If you are planning to complete your internship this summer, you are required to attend this workshop. We will provide lunch, so you need to RSVP by emailing Christina Lorenz at clorenz@umd.edu.

Speaking of food, have you heard about the IAA Food Club? (We’re open to any ideas for a creative name.) The club meets once a month for a potluck lunch and once for a restaurant outing. The club’s slogan, “What’s On Your Plate?” encourages us to sample new foods and appreciate the imaginative combinations that chefs are creating. It’s fun and informal! If you’d like to join us, let Meredith Epstein know, so she can add your name to the email list.

The semester’s start has been busy and exciting. Let’s keep it rolling as each one of you finds your SWAG!

Thinking Spring!
If you plan to complete your Internship this summer, please attend our Internship Training Workshop on: March 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

IAA advisors will discuss how to find an internship, requirements, and registration. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. Please RSVP to Christina Lorenz at clorenz@umd.edu or call 301-405-4686 if you will be attending.

An amazing professional development opportunity for you! You will learn how to communicate with others and have constructive conversations about the agriculture industry.

Free event.

Please RSVP to Christina Lorenz at clorenz@umd.edu or call 301-405-4686 if you will be attending.

10 a.m. Saturday, March 7th to 10 a.m. Sunday, March 8th at Flying Plow Farm in Rising Sun, MD

You’re invited to connect, learn and laugh with other farmers to build a community that addresses shared challenges.

RSVP by contacting Brittany at shherbs@gmail.com

Sustainable Agriculture Tuesdays is a lecture series that is open to the public every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Jull Hall 1123.

March 3: Introduction to Permaculture
March 10: Saving the Chesapeake Bay: The Role of the Maryland Grazers Network
March 24: Crossroads Community Food Network: Connecting the Dots in our Local Food System
March 31: Fermentation in the Local Food Movement

Do you like to eat?

Then the Food Club is for you! Take part in monthly restaurant outings and potlucks at Jull Hall.

Contact Meredith Epstein to get on the email list. mbepste@umd.edu

The garden club is a great way to meet people and gain gardening experience. Work days for the spring semester are Mondays from 3-5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m.

Contact Meredith Epstein for more information!

Fall 2015 early registration begins the end of March, so make an appointment to meet with your advisor to discuss your schedule. You must have an advising stamp from your advisor before you will be allowed to register for Fall classes.

Instructors will submit Spring 2015 early warning grades at the beginning of March. 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.

If you decide to drop a course, you must due so by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 to receive a “W” for the course. After the 13th, 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.
**Scholarships**

Now is the time to apply for scholarships! There are numerous scholarship deadlines approaching. For a current list check the IAA website: iaa.umd.edu

**Deficiency Grades**

Deficiency grades will be mailed to the address we have on file, please make sure the IAA has your current address.

**AGNR Alumni Awards**

The AGNR Alumni Awards program celebrates more than 40 years of excellence by honoring alumni and others who have brought extraordinary recognition to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Join us for a night of celebration and to honor those who make the College of AGNR shine.

All August and December 2014 graduates and May 2015 candidates for graduation will be invited as guests of the AGNR Alumni Chapter and Dean Wei.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m on April 16th in the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center.

Cost is $45

**Spring Break**

UMD Spring Break is March 16-20, the IAA office will be closed Monday through Wednesday that week.

Enjoy and be safe!

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**Internships**

It’s time to arrange your internships for Summer 2015. Watch your email and read the GYST to find out about internship opportunities. Every IAA student is required to complete an internship. The internship requires a MINIMUM of 320 hours of employment at an approved work site.

Supervising instructors for each major approve the work sites of their students. Please identify possible internships and contact your advisor for approval.

Internships are completed in two parts. INAG299A Internship I is the course for which you do on-site work to meet your minimum hour requirements. Over the course of this internship, your supervising instructor will visit you at your work site, interview your supervisor and collect other data. INAG299A is available only as a Summer II course, although you may complete your hours at any time during the summer.

INAG299B Internship II is the documentation portion of the internship, and should be taken during the Fall semester immediately following completion of INAG299A. You will write a detailed report highlighting your experiences.

**Supervising instructors are:**

- **Meredith Epstein:** Sustainable Agriculture, Ag Business Management
- **Ken Ingram:** General Ornamental Hort. & Landscape Management
- **Kevin Mathias:** Golf Course, Turfgrass, Sports Turf, Golf Course Construction

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**Spring Open House**

On Friday, March 27, 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 12 and 12:30 p.m. on Friday the 27th and would like to greet our visitors and answer questions about student life at the IAA, please see Glori Hyman or Christina Lorenz in Jul 2123.

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

Reservations are required and can be made online.

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**Tips For Success**

- √ Keep up with your classes, go to class on time, turn your assignments in on time and try not to miss any classes.
- √ Keep yourself organized with a calendar and make note of due dates and assignments.
- √ Be respectful of your instructors. Sending text messages in class is NOT acceptable.
- √ Clean up after yourself in the computer lab and conference room.
**Congrats, Turf Terps!**

We’d like to give a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our students who competed in the GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl February 24-26!

They won 2nd place!

Go Terps!

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**New Ideas Take Root at Winter Conferences!**

Meredith Epstein and a group of IAA students hit the conference scene with full force this January. They attended both the 16th annual Future Harvest CASA Conference at the College Park Marriott and the first annual Food Tank Summit at The George Washington University.

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**Lorenz Wins Maryland Agriculture Council Grant**

IAA Student Services Coordinator, Christina Lorenz, won a Maryland Agriculture Council grant to present an agriculture awareness project on the University of Maryland College Park Campus. Recognized at the Taste of Maryland Agriculture on February 5, Lorenz is excited to bring leadership and advocacy opportunities to Maryland’s agriculture students.

Don’t forget to sign up for the workshop on March 10th!