Last week I heard a profitable businessman say, “Anyone can run a successful business. They just need to get off their as... You can’t possibly run a business sitting in an office chair all day.”

My first thought was, “Oh yeah, what if it’s a computer software company?” But, I soon realized my short sightedness, as the truth of his statement sank in. It’s the same advice I frequently give students about learning.

We can all learn successfully, but we have to get off our butts. Whoa! That may sound harsh and contradictory to the way we’ve been taught for so many years. After all, so many teachers expect us to sit at our desks, be quiet, and dutifully listen. Yes, we will gain knowledge by sitting in class, watching television, or reading books, and that knowledge is important but it needs to be reinforced. I believe that true learning requires action. In other words, we must apply that knowledge. Think of it as an equation:

Knowledge + Action = Learning

Applying knowledge has been the guiding principle of the IAA since its inception nearly 50 years ago, and it’s one of the reasons our graduates have been so successful in finding jobs. Now is the time to think about taking action and planning your internship.

Internships enable students to get out of their seats and take action. Here are your first three action steps:
1. Meet with your advisor and look into your options.
2. Go to the IAA web page and sign up for the internship workshop.
3. Attend the internship workshop 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 in Jull 1123.

This workshop is required for all IAA students who plan to complete their internship this summer.

Remember, we’re in it to learn! And, learning requires knowledge and action. Act now. Sign up for the internship workshop.

While we’re talking about action—how about those Turf Terps in San Diego? Way to apply your knowledge! See the details on page 2. Congratulations!

If you plan to complete your Internship this summer, please attend our Internship Training Workshop on:

Tuesday, March 12
3-4 p.m.
in Jull 1123

We will discuss how to find an internship, requirements, and registration. You will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Please RSVP by signing up on the website. Click here to access the form.

On Thursday, March 7, the DC-Grounds Management Society (PGMS) chapter will host its monthly meeting at Bartlett Tree Experts in Gaithersburg, MD.

The PGMS meetings are a great way to network and find internship/work opportunities. Students interested in attending may RSVP with Ken Ingram or simply signing up in the “Get Involved” bulletin board located on the second floor of Jull Hall.

Go to pgms.org to learn more.
On Friday, March 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the IAA will host an Open House for prospective students and their families. Please welcome your prospective classmates to campus and assist them by answering any questions or providing directions.

IAA students are asked to help during the Open House. If you are available at 9:30 a.m. or between 11 and 11:30 a.m. on Friday the 29th and would like to greet our visitors and answer questions about student life at the IAA, please see Diana Velasquez-munoz in 2123 Jull Hall.

If you have any friends, family or co-workers who are interested in attending the IAA and would like to visit, please stop by Diana’s office (Jull 2123) to pick up an invitation, directions and schedule of events. Reservations are required.

**UMD takes breaks the record!**

The IAA/PLSA team placed 3rd, 4th and 11th at the 19th Annual Turf Bowl competition last month in sunny San Diego.

Kuddos to all the team members and the coaches!

UMD placed two teams in the top 5 category, making it a record! To read the article visit www.iaa.umd.edu/news.

**Students:**
Justin Patenaude
Scott Hosier
Brent Waite
Brian Hogan
Trey Profili
Josh Malnik
Steve Brew
Bryan Shepherd

**Coaches:**
Brian Dearstine
R.J. Crow
Ryan Higgins
Matt Park
Dr. Mathias
Alex Steinman

**Sustainable Ag Lecture Series**

Sustainable Ag Lectures at the IAA in Juli Hall, room 1123 at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013**
How cities can use urban agriculture to engage citizens in addressing food

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013**
Virtual Farm Tour: PA Bowen Farmstead

**Tuesday, March 26, 2013**
The Farm Bill: Why should we care?

**Speech Competition**

The newly formed Forensics team, will be participating in a speech contest this March 11.

The IAA will be hosting the competition. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend and view deliberations!

Speech Competition information:
Where: 1105 Jull Hall
When: March 11, 2013
Time: 5-6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served!

**PGMS Scholarship**

The PGMS DC Branch is now accepting applications for their Annual Scholarship. The scholarship is offered annually and provides financial aid to a student currently studying landscape and grounds management, turf management, irrigation technology, horticulture or a related field. The scholarship is only open to students in the DC, northern Virginia and Maryland area.

The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the number of qualified applicants. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2013. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will be disqualified.

Click here to download and print the scholarship application. For questions please contact Marie Rojas at hortlady@aol.com.
Alumni Awards Dinner

If you are graduating this May, you will soon be an AGNR Alumni, so mark your calendar and plan to join us at the 46th annual AGNR Alumni Reunion and Awards program on Tuesday, April 16, at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center, College Park.

The social hour and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the awards and recognition program. Silent auction proceeds help support AGNR student clubs/organizations and scholarships.

All August and December 2012 graduates and May 2013 candidates for graduation will be invited as guests of the AGNR Alumni Chapter and Dean Wei. You will be receiving a formal invitation in the mail.

Early Warning Grades

SPRING 2013 EARLY WARNING GRADE System is open for submissions until midnight on Thursday, March 14. Students may access their midterm grades through Testudo. If you are receiving a “D” or “F” in any courses, you will also be notified by mail later in March.

If you have a “D” or “F”, please discuss your options with the instructor and your advisor before deciding whether to drop or continue. You will also need to meet with Glori Hyman. She is scheduling appointments beginning March 25. Call Carole at (301) 405-4685 to schedule your appointment.

If you decide to drop a course, you must do so by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 to receive a “W” for the course. After the 10th, you are committed to receiving a grade. A “W” is used to indicate withdrawal from a course. This mark is not used in computation of GPA, but it is recorded on your permanent record.

If you are receiving financial aid, carefully check your financial aid agreement. Dropping a course may cause you to fall below the required credit load, in which case your financial aid will be canceled and you will be required to pay the university. Contact the Financial Aid office at 301-314-8313 to verify your required course load.

If you want to access your grades from previous semesters via Testudo, select “Unofficial Transcript.” You should be able to view your accumulated IAA record. The “View Grade” option is for the current semester only.

AT&T National Volunteers needed

The 2013 AT&T National will be hosted at Congressional Country Club from June 23-June 30. The club is in need of volunteers. This is a great opportunity for networking and the field experience. Interested students should submit the volunteer form to Bonnie White as soon as possible.

Click here to download the volunteer application and view more details.

Monday GYST

This February, the IAA began to send the Monday GYST (Get your stuff together) Bulletin. It's a dynamic e-mail message with weekly events, deadlines, scholarships and job opportunities.

Job Ads and Announcements

We will be posting job-wanted/internship and scholarship requests on our website under “News”. Please be sure to check the website regularly as we will be posting classifieds as we receive them.

Click here to see “News” portion of the IAA website.

UMD Do Good Challenge

The Do Good Challenge is a seven-week competition (February 4- March 24) that challenges students to make the greatest social impact they can for a cause they care about. Terps team up to volunteer, fundraise, promote awareness, start or advance a social enterprise, or engage in other activities that advance their favorite causes.

Any undergraduate or graduate student can enter - as an individual or with a group. Students can do good for an SGA-approved student group, for a nonprofit, or for their own cause. The student teams who do the most good during the Challenge will be invited to present their social impact to a live audience and a panel of celebrity judges at the Finals on April 10th.

Prize: $5,000

Click here to learn more.