – Last day to drop a regular session course without a W being recorded
September 29 – President & Provost annual colleges/units meeting: COA 2:30-4:30 p.m., K-State Student Union Big 12 Room

October 1 – President & Provost annual colleges/units meeting: KSRE 9:00-11:00 a.m., Hale Library Hemisphere Room

October 26 – Enrollment for Spring 2016 Term begins
October 30 – Last day to drop a regular session course

November 20 – Last day for graduate students to confirm (online) December commencement attendance.

November 20 – Last day for graduate students to submit documents for December graduation

November 23-25 – Student holiday

November 26-27 – University holiday

December 11 – Fall 2015 term ends

December 11 – Graduate School commencement
December 12 – Undergraduate commencement

December 14 – Finals week

December 19 – Residence halls close

December 22 – Deadline (5:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m. if through KSOL) to submit Fall 2015 term final grades

December 23 – Term final grades available in KSIS

December 24-25 – University Holiday

December 28 – January 2016 intersession begins

January 1 – University holiday

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