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One win.
Two win.
Turf win.
Shoo-in!
Okay, that’s my tribute to my all-time favorite children’s author, Dr. Seuss, who would have turned 110 on March 2. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Oh! The places we’ve been since beginning this semester have been so fantastical that we could be starring in a Dr. Seuss book. I know the sun has not been sunny and all the snow has not been funny, but IAA students have won lots of money. $4,000 from the STMA, $4,000 from the Turf Bowl and $2,500 donation from TESCO toward its endowed scholarship fund.

We did not sit still in Jull Hall all these cold, cold, wet days. No, that is not like us. Not one little bit. IAA students have been attending conferences and workshops around the state—not to mention appearing on television. And, we helped kick off the new Terp Farm, a 2-acre plot in Upper Marlboro that will provide produce for campus and more hands-on learning for IAA students. Students in Meredith’s class are already working on the farm’s budget and plans.

But wait, wait, that is not all. We’re on our way up. We’re seeing new sights and reaching new heights. We officially launched the College Forward program and we are currently accepting applications for our first cohort of students who will enter the IAA in the Fall of 2014. Transfer options are also open to our current students. If you are considering transferring into a UMCP or UMUC degree program, please discuss your plans with your advisor.

And think! All the things you can think. IAA students have been thinking about goats, CSA’s, internships, speeches, saving the bay, starting seeds, growing grass, and so much more.

March will be another exciting month. Keep your grades up, start looking for jobs and internships, enjoy more hours of sunlight. And pay tribute to Dr. Seuss.

“And when things start to happen, don’t worry. Don’t stew. Just go right along. You’ll start happening too. Oh! The places you’ll go!”

 internship

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

Tuesday, March 11
2-3 p.m.
in Jull 1123

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

Please RSVP to Carole Dingess at cdingess@umd.edu or call 301-405-4685 if you will be attending.

Early Registration

Fall 2014 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.

Scholarships

Looking for a way to fund your education? There are plenty of scholarships available to help you with that.

For the most current scholarships, check our website:

http://iaa.umd.edu
IAA Spring Open House

On Friday, March 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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 28th and would like to greet our visitors and answer questions about student life at the IAA, please see Glori Hyman or Carole Dingess in Jull 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 Carole’s office (Jull 2123) to pick up an invitation, directions and schedule of events. Reservations are required.

Alumni Awards Dinner

If you are graduating this May, you will soon be an AGNR Alumni, so mark your calendar for the AGNR Alumni Reunion and Awards program on Thursday, April 10, 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 2013 graduates and May 2014 candidates for graduation will be invited as guests of the AGNR Alumni Chapter and Dean Wei.

Turf Bowl Champions

Over the past two months the IAA has had its share of success thanks to our two turf bowl teams and Dr. Mathias. Both teams won first place in the Sports Turf Management Association (STMA) Student Challenge and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Collegiate Turf Bowl.

Thank you to our teams:

Brian Hogan Jim Halley
Matthew Park Brian Knott
Brent Waite Stephen Brew
Ryan Higgins Tim Burkhart
Brian Dearstine Gabe Gammill
Jeffrey Bynaker Virgil Proli

Sustainable Ag Tuesdays

Join us in Jull Hall Room 1123

Tuesday, March 4, 6 p.m.
What Does Organic Certification Look Like?
Carrie Vaughn
Clenab Farm

Thursday, March 6, 6 p.m.
Therapeutic Farming
Michelle Nowak
The Farm at Our House

Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m.
Multi-Species Grazing and Grass-Fed Meats
Forrest Pritchard
Smith Meadows Farm

Spring Workshops for Campus Gardeners

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**Internships**

It’s time to arrange your internships for Summer 2014. 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:**

Jason Entsminger: Agricultural Business Management

Meredith Epstein: Sustainable Agriculture

Ken Ingram: General Ornamental Horticulture & Landscape Management

Kevin Mathias: Golf Course, Turfgrass, Sports Turf, Golf Course Construction

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**Reminders**

- **Graduation applications** are past due. If you plan to graduate this spring, submit your application now.

- If you have not done so, you need to return your Immunization Verification form to the Health Center. You cannot register for Fall classes until this form has been filed.

- Enjoy your Spring Break, March 16-23. The IAA Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday that week.

- Monday, April 14 is the last day to drop a course and receive a “W.”

- **Deficiency grades** will be mailed to the address we have on file, so make sure the IAA has your correct address.

- **Reminder about Inclement weather.** Early morning notices of delayed opening or closure due to inclement weather will be placed by 6 a.m. on the University’s 301-405-SNOW line, the UM website, and Terp Radio (1640 AM), and as official notifications to local media venues.

- 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.

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**Early Warning Grades**

Instructors will submit Spring 2014 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 do so by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 14 to receive a “W” for the course. After the 14th, 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.

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**Tuesday, March 11**

2-3 p.m.

Jull 1123

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**Institute Items**, the IAA’s informal monthly bulletin, provides information on IAA activities, announcements and deadlines. Visit the IAA website at http://iaa.umd.edu

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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.