

Briefs for Ag Educators

The Center for Professional Personnel Development



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Greetings - AEE Interim Department Head

By: Dr. Tracy Hoover, AEE Interim Department Head

It has been a busy three months but all is going well. I'm currently serving as Interim Department Head for Agricultural and Extension Education. Dr. Blannie Bowen is now the Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs at Penn State. Dr. Bowen will maintain his academic affiliation with our department and is currently teaching *AEE 330W-Communications in Agricultural and Natural Resource Careers*. We are in the preliminary stages of developing a position description for department head and expecting to proceed with the search process later this fall. I'll share a few more items that will be of interest to you and other educators.

The Department has remodeled the undergraduate reading room, which is located on the third floor in our building. The room received new carpeting, paint, storage closets for Collegiate FFA and Collegiate 4-H, and updated computers and computer desks.

Ron Frederick, retired agriculture teacher and FFA advisor from Twin Valley, joined us to help with classes, new and beginning teacher programming, and other Center for Professional Personnel Development programming.

Our department is hosting the 4th annual alumni open house during the Purdue-Penn State Football Game on October 9th. We reserved and sold a block of 40 tickets and will host a tailgate luncheon. Thank you to those who took advantage of this invitation.

In conclusion, I hope you and your students will have a year filled with exciting and eventful instructional, programmatic, and leadership events and activities. As you plan your fall semester and the remainder of the academic year, remember that we need to share the benefits and opportunities of agricultural education with our administrators, students, parents, and peers. While the opportunities available to youth through supervised agricultural experience programs and the FFA may be available in

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If you have a great website that you would like to share with other agricultural educators, please forward the information to Tiffany Hoy at tmr175@psu.edu

Sites of Interest

Dairy Production Skills Certificate

The Dairy Production Skills Certificate Program consists of 6 modules that teach the skills and knowledge to effectively perform job functions related to reproduction, herd health, general production, calf and heifer care, milking management and udder health, and feeding and nutrition on the dairy farm.

This program is designed to quickly help launch a career of the recent high school graduate. There are no pre-requisites or prior experience level required to participate in this training program. However, a sincere interest in learning more in the dairy production areas for a future career in the dairy industry is a definite plus.

For more information go to <http://dairyalliance.psu.edu/indexDB.cfm?pid=203>

Center Calendar

Need to know when things are due or events are taking place? Go to the Center for Professional Personnel Development Calendar at <http://www.cas.psu.edu/cgi-bin/calcium.pl?CalendarName=AEcppd&Op=ShowIt>

Sustainable Forestry Teacher Resource

The Sustainable Forestry Teacher Resource Center provides lesson plans in sustainable forestry, natural resources, water, earth sciences, and wildlife. The lesson plans have been designed by teachers for actual use in the classroom and meet Pennsylvania's environmental and ecology education standards. Each lesson plan indicates subject matter, grade level, and regional applicability. The lesson plans can be adapted to fit your location.

Individuals are encouraged to submit lesson plans for addition to this site. We evaluate all lesson plans submitted for quality and appropriateness. As a result, we invite you to evaluate the lesson plans you use from this site.

For more information go to <http://sftrc.cas.psu.edu>

PSU Collegiate FFA

Penn State Collegiate FFA Chapter unveils its new website at <http://cffa.cas.psu.edu>.

Additional dates, events, and activities will be added as the year progresses. Thank you for your support!

Youth Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is a new instructional curriculum that meets the requirements of the US Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture (HOOA). The HOOA regulations require that youth, 14-15 years of age, who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, and operate a farm tractor that is 20 hp or greater, must successfully pass a prescribed tractor safety training program. Additionally, to operate any powered equipment or machinery attached to the tractor, the youth must successfully pass a prescribed machinery safety program. The NSTMOP combines these two required training programs into a single curriculum.

Only cooperative extension educators and agricultural education teachers can sign the certificate that indicates a 14-15 year old youth has successfully completed the requirements of

the training program.

There is no fee for the workshops listed below. An educator only needs to attend one workshop to receive a CD with all curriculum materials. For more information contact Dennis Murphy at djm13@psu.edu or 814-863-1031.

Workshops

October 13, Penn Stater Conference Center, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

October 16, State College Area HS, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

November 5, Westmoreland County Extension Office, Greensburg, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

November 6, Derry Area HS, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

November 12, Berks County Extension Office, Leesport, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

November 16, Berks County Extension Office, Leesport, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM



Advanced registration is required to allow preparation of course materials and meals.

Penn State Ag Council Youth Leadership Award

The Penn State Ag Council Leadership Committee selected Sherisa Brammer as the 2004 Penn State Ag Council Youth Leadership Award Recipient. This award was created to recognize a student in the agricultural community at large

who demonstrates outstanding communication and advocacy skills; exhibits the highest levels of professionalism, performance, innovation, judgment, and problem-solving skills; encourages personal



Sherisa Brammer – Penn State Ag Council Youth Leadership Award

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ACT 48 Credits from Penn State

If you have taken a course for credit from Penn State and would like to use it towards Act 48 Credits/Hours you must go to <http://www.psu.edu/registrar/act48/actframe.html>. From there you will have two categories to select: credit or non-credit. Click on whichever fits your needs. It will then give you two choices: current student or former student: read the descriptions to see which fits your criteria. Once you make your selection it will ask you for your Penn State account information - this is your Penn State email address without @psu.edu on the end and your password. (If you never received this information when you took the course, you can hit create an account and complete the information.)

Once you enter your Penn State account information, and hit return - your courses that can be forwarded to PDE should appear. Select which courses you would like to report by clicking on the left column. Then hit submit or send to PDE. You will then receive a note that states, "courses have been reported on (date sent)."

NOTE: Penn State does not automatically send your courses taken for credit to PDE. You must complete the above task each time you complete a course.

Remember, you need to have paid for your course and received a grade before attempting to report credits to PDE. If you are unsure, you can go to elion and check your transcript.



Information found on the web at <http://www.psu.edu/registrar/act48/actframe.html>.

Welcome Pennsylvania's New Ag Teachers

A new school year means new contracts and changes for the agricultural education community. Over the next few months you will get to know some of the following individuals who are new to the Pennsylvania agricultural education family.

Nicole Marinos – Twin Valley HS
 Erica Paswater – Mount Union HS
 Amy Sakers – Ephrata HS
 Valerie Spangler – Penn Manor HS
 Curtis Swineford – Penn Manor HS
 SaraBeth Wanbaugh – Big Spring HS
 Aaron Zinner – Ephrata HS

Warren Anders – Delaware Co Tech
 Jesse Brant – Littlestown HS
 Wendy Brister – York County
 Tim Gettle – Northern Lebanon
 Bart Gill – Manheim Central HS
 Kara Graver – Garden Spot HS
 Kim Helbley – Central Mountain HS
 John Hines – East Juniata HS
 Anthony Honeycutt – Northwestern HS

Congratulations to all our new and continuing teachers. You are helping to make a difference in the lives of young adults through the three components of agricultural education.



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your program, there is always a need to promote and market these components of agricultural education.

Take the time to visit with that new agriculture teacher in your county or area. Encourage your students to

join and participate in the FFA. Attend regional PAAE meetings. Be part of the Ag Ed Family! You are fortunate to be teaching agricultural education in Pennsylvania. Thank you for all your leadership.



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development, partnerships, collaboration, and respect; and serves as an inspiring role model, mentor, and diplomat.

Sherisa will be presented the

leadership award at the Fall Delegate meeting of the Penn State Ag Council on October 12 at Celebration Hall, State College.

Congratulations to Sherisa Brammer for her outstanding achievement.



Opportunity Lost...

By: Dr. Dennis Scanlon, Director of the Center for Professional Personnel Development & AEE Undergraduate Program

As we enter into the new academic year, we can forget the brief reprieve we have had from attending to the needs of our students over the summer. However, it takes all of one day to get back into the routine of school ... welcome back!

As you develop your lessons and begin to plan out the new year, don't forget that we have a wonderful resource, called the Center for Professional Personnel Development—or the “Center” for short—that can assist you with your professional needs. The Center offers workshops, supports teacher initiated workshops, helps with conferences, provides opportunities for both Act 48 and academic credit, facilitates the certification process, and provides an extensive beginning and first-year teacher program.

How do you reach us? One good way to insure input is through the Ag Ed Advisory Council. This council reviews undergraduate education and looks at in-service needs of our teachers. The council meets twice a year. Another way is through regional participation at PAAE meetings. Our faculty attends regional meetings on a regular basis. Voice your opinion in the group or talk to us individually. And, finally, you can always reach us via e-mail. If you see a situation that needs addressed, don't even hesitate to phone or email. Also, check out the web site it has a great calendar and lists all the important dates coming up.

Yes, indeed, the Center is a great resource to help us reach the goals we have set as a profession. So, as the new academic year begins, I sincerely ask you, “What can we do for you today?”



“What can we do for you today?” – Dennis Scanlon

We're on the Web!
See us at:
<http://agexted.cas.psu.edu>

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**PA FFA Board
Meeting**

Saturday, November 13
301 Ag Administration
Building
University Park, PA
9:00 AM

Calendar – (items underlined are due dates)

September 30...Farm Show Landscape Display Entries & Sketches Due to CTSO Office (C. Day)

October 1...Farm City Day, Harrisburg

October 1-3...K.I.L.E Invitational Livestock Judging, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg

October 1...PYFA Executive Board Meeting, PFB Office, Room B, 9:00 AM

October 1...Center Ag Advisory Council Meeting, Hampton Inn & Suites, State College, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

October 1...PAAE Executive Board Meeting, Hampton Inn & Suites, State College, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

October 9...AEE Tailgate/Open House, University Park – *Reservations Only*

October 12...Eastern Region Fall CDE Results Due to Ron Frederick

October 12...PAAE Western Region Meeting, Hoss's in Allison Park, 6:00 PM

October 13...PAAE South Central Meeting, 6:00 PM

October 14...SUN Area Greenhand Activity Day

October 15...Farm Show Market Swine & Rate of Gain Entries Due to Farm Show Office

October 19...Eastern Region CDE's, Lebanon Fairgrounds, 9:15 AM

October 22...PSU Homecoming Parade, University Park, 5:30 PM

October 27-30...National FFA Convention, Louisville, KY

October 31...End of Daylight Savings Time

November 1...Farm Show Scholarship Applications Due

November 1...Farm Show Window Exhibit, Ag Education Display Exhibit & School Demonstration Entries Due at CTSO Office (C. Day)

November 2...Election Day

November 5...Farm Show Entries Due (Dairy, Poultry & Breeding Animals), Farm Show Office

November 8-10...PDE Integrated Learning: School to Career, Penn Stater, State College

November 9...Eastern Region Keystone Degree Applications Due to Ron Frederick

November 10...Keystone Degree Applications Due to Regional Coordinators (Project Book are Required)

November 11...Eastern Region Star Selection, Ephrata HS, 6:00 PM (R. Frederick)

November 12-13...State Keystone Degree Evaluation, PSU, 301 Ag Admin, 6:00 PM

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