2014 Outstanding IAA Student

Congratulations to our very own Julia Thome who will be recognized at the AGNR Alumni Celebration! The celebration will take place on Thursday, April 10 at the Riggs Alumni Center.

Julia has achieved a masters in Agriculture and Resource Economics and continues to achieve with her work with the Lutheran World Relief and more recently with the Chevy Chase Club. It’s this constant dedication for which Julia has been awarded the IAA Outstanding Student Award.

Earlier this year Julia received a scholarship from PGMS from their national scholarship competition, and she will end the year by graduating this spring from the IAA as an Ornamental Horticulture major.

Two more of our own will also be recognized at the celebration. Special congratulations goes to Aaron Frock and Brent Waite.

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Stubborn! That is the best word to describe this winter. Winter took hold of us this year and refused to let go. Spring Break hit us with six more inches of snow, and warm weather seems to be having difficulty finding us.

Nonetheless, our spring rituals continue. Soon we will be buying, boiling, dyeing, gathering and eating eggs as part of our Easter and/or Passover celebrations.

Did you ever think about how agriculture and natural resource management are so ingrained in our culture and spring rituals? Two weeks ago, on the first day of trout season, a cold, steady rain fell in the Gunpowder State Park while I hiked. Fishermen and their children dotted the banks of the river, casting their lines in hopes of catching a newly released trout. It was too cold and wet for the day to be enjoyable; but being an annual ritual, the tradition continued regardless of the stubborn weather.

On campus, we have our own spring traditions. Our annual tree planting ceremony took place last week to honor Maryland Arbor Day. A white tigeress maple is taking root on south campus near the chapel. Our landscape and turf students competed in the annual PLANET Student Career Days, our oral comm team hosted its spring speech contest, seeds have been planted and repotted in the greenhouse, our teaching garden is cleaned up and ready for a productive season, and the new Terp Farm is breaking ground.

I hope some of you have been enjoying Sustainable Ag Tuesdays and the Pepsi-grant-sponsored Spring Gardening Workshop Series. Still to come this month—the annual Ag Alumni Banquet and Maryland Day! We hope you will join us for both events.

Before we know it, mowers and weed whackers will be humming on campus, annuals will be blooming in the “M,” and you will be headed to your jobs and internships. Before you go, though, remember to register for your internship and fall classes.

At long last—welcome to spring—may it be just as stubborn and last even longer than winter did.

Enjoy Maryland Day
Saturday, April 26

Join us for Alumni Dinner
Thurs., April 10
Graduation is approaching!

Graduation is Thursday, May 22, 2014. If you applied for graduation, you will receive a packet of information around the middle of April. If you do not receive the packet, please visit the IAA office. Read through the information carefully. If you have any questions, see Carole Dingess in Jull 2123 or call 301-405-4685.

Calling All Students
Join the fun!

PGMS Upcoming Meetings
May 1, 2014
Casey Trees
Washington, D.C.

June 5, 2014
Virginia Theological Seminary
Alexandria, VA

Maryland Day, Saturday, April 26
College Park Campus

All majors wanted! Staff the IAA’s events that day. We will have an event learning about beneficial insects, a bug race and Ken will be giving away a free plant.

Let’s promote the IAA!
See Carole in 2123 Jull Hall
or call 301-405-4685

Shields Memorial Golf Tournament
Friday, May 9
Glenn Dale Golf Club

We need students to volunteer a few hours of their time. All proceeds go to the IAA’s golf & turf program. To date, over 103 scholarships have been awarded through this fund, and it supports student travel to competitions.

See Kevin Mathias if you are available to help.
2113 Jull Hall, 301-405-4692

AT&T National
June 23 - June 29
Congressional Country Club

Volunteers needed to donate their time to morning or evening shifts to help condition the golf course. Apply with Bonnie White at Grounds@CCClub.org or (301) 469-2026.
Spring break was an exciting time for our IAA Terps! Five students in the IAA program competed in the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Student Career Days, an educational experience culminating in an inter-collegiate competition.

Led by Dr. Steven Cohan, Collin Plumley, Mark Reddinger, Brian Knott, Brian Hogan, Brent Waite, and eleven other UMD students got the chance to go skiing and talk to people in the agricultural field before the competition began. When it came time for the competition though, the students got down to business. One to two students competed in a variety of agriculturally-based competitions. Their cumulative efforts allowed the UMD team to finish 16th out of all teams present.

Some notable highlights include: Brent Waites’ 2nd place finish in Plant Problem Diagnosis, Brian Hogan and Brian Knott’s 11th place finish in Irrigation Troubleshooting, Mark Reddinger’s 9th place finish in Landscape Maintenance Operations, and Collin Plumley’s 16th place finish in Small Engine Repair. Great job by all!

Preregistration for Fall 2014 for IAA students begins April 3. To take advantage of the early registration, make sure you are eligible to register.

1. You should have already received an email concerning registration. You may register on or after the date provided by the university.

2. Set up an appointment to meet with your advisor. Note that the “published” appointment schedule referenced in an email from the Registrar for advising does not apply to IAA advisors. You must **contact your advisor directly to make an appointment**. Your advisor will give you an electronic stamp after you meet so you will be able to register.

3. If you are blocked for immunization, you MUST go to the Campus Health Center to comply with the immunization requirements. The Health Center will remove the block once all requirements are met. Immunization forms were included in your Orientation packets. If you need additional forms, they are available online at [http://www.health.umd.edu/sites/default/files/ImmunizationRecordForm.pdf](http://www.health.umd.edu/sites/default/files/ImmunizationRecordForm.pdf)

4. If you are blocked for financial reasons, you MUST go to the Bursar’s Office, Room 1135 in the Lee Building, to obtain clearance PRIOR to registration.

The Fall 2014 schedule of classes is posted in Testudo. You will need to consult with your advisor; and while meeting with your advisor you may want to discuss your **summer internships**.

All students who graduate from the IAA must complete an internship at an approved site. The internship is divided into two separate courses, INAG 299A Internship I and INAG 299B Internship II. Internship I is the “work” component of the requirement, and summer is the usual time to complete INAG 299A.

If you sign up for INAG 299A this summer, you should register for INAG 299B this fall. Internship II is the report component of the series.

**Advisors**

Agricultural Business Management: Jason Entsminger  
Sustainable Agriculture: Meredith Epstein  
Landscape/Ornamental Horticulture: Ken Ingram  
Sports Turf/Golf Course/Turfgrass: Kevin Mathias

**Summer Internships**

Remember to register for your summer internship for Summer Session 2. Find your section below:

- INAG299A I201 Golf/Sports/Turfgrass  
- INAG299A I203 Landscape/Horticulture  
- INAG299A I202 Ag Business/Sustainable Ag
### Course Evaluations

CourseEvalUM will open for student submissions on Monday, April 28 and close on Wednesday, May 14 at 11:59 p.m. Please take a few minutes to provide feedback for your instructors.

We continually strive to make our courses better and student input is an important consideration in this process. Thanks for your help.

### Reminders!

Continue to check the IAA website for jobs, internships and scholarships!

The most recent scholarships is the MAEF Dr. R. J. Seibel Scholarship. The deadline is April 18!

### Spring Gardening Workshop

Spring Gardening Workshops are still going on throughout April. Stop by at one of the next two events!

**Movie: Growing Cities**

Tuesday, April 22 TBD

Allison Lilly, UMD Dining Services

TBD

### Sustainable Ag Tuesdays

**Topic:** Farmers Markets and Federal Nutrition Programs

**Speakers:** Amy Crone (Maryland Farmers Market Association) and Dr. Stephanie Grutzmacher (UMD, Food Supplement Nutrition Education)

**Date:** Tuesday, April 22

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:50 p.m.

**Location:** Jull Hall 1123

**Description:** Join us as we take a look at the interactions between nutrition funding and farmers markets. Dr. Stephanie Grutzmacher will provide an introduction to nutrition spending in the Farm Bill, what food supplement programs look like, and some details about participants. Amy Crone will describe the impressive growth in farmers markets in the country and our region, as well as programs for increasing fresh fruit and veggie consumption from them - such as acceptance of electronic benefit transfers (EBT) including SNAP and WIC.

**Coming up:**

April 29:

“Certified Humane” Labeling

Adele Douglass, Humane Farm Animal Care

May 6:

Foraging and Edible Weeds

Eric Kelly, Foragers of Baltimore

### IAA Accepting Fall Applications

The IAA is still accepting applications for the Fall 2014 semester. Let your friends and coworkers know. There is still time to apply to the IAA.

The IAA operates a rolling admissions process, so we can continually admit students. So tell your friends not to be discouraged by the University’s deadline.

See Glori Hyman or Carole Dingess if you want more information or need an application form.