



BRIEFS TO AG EDUCATORS

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NEW/BEGINNING TEACHER COLUMN

Activities for Summer 2003

As the academic year begins to come to a close, I'd like to share with you some activities related to the New and Beginning Teacher program for Summer 2003.

PAAE Summer Conference



We have a New and Beginning Teacher session planned for July 8th from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon at Coudersport High School. During

this session we will share with you materials and information from the Agriscience and Leadership Development workshop originally scheduled for January 7th. Due to the weather, attendance was limited so we wanted to offer you the opportunity to secure the materials and information we purchased for that workshop.

Second, during that session we will share the 1st and 2nd year curriculum frameworks for agricultural education in Pennsylvania. These frameworks can be used to organize and plan instruction for the first two years of an agricultural education program. They are set up in two-week units and will contain objec-

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PA Agriculture Department Launches New Farm Safety Program Initiative

Recently the Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Designee Dennis C. Wolff announced the creation of a new Farm Safety Education program.

“Pennsylvania is dedicated to continuing its mission to promote safety around farms,” said Secretary Wolff. “One farm accident is one accident too many. We need to always ‘begin safe, end safe,’ around the farm and farm equipment. The Department of Agriculture is pleased to be partnering with the Pennsylvania FFA in launching its new Farm Safety Demonstration Program.”

Through this new initiative, FFA chapters across the Commonwealth are encouraged to develop interactive demonstrations to be used at county fairs, malls, schools,

and other venues to educate the public about the value of farm safety.

Interested FFA chapters can receive up to \$1,000 for the development and construction of each demonstration project, made possible by the Curriculum and Instructional Development Grant Program.

Project proposals will be due in the Fall of 2003 and be awarded in the beginning of 2004 for the 2004 county and community fair season.

The Department of Agriculture, through its Bureau of Plant Industry, continues to promote farm safety and works to reduce the number of farm-related accidents and deaths in Pennsylvania. The PA Department of Agriculture is the only state

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Sites of Interest

Food Science

Discover how a pinch of curiosity can improve your cooking! Explore recipes, activities and Webcasts that will enhance your understanding of the science behind food and cooking. Go to: <http://www.exploratorium.edu/cooking>



Act 48 hours/Credit Check

With the year coming to an end, Tiffany Hoy has received several calls about Act 48 hours/credits. If you are unsure of how many hours/credits have been forwarded to The Pennsylvania Department of Education from The Center for Professional Personnel Development, please go to: <https://www.perm.ed.state.pa.us> and select "Check an Educator's Continuing Education Progress." Follow the direction and you will be able to see how many Act 48 hours/credits have been earned and how many more you need to earn.

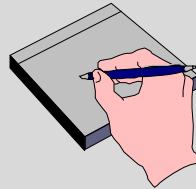
For more information or concerns, contact Tiffany at 814-863-7876 on Tuesdays or Thursday between 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

APA Style

APA stands for American Psychological Association. This association has created a book that is an extensive and invaluable resource for students engaged in research and writing manuscripts for the National FFA Public Speaking Events.

APA Style outlines specific ways to document parenthetical writing and direct quotes within a research paper and manuscript. According to the National FFA Prepared Public Speaking rules, APA Style must be used or points will be deducted when the manuscripts are being scored.

For more information on APA Style go to:



http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/social_sciences/listref.html#10

<http://www.apastyle.org/elecmedia.html>

<http://humanities.byu.edu/linguistics/Henrichsen/APA/APA05.html>

If you know of any interesting websites and would like to share them with other educators, please email the website to Tiffany Hoy at tmr175@psu.edu.

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agency in the nation to have a full-time farm safety specialist on staff.

While encouraging promotion of farm safety, the PA Department of Agriculture oversees several Farm Safety and Occupational programs.

The Small Grant Program provides funding to organizations to host and present Farm Safety Programs. Most recently, two FFA chapters, six county extension programs, four county farm bureaus, and ten fire, ambulance, rescue, and health organizations received up to \$2,500 each for farm safety promotion.

The new Curriculum and Instructional Development program is raising the bar of awareness on farm safety and rescue for safety and rescue personnel. The Department of Agriculture is committed to the development of farm safety programs across Pennsylvania and has supported The Pennsylvania State University's PA Ag Rescue Program.

The Tuition Assistance Program encourages paramedics, medical personnel, and members of the agriculture community to attend training programs by defraying some of the training costs.

For more information about the Department's Farm Safety Programs, contact the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry at 717-772-5206.

August 19th - A Day for Students at Ag Progress Days

Do you have students who are interested in science, business and/or agriculture? Would you like to expand the ideas they have about their college and career choices? Get them together and spend an August day with us!

We want YOU and YOUR STUDENTS to be our special guests at Penn State's Ag Progress Days 2003.

You and your



students will discover the exciting careers a graduate of the College of Agricultural Sciences can have. Explore the secrets of soils, plants and animals; walk the path from farm to table; see the technologies that move us forward. Our heritage and our future are founded in agricultural sciences; your students' can be too!

You'll find:

- * Information about our 18 majors, 19 minors, research opportunities, scholarships, internships, clubs, organizations
- * Special tours of facilities
- * Animals - the latest on dairy, livestock, and equine production
- * Equipment - demonstrations, safety exhibits and demonstrations
- * Horse exhibitions and clinics
- * Forestry and the future

Please contact the Office for Undergraduate Education to register your group of 10 or more. Have a chance to visit with current students, faculty, tours, and an ice cream social in the afternoon!

For more information or to register your group, contact the Office for Undergraduate Education, 814-865-7521 or via email Denise Connelly dcc6@psu.edu.

2003 Fall Conference for Leadership & Professional Development (FCLPD)

2003 FCLPD is scheduled for October 16 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA. Registration packs will be mailed the end of May.

This conference is open to high school freshmen and first year

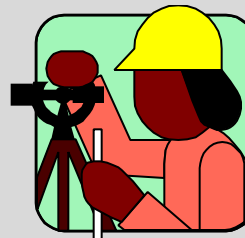
sophomores. Once again there will be a session conducted for chapter officers and advisors.

Keep your eyes open for the packet to get more details.



Needs Assessment for Center Workshops and Seminars

Recently, each agriculture teacher



should have received a needs assessment from the Center for Professional Personnel Development. The needs assessment will help determine the professional needs of the agricultural educators and assist in the planning and delivery of programs and seminars provided by the Center for Professional Personnel Development. Please return the survey! If you have not received the mailing or have any questions please call Tracy Hoover, 814-863-7463 or tsh102@psu.edu. Thank you again for your assistance.

Announcements

Congratulations to the following couples!



Nathan Jamison, Tri Valley HS, married his college sweetheart, Doreen Delp, on April 5, 2003.

Neil Fellenbaum, Penn Manor HS, married Marica Ginder on November 23, 2002.

To include your special announcements about marriages, births, adoptions, etc., please email them to tmr175@psu.edu.

Distance Education Graduate Course Offered - Fall 2003

*AEE 596–Youth Leadership Development – FFA/4-H (3 cr.)
September 2nd – December 12th*

This graduate level course is designed for those individuals who are currently teaching agricultural education and advising an FFA chapter or working as a 4-H youth development agent. The course will provide learners with an understanding of how adolescents develop and emerge as leaders in their families, schools, organization, and communities. This is a directed study course that will be completed by the learner using a course text and packet. The agent or teacher will need to complete several assignments based upon their interaction with youth in their 4-H or FFA organization. The course will be grounded in traditional and contemporary youth leadership philosophies and practices and will also emphasize youth leadership development in the food, agriculture, natural resource and life sciences.

Instructor: Dr. Tracy S. Hoover, Associate Professor - 343 Ag Administration Building, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education. The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802



Phone: 814 -863-7463 Email: tsh102@psu.edu

If you are interested in taking this course, you need to be sure that you are currently enrolled either as a graduate or non-degree student.

If you wish to become a graduate student, you will need to apply and be accepted into a graduate program by going through the application and department admission process. If you are currently in a graduate program and have not been registered for a class for one or more semesters, you will need to complete a resume study/change of major form. This form can be accessed at <http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/ges/reschg2.pdf> and faxed to Graduate Enrollment Services at 814-863-4627. If you have not previously taken any graduate courses and wish to enroll as a non-degree graduate student, you will need to complete a non-degree graduate application <http://forms.gradsch.psu.edu/ges/nondegree-typeon.pdf> and mail (address on form) or fax it to 814-863-4627. Lastly, if you have previously been registered

as a non-degree graduate student, but have not been registered for a class for one or more semesters, you will need to reactivate your non-degree status by phoning Graduate Enrollment Services at 814-865-1795.

Once you have secured graduate student or non-degree status for fall 2003 you need to contact Dorothy Thomas djt1@psu.edu or 814-863-7852 by September 1, 2003 and we will add you to the course. We will not late add any student after September 8, 2003. In-state tuition and fees for the course will be approximately \$1268. Please note this figure is based on 2002-03 figures and tuition will be increased for 2003-04 academic year. Rates for 2003-04 should be available July 2003.

Center Calendar On-Line

Looking ahead to see what is next for The Center for Professional Personnel Development, PAAE, or the State FFA Association, go to <http://agexted.cas.psu.edu/center/> and click on Center Calendar for an interactive calendar.

If you would like any activities included on this calendar, please contact Tiffany Hoy.

Secretary Wolff Attends 67th Department of AEE Banquet



On April 17, at Celebration Hall in State College, PA, more than 60 Penn State faculty, staff and students met for the 67th Annual Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) Banquet. The banquet was hosted by Penn State Collegiate 4-H (C4-H) in conjunction with the Penn State Collegiate FFA (CFFA), Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA) and the AEE Graduate Student Association. Keynote speaker was the Honorable Secretary of Agricultural Dennis Wolff. He spoke to the audience about the important agencies under the Department of Agriculture. He also reminded students about the career opportunities available within Pennsylvania. Secretary Wolff ended his speech by congratulating the students on their accomplishments and awards.

CFFA & ATA Awards Presented:
Sherisa Brammer – CFFA Outstanding Freshman Award; Dave Treece – CFFA Outstanding Sophomore; Valerie Spangler – CFFA Outstanding Junior; Jessica Landis – CFFA Outstanding Senior; CFFA Workhorse Award – Sarrah Biddle; Timothy Gettle – Henry S. Brunner Award; and Anne Agnew – ATA Norman Hoover Award.

Valerie Spangler, CFFA President, presented the Cedar Crest FFA Chapter a block and gavel for being recognized as the 2002 Pennsylvania State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team.

Glen Cauffman from Penn State's Farm Operations and Services was presented the Outstanding Staff Award for his dedication to C4-H and CFFA.

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tives, employment options, related Pennsylvania Academic Standards and links to resources/curriculum.

Summer AEE Graduate Courses

The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education will be offering three graduate level courses Summer 2003, from June 17th to July 5th. Interested individuals can obtain registration and enrollment information through Continuing Education at <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/CE/> or 814-865-3443. Information relative to graduate degrees offered in Agricultural and Extension Education can be accessed at <http://agexted.cas.psu.edu/> or contact Dr. Joan Thomson, AEE Graduate Coordinator - jthomson@psu.edu or 814-863-3825. Specific course information is included in this edition of the BRIEFS.

National FFA – New Teacher Resource

The Council has developed a collection of outstanding instructional lessons, program planning tips, and leadership training tools and assembled them into a collection designed to help new and beginning teachers. All new and beginning teachers will be mailed a copy of this CD-ROM within the next month. This resource will be an asset to your program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

- May 9..... PAAE Board Mtg., DVC, 6:00 PM
 May 16..... PA FFA Board Mtg., Hoss's Corporate Headquarters, Altoona, 6:30 PM
 May 16..... PSU Commencement
 May 19..... PSU 1st Six-week Summer Courses Begin
 June 10 - 12 PA FFA Activities Week, PSU
 June 13 - 21 State Officer Orientation, Training & Blast-Off
 June 16- July 3.... AEE Three-Week Courses, PSU
 June 30..... PSU 2nd Six-weeks Summer Courses Begin
 July 7 PA FFA Board Mtg., DVC
 July 7 - 10 PAAE Summer Conference, DVC
 July 7 - 10 NAAE Region VI Conference, DVC
 July 7 - 8 PYFA Summer Conference, DVC
 July 14 PA FFA Foundation Golf Tournament, Lancaster
 July 16 PA AGED Retirees Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, PSU
 July 29 - Aug. 1 .. National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO), Pennsylvania
 August 4..... PA FFA Foundation Golf Tournament, Holidaysburg
 August 9..... PSU Commencement
 August 19-21 Ag Progress Days, APD Grounds
 August 21-22 Cooperating Teacher Workshop, Hampton Inn & Suites at Williamsburg Sq.,
 State College, 12:30 PM registration
 August 30..... PSU vs. Temple, Beaver Stadium, State College
 September 2 PSU Classes Begin
 September 6 PSU vs. Boston College, Beaver Stadium, State College
 September 8 PSU CFFA Welcome Back Picnic, PSU Campus - ASI & AG Admin., 6:30 PM
 September 13 PSU vs. Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
 September 20 PSU vs. Kent State, Beaver Stadium, State College
 September 27 PSU vs. Minnesota, Beaver Stadium, State College
 October 3 PSU Homecoming Parade, Main Campus, 5:30 PM
 October 4 PSU vs. Wisconsin (PSU Homecoming), Beaver Stadium, State College
 October 16 Fall Conference for Leadership & Professional Development, Blair County
 Convention Center, Altoona, 9:30 AM

**TEACHER DEADLINES.....**

- May 5..... Regional CDE Quota Results due to Regional Coordinators
 May 8..... FFA Activities Week Entries with a late fee due to P. Hoy
 June 10..... Chapter Award Applications due at Activities Week Registration Desk, PSU
 August 3..... Reservations for Cooperating Teacher Workshop due to T. Hoover &
 Hampton Inn & Suites at Williamsburg Square, State College

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