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Graduation packets have been mailed to the home addresses we have on file. If you plan to graduate this spring and did not receive your packet, please see Carole (Jull 2123) immediately, or call her at 301-405-4685.

Graduation ceremonies will be held Monday, May 21, at noon in the Reckord Armory. An IAA breakfast graduation ceremony will be held at the UMD Golf Course.

A professional photographer will be taking each student's graduation pictures and these will be offered shortly after commencement.

If you have any questions or special needs, you should contact Carole.

Graduation Notes

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Do you know what I love to hear? Employers complimenting IAA students and alumni.

I received a phone call from an employer who said, “Mike was such a good employee. Do you have any more students like him?” I’ve also had employers tell me that they’ve had such a good experience with IAA student interns that they will hire any IAA student who comes their way. Wow! To me, that is a sign of a successful program and a significant accolade for our faculty and students.

Your summer internship not only helps build your resume, but it helps build the reputation of the IAA and paves the way for future IAA students—just as students before helped open doors for you.

Good employees are key to successful businesses, but finding those employees may be one of the greatest challenges businesses face. Recently, an insurance agent friend of ours closed his business because as he said he “couldn’t find any good employees.”

He’d rather work for someone else than have to deal with finding and training employees himself.

Last year, another friend sold his dentistry practice—not because he was tired of being a dentist, but because he wanted to be one! As the business owner, he spent so much time dealing with employees that he didn’t have time to deal with patients.

So when I hear employers compliment IAA students for their strong work ethic, I’m so proud. I hope all of you completing internships this summer and starting your careers have wonderful experiences, learn to apply your skills, and represent the IAA well. Remember, you are opening doors for yourself and future students. To the rest of you, enjoy your summer, and we’ll see you in August.

Good luck to everyone on your final exams and congratulations to our graduates.

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Arbor Day

The IAA participated in the annual campus Arbor Day celebration on April 4. This year’s celebration, held at the historic Rossborough Inn, featured welcoming remarks by University President Wallace Loh and the ceremonious tree planting of a Swamp White Oak.

IAA senior Landscape Management major John Mowbray was selected as a “ceremonial shoveler” because of his outstanding performance in arboriculture classes. John joined Dr. Loh and other campus dignitaries with a gold shovel. Ken Ingram distributed Oak saplings grown by students in his plant propagation class. As Dr. Loh stated, “We are all proud of our beautiful campus which has been designated as a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.”

Congrats Kristen!

Congratulations to Kristen Wilson as she will be awarded the Jr. Off Campus Faculty Award during commencement this May 2012.

Congrats Laura!

Congratulations to Laura Sanner (Equine Business Management), recipient of the Thomas G. Hartsock Animal Management Scholarship. Established in August 2009 by Dr. Thomas G. Hartsock, this fund provides annual scholarship support for students enrolled in the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences or the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University who are studying non-veterinary careers related to the care and management of livestock. Laura graduates from the IAA in May.

Ag Alumni Dinner 2012

Thank you to the IAA faculty, staff, and students who attended the AGNR Alumni Reunion and Awards program. Congratulations to Deb Dramby on being recognized as the IAA’s outstanding student for 2012.

Volunteers Needed for Shields Golf Tournament

The Shields Memorial Golf Tournament is Friday, May 11 at Glenn Dale Golf Club. IAA students benefit directly from this event. Contact Dr. Mathias if you are able to volunteer Thursday afternoon or anytime on Friday. Volunteers will be able to play their own game of golf after the event. Contact Dr. Mathias via email at jkm@umd.edu.
Scholarships

Visit our website, facebook and/or check your email (listserv) to receive the latest announcements on scholarship opportunities.

Internship Registration

Remember to register for your summer internship. Find your section below:

- Summer Session 2
- INAG299A IN21 Mathias
- INAG299A IN22 Gless
- INAG299A IN23 Ingram
- INAG299A IN25 Polishuk
- INAG299A IN26 Wilson

Summer Contact

If you have questions or need to contact the IAA over the summer months, the office will be open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Faculty schedules vary over the summer, so call 301-405-4685 to see if they are in. Faculty members check their e-mail regularly, so e-mail may be the most efficient way to contact them. Any summer announcements will be sent to the IAA listserv and posted on the IAA webpage. Check back frequently for news and information.

Thank you!

Big thank you to IAA students, Deedra Suchting and Kristen Johansen for helping with the campus tour and talking to the visiting students during Teach Ag Day!

Spring Grades

Hard copies of your grades will not be mailed; however, you may request a grade report be mailed once all grades are received in the Registrar's Office. Go to Testudo http://www.testudo.umd.edu/apps/grades/ and request it.

On the web site the window of opportunity to make the request is defined for each term. After that window of time closes, you may check an unofficial transcript for your grades.

Course Evaluations

The CourseEvalUM system is now open for you to complete evaluations of your courses.

For more information go to (www.CourseEvalUM.umd.edu)

Summer Contact

Calendar Notes

- **May 10**
  - PGMS Meeting at the Duborton Oaks in Washington D.C. Begins at 6 p.m.
  - Last Day of Classes

- **May 11**
  - Reading Day
  - Shields Memorial Golf Tournament

- **May 12-May 18**
  - Spring Final Exams

- **May 21**
  - IAA and AGNR Graduation

- **June 7**
  - PGMS Meeting at National Zoo, Washington D.C.

- **July 19**
  - PGMS Meeting at the Summer Field Day (Trade Show and Seminar all day event), American University, Washington DC.

- **August 2**
  - PGMS Meeting at Hillwood Museum & Gardens, Washington D.C.

Tailgate Party

Thank you to Ken Ingram and the PGMS students for hosting the April Tailgate Party. After the BBQ, attendees headed to UMD vs. Duke baseball game.

Chevy Chase Trip

Michael Gildea, Head Gardner at Chevy Chase Club, discusses spring garden plants with IAA students in Ken’s INAG 244 class. The club served IAA students lemonade and fresh baked cookies. Gildea said "hospitality is our business, gardens always look better with a cookie.

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Rain did not dampen the Maryland Day spirit. A big thank you to IAA students who participated in the day’s activities: Michael Burriss, Will Messett, Jessica Leonard, Allison Miller, Jenny Gentile, Laura Saner and Deb Dramby.

Our IAA Maryland Day displays featured a putting green that attracted formidable contenders beginning at age 3! A linen production display featured samples of various stages of flax. Finally, we also showcased and gave away beautiful flowers that were native to Maryland in the 1860s. Visitors were encouraged to pose in the landscape display. In the meantime, Deb and Public Health Garden volunteers gave away veggie and herb plants to garden visitors. Missed Maryland Day? go to our facebook page and see photos from Saturday!

IAA Instructor Ray Gless and his INAG 105 Soils and Fertilizers class collected plastic water bottles to be repurposed as planter space fillers in order to use less soil materials and keep the planters lighter in weight. Go see the planters at the Public Health Garden today!

Teaching Garden Updates!

Lighter Planters  
Installation of rain garden

Thanks to the efforts of IAA students and PGMS members: John Mowbray, Brian Kealy, and Mike Walsh. The Public Health Garden now has a rain garden! Ken Ingram also joined the fun!

Do you think the IAA is a great place to come to school?  
Do you have friends or co-workers who may benefit from IAA courses?  
They may still apply for Fall 2012 admission.