

To: AGNR Faculty and Staff
From: Cheng-i Wei



I am pleased to announce to you the appointment of **Glori Hyman** as Director of the Institute for Applied Agriculture (IAA). Glori has been an instructor in IAA for 20 years and for the past four years, has served as Acting Director while concurrently teaching Written Communications, Oral Communications and Professional Development classes. Employers frequently comment on the quality of resumes, interview skills and electronic portfolios IAA student perfect in these classes.

The IAA is a small department which lacks some of the resources larger departments utilize, and Glori has filled that void by serving in a variety of administrative roles. She has established effective communications and exposure for the IAA by writing or developing everything from brochures, flyers, displays and programs to monthly newsletters and reports. She has become the “face” of the IAA as an active recruiter and ambassador for the IAA – developing and coordinating Open Houses and recruitment events for prospective students and their families. Through Glori’s leadership, the IAA entered the field of online classes, established cooperative agreements with community colleges, and recently created a Sustainable Agriculture Certificate program, which is one of the first in the country.

Glori was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Maryland State Department of Education to host the Curriculum for Agricultural Science and Education (CASE) Institute for secondary education teachers. Twenty-three teachers completed the two-week program in July; the CASE Institute is scheduled

to be offered at UM for two additional summers. Glori has handled all the financial and strategic planning for these programs and many others.

I am certain that IAA can look forward to continued growth and advancement under Glori’s leadership. Please join me in congratulating Glori on her appointment as Director of IAA.