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Ag Banquet

Ag Banquet is an annual end of the school year event where WIU Aggies are able to recognize and celebrate the year's accomplishments. All clubs and organizations are able to give a brief summary of their year as well as announce the upcoming year's officer team. Banquet this year will be April 18th at the Forum at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20, there is limited tickets and seating so stop by the Ag Office and get yours today!

A Busy Weekend...



AG OPEN HOUSE



HOOF N HORN JACKPOT SHOW



WIU EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCE



Upcoming Events:

Hoof N Horn: FFA judging contest Friday April 6th, 4-H Livestock Judging April 7th, Hog Show May 19th at Springfield, Sheep Show May 13th at WIU.

AGS: Golf outing on April 7th.

CFFA/Horticulture Club: Hort FFA Contest is April 11th. If interested in helping, please contact Stephanie Miller at sm-miller5@wiu.edu.

CFFA: Ag Mech CDE is on April 11th, help is need. If interested please contact Ag Olympics is tentatively set for April 17th at 5pm in the Livestock Center.

Ag Banquet: April 18th at the Forum. Tickets will be \$20 per person and are available in the Ag Office.

AGR: Golf outing on April 21st.

Sigma Alpha: Bags Tournament on May 2nd at the Livestock Center. The cost is \$10 per team. If interested please contact Becca Wegs at rd-wegs@wiu.edu.



Club Information:

- **Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR):** Meets every Monday night at 6 pm at the AGR house.
- **Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS):** Meets every Monday night at 7 pm at the AGS house.
- **Alpha Zeta:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday in KH 152 at 5:30 pm.
- **Ag Business:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in KH 307 at 6 pm.
- **Ag Council:** Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in KH 152 at 5 pm.
- **Ag Mech:** Meets the 1st & 4th Thursday of each month in Ag Mech Shop at 5:00.
- **Agronomy:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month in KH 226 at 5 pm.
- **Ag-Vocators:** Meets every Tuesday in KH 152 at 7 am.
- **Collegiate Farm Bureau (CFB):** Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month in KH 152 at 6 pm.
- **CFFA/PAS/AGED:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in KH 152 at 5:30 pm.
- **Equestrian Club:** Meets every Wednesday in the Keeney Room at the Rec at 6 pm.
- **Forestry:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in KH 201 at 3 pm.
- **Hoof-n- Horn:** Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livestock Center at 6:30 pm.
- **Horticulture:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in KH 307 at 5 pm.
- **Sigma Alpha:** Meets every Monday in KH 152 at 5:30 pm.

Beef Sticks for sale!

Do you ever get hungry in the middle of class and find it hard to see how you will make it through the rest of your day? Well the ladies of Sigma Alpha have just the thing for you! The sorority is selling individually packaged beef sticks this semester for a fundraiser. They are \$1 per stick and come in a variety of flavors: original, teriyaki, ranch, etc. The sticks are available in the Ag Office (KH145), in Jana's office (KHB21), or by the elevators on the first floor of KH.





Staff Spotlight: Meet Dr. Graciela Andrango!

Dr. Graciela Andrango is originally from Cayambe, Ecuador but her family moved to Quito (Ecuador's capital) when she was young so that Graciela and her three sisters could attend better schools. Dr. Andrango received a Bachelor's in Agricultural Sciences from Zamorano University in Honduras. She then returned to Ecuador to work as an Extension Agent helping small-scale farmers market their products. Dr. Andrango then went to Kansas State where she completed a Masters and PhD in Agricultural Economics. In 2014, she returned to Ecuador to work for INIAP (Ecuador's equivalent of the USDA) researching how new varieties released by INIAP have impacted the livelihoods of small-scale farmers. Dr. Andrango joined the WIU School of Agriculture in January 2017. She teaches mostly agribusiness classes and co-advises the Ag Business Club. During her free time, Dr. Andrango enjoys talking with her family, watching movies, and watching documentaries, especially from the WWII era. She also enjoys working on puzzles of famous paintings. Dr. Andrango's parents are retired school teachers and live on the small farm in Cayambe where Graciela spent her summers as a child. They use organic practices to grow much of the food they eat - potatoes, corn, beans, and some Andean fruits.



Scholarships:

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION --

Ten \$2000 Scholarships, available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IPSA-2018-Scholarships>

WIU College of Business & Technology --

Deadline is March 26th.

<https://wiu.academicworks.com/>

"Excellence in Ag" -- Feed Energy

Two \$2500 scholarships. Due May 7th.

<http://www.feedenergy.com/resource-center/for-students/>



Internships/Employment

Runner Farms

Located in Blandinsville, is looking for a full or part time student for employment, to start as soon as possible.

They are particularly looking for field work, feeding, tractor driving.....they would prefer someone with experience.

For more info, contact Ron Runner at 405-334-2653 or Keaton Dobbs at 618-792-6370.

Anchor Acceptance Corp. - Wilson Trailer Co.

The job we currently have open is a "Sales Trainee" position that would be based out of Sioux City, IA. In this position the applicant would be responsible for learning about the different trailers that Wilson makes and also learning about other competitor trailers as well. Once they have become familiar with this, they will then be responsible for selling used trailers to potential customers throughout the country. This is a great opportunity for anyone that has a passion for agriculture and that are wanting to get a start in the sales world. If you have any questions please let me know.

Please send resumes to: dillon.martenson@wilsontrailer.com

Land Laboratory Manager - Joliet Junior College

Interested in joining the Joliet Junior College Agriculture/Horticulture Department? We are hiring a new Land Laboratory Manager. The position involves the design and implementation of educational activities on our campus land lab as well as departmental outreach and recruitment. Salary starts at \$55,000 per year plus a great benefit package. A full job description is attached and find the application here: <https://employment.jjc.edu/postings/2642>

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Student Employment Opportunity

Part-time with Flexible hours on modern and technological savvy farming operation with cattle, grain and silage. Wages and housing available. Also have intern hours available if needed.

Blandinsville/La Harpe area, 30 min from Macomb.

Must like working with Cattle, be willing to learn and have reliable transportation.

If interested contact: Cass DeJaynes, Squirrel Ridge Travel, KHM Travel Group, cell 309-333-8519

BUSH

Sports Turf

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Internship 2018

Bush Sports Turf is seeking qualified individuals to work in all areas of our sports turf and commercial landscape company. We are looking for energetic, creative, team-oriented individuals with proven leadership and communication skills. We would love to hire someone with a passion for sports and a love of the outdoors. The job would involve construction and care of athletic fields at all levels of competition from professional sports to little league. Interns would work on MLB fields, NFL fields, collegiate fields as well as many others. The position would involve all phases of field construction and maintenance, including consulting, design, irrigation, drainage, grading, turf installation, fertility and follow up maintenance. Intern would gain experience on baseball, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and various other sports surfaces both natural and synthetic. There would also be commercial landscaping, mitigation, corporate, and turf grass projects that would be worked on. The projects would be primarily in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

Position: Intern

Qualifications: Applicants must be enrolled in a 2 or 4-year turf, horticulture, agronomy, or construction, program or have a degree. Agricultural or construction background would be a plus.

- Must possess the ability to perform physical labor for extended periods of time in various weather conditions.
- Must possess the ability to operate turf related equipment including tractors, skid steer loaders, fertilizer spreaders, and tillers.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Must be well organized and demonstrate the ability to manage multiple projects with minimal supervision.
- Must be proficient with computer and software applications.

To learn more about our company please visit our website: www.bushturf.com

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to:

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