Graduation Notes

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 Thursday, May 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the Reckord Armory. An IAA 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.

Congratulations
Spring Candidates

Kelsie Birney
Stephen Brew
Geoffrey Brittingham
Tyler Brunk
Aaron J. T. Frock
Brian Allen Knott
Allison Miller
Adam S. Rice
Julia Thome
Brent Waite
Congratulations to Julia Thome on being named IAA’s Outstanding Student for 2014. Julia was honored at the Annual Ag Alumni Banquet and Awards Ceremony on April 10 at the Riggs Alumni Center. Kelsie Birney, Brian Knott, and Brent Waite were also recognized as soon-to-be AGNR alumni.

Maryland Day was a hit!

Have you ever watched lady beetles munch greedily on aphids? Or witnessed Bess Bugs scurrying on spindly legs in a battle for the Maryland Day gold? Hundreds of Fearless Gardeners did at this year’s 16th annual Maryland Day. Moms, dads, students, and toddlers giggled, screamed and cheered as IAA faculty and students set up the much-loved Bess Bug races. In addition, we gave away nearly 2,000 trees grown by Ken Ingram and his students in the UMD greenhouses.

Thank you to the IAA students who helped with Maryland Day: Julia Thome, Brian Hogan, Gabe Gammill, and Ryan Snell.

Finals Exam Relief Room

As we end the spring semester and prepare for finals week, the IAA faculty and staff would like to help you survive the brain drain of finals. On Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16 we will be providing snacks and brain food. Stop by the conference room and help yourself.

Volunteers Needed for Shields Golf Tournament

The Shields Memorial Golf Tournament is Friday, May 9 at the 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 for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

Institute Items, the IAA’s informal monthly bulletin for students, provides information on IAA activities, announcements and deadlines.
Glori D. Hyman, Director
Coryn Alvarez, PR Assistant
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 web page.

Visit the IAA website http://iaa.umd.edu/prospective-students/scholarships for additional scholarship opportunities.

The CourseEvalUM system is now open for you to complete evaluations of your courses until May 14. For more information go to www.CourseEvalUM.umd.edu

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.

1. Your completed and signed Internship Agreement is due to your advisor by May 9.
2. Sign up for Summer Session 2
   - Golf Course, Turfgrass, Sports Turf majors register Section I201 (Mathias)
   - Agricultural Business Mgt. and Sustainable Ag majors register Section I202 (Epstein)
   - Landscape Mgt. and Ornamental Hort majors register Section I203 (Ingram)
3. July 14 is the absolute last day to register and pay for Summer Session 2.
   Summer Term registration is not complete until payment has been submitted. Payment is due at the time of registration. If payment is not submitted, you will be canceled and blocked from future registration.
   Please note that Summer Session 2 officially begins July 14. Your internship, however, will begin earlier.
4. See your advisor if you have questions.