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Congrats Graduates!

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!!!!



Commencement Day 9 a.m.

Ceremony Procedures

Plan to arrive at Western Hall approximately 1 hour prior to the ceremony. Please leave all belongings with your guests. Students go to the East Arena (Q-Lot side of Western Hall) to pick up name cards and assemble behind the standard designated for their major. Students need to be in line 30 minutes prior to their ceremony. Students will process into the arena area as directed by commencement staff and marshals. Marshals will continue to direct students throughout the ceremony. Marshals are easily recognized by their white robes. Marshals will lead students to the stage by row. Exit rows to the right and re-enter rows from the left. Students walk up the ramp and hand their name cards to the reader at the podium. As individual names are read, students cross the stage, shaking hands with several University dignitaries. At the far end of the stage, students receive their diploma covers and pose with their department chair or leader for a professional photograph. Hold the diploma cover in an upright position with the school seal facing the camera. Students will be directed to move their tassels to the left side of their cap after everyone has crossed the stage. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the music will begin and marshals will direct students out of the arena. Please remain seated until your row is released.

Attire

Commencement is a ceremony to recognize the academic achievements of our graduates. All degree candidates are required to wear only appropriate and approved academic attire. Failure to comply with the guidelines below may be cause for removal from the ceremony. No messages or decorations of any kind are permitted on the cap or gown. Only stoles and cords of approved academic honor organizations may be worn on the outside of your gown during the ceremony. For undergraduates, only medallions recognizing academic achievement may be worn on the outside of the gown. Approved academic organizations are those which have a GPA threshold at or above a 3.000. In order to request approval for an organization, the advisor must send a request and include the name of the organization, its unit affiliation, and the GPA threshold required to be a member of the organization to commencement@wiu.edu.

Commencement Day Details

Photographs/DVDs/Videotapes

A professional photographer will take a photo as graduates receive their diploma covers. DVDs of the entire ceremony will also be available for purchase from University Television.

Order forms and proofs will be mailed to the diploma address within two weeks following graduation. We ask that all attendees be considerate of others when taking photographs.

For more information, please visit www.wiu.edu/VPC

Personal Belongings

Do not bring extra belongings as there is not secure storage available during the ceremony. Please leave all belongings with your guests as you may not remain in the same seat throughout the ceremony. Graduating students will not be permitted to march into the gym with food or drink.

Tickets

No tickets are needed to attend the ceremony.

Seating is on first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 1½ hours prior to each ceremony. Ushers will monitor rows to accommodate as many guests as possible.

Saving seats is not permitted.

No Alcohol

Alcohol is not permitted. Anyone in possession of alcohol will be immediately removed from the premises by on-duty police officers.

No Noisemaking Devices

Noisemaking devices are prohibited. Possession of noisemaking devices, especially air horns, may result in removal from the premises. Consideration for the safety and welfare of all attendees is a priority.

Diploma

Your diploma and a complimentary transcript will be mailed approximately 6-8 weeks after commencement, providing there are no financial encumbrances and all requirements have been met.

The address on your commencement name card will be used. Should there be incorrect information on your name card, please visit the information center in the East Arena commencement day or contact the Graduation Department at (309) 298-1891.

Participation in commencement does not guarantee graduation.

DEPARTMENT
MEET AND
GREET



DINNER
STARTS AT
6:00 PM

AGGIE PICNIC

Come out for a free meal, yard games,
and a chance to get to know the
department

August 30, 2018
WIU Livestock Center
2265 Wigwam Hollow Road

Rides will be available if needed. Please
sign up in the Ag Office (KH 145). Rides
will depart at 5:45 pm from the circle
drive.

Upcoming Events:

Graduation: May 12 @ 9 a.m.
Western Hall

Hoof N Horn: Hog Show May 19th
at Springfield, and Sheep Show
May 13th at WIU.

**WIU Aggies Alumni & Friends
Event:** Friday, August 10 @ 6 p.m.
the Illinois State Fair. More details
to come. All are welcome!

Aggie Picnic: August 30 @ 6 p.m.
Livestock Center

CONGRATS TO THE BAGS CHAMPS, KIP WALLACE AND EASTON BEARD



Livermore Swine Genetics is looking for a dedicated, hard working livestock enthusiast to fill our new intern position. The ideal candidate would have a strong working knowledge in the livestock industry, specifically, but not limited to swine.

Daily tasks would include the following:

- Daily chores
- Farrowing duties
- Vaccinations of pigs
- Cleaning pens
- Getting show pigs ready for shows
 - walking
 - washing/rinsing
 - feeding when needed

*Also, those who are familiar with our operations knows we farm 1,500 acres. There is only so much time in a day, so we tend to scatter about and work on specific tasks alone. Livestock is our main focus, but there is still grass that will need mowed, and ground that needs worked. We have a busy summer show schedule, and we will need some who we can trust to stay home and maintain the show pigs, and group of sows while we are away. Room and board is an option if requested. We look to fill the position Mid-May. If you think you'd be a good fit, or know someone who would be feel free to pass along our contact information.

John Sr. (309)221-2411
John Jr. (309)221-5320
Jennifer (309)221-0538

Internships/Employment

HELP WANTED

Local farmer is seeking assistance with spring planting. If interested, contact Larry Serven at 309-255-8339.

AEROTEK

Paid summer work opportunity with large agriculture company in Monmouth, IL! Aerotek is now hiring for 20+ Agriculture Research Associate roles. Get your foot in the door at Monsanto this summer, learn and earn! Must have a strong willingness to learn and a passion for agriculture. Pays \$11/hr and has day shift opportunities.

If interested contact: Megan O'Dell, (309)661-4928 or at modell@aerotek.com

ENGLAND FARMS INC

Maquon, IL (southeast of Galesburg, IL)

Background of company: Family owned and operated, 2,200 acre no-till crop farm. Farrow to Finish swine operation. Fulltime position. Farming experience required. Livestock experience preferred. Mechanic experience preferred. Must be reliable and Willing to work a flexible schedule.

Please send Resume and References: Dan England, dsengland@mymctc.net

MASCHHOFFS

Beardstown, IL

They want a part time worker this summer and next year. It's working in a commercial swine barn, hours are really flexible. It's a good job to have your resume and they are really wanting to make a connection with WIU.

If interested contact Jayme Geisler at jp-geisler@wiu.edu

HELP WANTED

Help needed with work that includes fence repair & maintaining, daily work with cattle, processing cattle as needed, timber cleanup and anything else that comes up on the farm! Weekly 20-40 hours and are flexible with pay depending on experience.

Contact Kim Bush if interested at 309-252-0090.

Farm help wanted

Full or part time, farm experience, driving a tractor, CDL preferred, but not required. **Call Rick Ferguson** - 309-255-0132

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CUSTOM PRODUCT SPECIALIST

Responsible for interpreting customer specifications and drawings, marking up specifications, gathering costs, quotation content, pricing and any pre-order project management based on customer request. Work with multiple departments for cost sourcing and product design. Provide excellent customer service by handling customer concerns/questions, understanding production capabilities, having extensive product knowledge, and returning quotations in a timely manner.

- Ability to attain extensive Knapheide product knowledge as well as knowledge of auxiliary equipment used in the custom application.
- A 4-year college degree is preferred but a combination of technical training and work related experience will be considered.
- Must have a mechanical aptitude.
- Ability to make independent decisions while at the same time, functioning in a team environment.
- Excellent verbal and written skills are required.
- An understanding of fabrication and assembly processes is helpful.
- Must have ability to work extended hours as needed to meet customer needs.
- Proficient using Microsoft Office Products including Word and Excel.
- Must have strong communication skills.

The Knapheide Manufacturing Company offers a competitive compensation and benefits package that includes access to free medical care at The Knapheide Family Wellness Center as well as medical, life, dental, and long-term disability insurance, a 401K savings program, and retirement benefit.

If you meet the requirements of the position, please submit a resume to: hrknapheide@knapheide.com or Human Resources,

**The Knapheide Manufacturing Company,
PO Box 7140, Quincy, Illinois 62305.
EOE of Minorities/Females/Vets/Disability**

WIU Agricultural Farm Position

WIU Agricultural Farm

Job title	<i>Student Livestock Farm Workers</i>
Reports to	<i>WIU Farm Coordinator</i>

Job purpose

Student Livestock Farm Workers will assist university farm staff in all areas of farm operation including livestock care, breeding and record keeping, building, grounds, and equipment operation & maintenance, as well as special projects. Student workers get opportunities to learn and become proficient at new skills and equipment. Student workers must complete chores on weekends and holidays.

Duties

Duties:

- Feed & water livestock
- Recognize when livestock are not healthy and bring to attention of farm staff
- Mowing and upkeep of farm grounds
- Monitoring all buildings, barns, and fences for repairs and safety
- Cleaning of livestock pens and activity centers
- Assist on special projects as directed by supervisors
- Drive trucks & tractors with trailers
- Safely operate push mowers, pull-behind mowers, string trimmers, and chainsaws
- Use of agricultural hand tools proficiently (Shovels, forks, rakes, brooms, hammers, drills, wrenches, etc.)
- Occasionally operate skid steer and loader tractor (under direct supervision of experienced staff operator)

WIU Agricultural Farm Continued

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Qualifications

Required:

- Student Workers must be enrolled in summer class(es) at WIU or registered for classes in the upcoming fall semester.
- Valid Driver's License and satisfactory driving record
- Reliable
- Punctual
- Available to work on weekends and holidays (Memorial Day 5/28/18, and Independence Day 7/4)
- Fluent in English language
- Ability to lift 50lbs

Desired:

- Positive attitude
- Hard working
- Work as part of a team and/or on independent tasks
- Previous agricultural experience with livestock
- Ability to operate farm equipment

Contact Information

To schedule an interview, please submit a resume to Paul Blome, WIU Farm Coordinator via e-mail or submit a hard-copy in the WIU Ag office (Knoblauch room 145)

Thank you,

Paul Blome

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