ABE Values, Vision and Mission

"The mission of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering is to integrate life and engineering for enhancement of complex living systems."

I^4 Seminar Series
View upcoming seminars [here](#).

March 8 - No I^4 Seminar ExplorACES Open House

**March 15** - Presented by: Junming Wang

**My Work in Agricultural Meteorology**
Center for Atm. Research, IL State Water Survey

Monday Brown Bag Topics
Join us for the ABE Brown Bag at 12 p.m. in 217 AESB.

**March 11th**

**Undergraduate Recruitment Activities**
Presented by: Anne Marie Boone

**March 18th** – No Meeting — Spring Break

Engineering Open House/ExplorACES
Come and join us for Engineering Open House/ExplorACES 2013 on March 8-9th. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. There are several fantastic displays and interactive activities for everyone. Stop by and visit with the students and staff.

Undergrad/Graduate Travel Grant Awards

**Sponsored by the Office of Research (OR) College of ACES**
The travel grant awards program is designed to help students conducting research attend both national and international scientific meetings. This research is focused on the mission of the College and societal priorities in Agriculture, Food and the Environment defined by the USDA. The program is open to all students in ACES. The criteria can be found on the Research@ACES [website](#). To apply download the [Request Form](#) and submit to Dr. Graham at kingdom@illinois.edu.

ASABE Lawnmower Summerization
Let the Ag Engineers of ASABE prep your lawn mower for spring! The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering Student Branch will be holding its annual Lawnmower Summerization Days fundraiser on April 5th and 6th. $30 includes a blade sharpening, mower clean, oil change, air filter cleaning and test run. New spark plugs add a $2 charge. Pickup and drop-off services is available for $10. [Registration forms](#) must be returned by mail or e-mail by Monday, April 1st! If you have any questions, please contact Leigha Curtin at (815)488-3966, curtin3@illinois.edu or Austin Roepke at (618) 322-9357, roepke1@illinois.edu.

Alumni News

Alumnus Chris Harbourt, Waterborne Environmental, was honored with the Entrepreneurial Excellence in Management Award. Chris graduated with his PhD in 2002. Harbourt is vice president and principal engineer at the Champaign office of the Leesburg, VA based company. The office, located in the University of Illinois Research Park, employs between 20 and 30, depending on the season. It provides consulting services for agriculture.
**Spring 2013 Newly Elected Officers**

**Grad Student Assoc. Fall 12 - Spring 13 Officers**
- President: Ana Martin-Ryals
- Internal VP: Natasha Bell
- External VP: Rekha Balachandran
- Secretary: Taylor Leahy
- Treasurer: Safyre Anderson
- Webmaster: Matthew Ong
- Athletics Chr: Zhongzhong Zhang
- Social Chr: Chris Cirone
- Sustainability Chr: Abhishek Dhoble

**ASABE Spring 2013 Officers**
- President: Paul Schumacher
- 1st VP: Scott Strutner
- 2nd VP: Leigha Curtin
- Treasurer: Patricia Paulausky
- Secretary: Dylan Walker
- ACES Council: Savanna Savage, Frederick Wang
- EC/EOH Rep: Ben Rosenberg, Jordan Sherman
- AEM Report: Savanna Savage, Erica Mui, Lizzie Bohne
- Awards Banquet: Matt Gill, Paul West, Pete Vandermyde;
- Social Chair: Austin Roepke
- Webmaster: Nolan Lock, Ashley Jiang
- Community Service: Erica Mui
- Fundraising: Austin Roepke, Leigha Curtin
- Parliamentarian: Chinelo Agbim

**ACES Executive Comm. 2013-15**
- Representing ABE: Kaustubh Bhalerao

**Ag Mech 2013 Spring Officers**
- President: Kirby Schiffbauer
- Vice President: Doug Yunker
- 2nd Vice President: Luke Anderson
- Secretary: Paul West
- Treasurer: Matt Gill
- Assist. Treasurer: Westin Montavon
- Reporter: Waldel Tompkins
- Aces Council Reps: Tucker Johnson, Brenden Ferris J, Justin Scarcliff

**Alpha Epsilon 2012-2013 Officers**
- President: Jaclyn Burke
- Vice President: Taylor Leahy
- Treasurer: Chad Niehaus
- Secretary: Leigha Curtin
- EC Reps: Patricia Paulausky, Ernie Choi
- Scholarship: Annie Kwedar

**UIUC Illini Algae Club**
- Student Org.: Chih-Ting Kuo,
- Focal Point: Yan Zhou
- Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Lance Schideman

**Illini Pullers**
- Chief Bus. Officer: Amanda Corban
- Chief Design Officer: vacant
- Chief Manu. Officer: Shane Asher

**Important Dates to Remember**

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