CONGRATULATIONS!
Two BSE freshmen, Page Peoples (Ottawa) and Victoria “Tori” Thomas (Lenexa) have been selected as new members in Quest for the 2015-2016 year. Quest, the freshmen honorary, is offered through the University’s Blue Key, a senior honor society. The freshmen honorary helps outstanding students become future campus leaders. Quest members are paired with mentors from Blue Key for a look at everything that K-State has to offer. Activities include lunch at the University President’s home, tours of athletic facilities, a chance to learn more from student leaders about giving back through service opportunities in the Manhattan community and much more. (K-State Today September 29, 2015) Congratulations, Page and Tori!

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING:
The BAE/ATM Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, in Seaton 133.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT:
It’s that time again for employees to review health insurance needs and to make changes in insurance elections. Health insurance open enrollment for employees is active October 1 through October 31. The health plan booklet can be viewed at: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/sehp/Active-2016-Book.htm. Two open enrollment presentations will be held October 1 in Forum Hall at the Union: 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Flu shots will be provided by Lafene Health Center in the Union Ballroom from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You will need your current health insurance card and your WID in order to get your flu shot. KPERS Pre-Retirement Planning will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Forum Hall presented by Alan Schuler, KPERS field representative.

FREE BUSINESS CARDS FOR ALL ENGINEERING 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

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It’s about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team-mates and customers.”

--Robin S. Sharma

LOOKING AHEAD:
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 1-31 – Employee Health Insurance Open Enrollment
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 9 – BAE/ATM Advisory Council Meeting, Seaton 133
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