**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."

**Weekly Seminar Information**

Friday seminars are held at noon in Room 204. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Pizza and pop will be served. Further information about the seminar and presenter can be found by following the links below.

- **October 25** - *Story of Tetra Vetae and Role of IBRL* - Hans Blashek, Prof. Emeritus, FSHN
- **November 1** - *ADM Post Harvest Institute’s in HAU, India* - Grace Danao, ABE

**Monday Brown Bag**

Dean Lauri Kramer and Meredith Blumthal will be the honored guests at the October 28th Monday Brown Bag. They will speak on Undergraduate Records. Hope to see you all there!

**Lawn Mower Winterization Dates Set**

The Ag Mech Lawnmower Winterization Event will be held on November 14-16, 2013. Kirby Schiffbauer and Doug Yunker will be in charge of the event. If you have any questions you can contact them at dougyunker91@gmail.com. More details will follow in the next bulletin.

**Annual Employee Ethics Training - Mandatory**

*Annual Ethics Training ...* All University employees are required to participate in the annual ethics training. The training period for University of Illinois employees will be from **October 1st – October 30th**. The University Ethics Office will contact you via your official campus e-mail account with individual login instructions and password for the October 1st start. To comply with the law and avoid internal disciplinary action, all University of Illinois employees MUST complete the ethics training during the period designated. There is no grace period.

**Congratulations to all...**

- **Tao Lin** - who passed his Final PhD exam on Sept. 30, 2013. His seminar was entitled “Systems Informatics and Analysis for Optimization of Biomass Feedstock Provisions”. Congratulations Tao!
- **Yan Zhou** - who won a Student Research Award for remarkable and outstanding student research in the 2013 European Biomass Conference and Exhibition. This conference ranks as one of the top world leading events in the Biomass sector. Congratulations Yan!
- **Young Hwan Shin** - who became a father for the second time on Oct. 4th. Congratulations to Hwan Shin and his wife!
- **Robert Aherin** - who was awarded a grant in the total of $105,300 from the US Department of Labor. The grant is for from Sept. 30, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014. Congratulations Bob!
GSA Officers for 2013-2014

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Celebrate ABE@Illinois is a Huge Success

Celebrate ABE@Illinois 2013! What can we say? It was a wonderful evening for faculty, staff, students and families to gather for food, fun and fellowship. Over 100 people joined together at the South Farms for an evening meal and short demonstration from the Quarter Scale Tractor Team.

The Department hosted the event, along with help from the Quarter Scale Tractor students, with a meal from KFC and beverages. We are looking forward to Celebrate ABE@Illinois 2014!

Thank you all...

I would like to thank you all for all of the support you showed for our family during Alan’s surgery and his recovery. Your cards, visits and prayers meant the world to both of us and our children. Thanks again! Alan and Mary Schultze

Important Dates

November 7, 2013  ACES Administrative Committee Meeting, Sims Room, 10-Noon
November 13, 2013  ACES Graduate Fellows Recognition and Luncheon; Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom, 11:30am - 1:30pm
November 13, 2013  Lunch with the Deans, Heritage Room, Noon-1pm
November 15, 2013  Last day for students to add themselves to December degree list via web Self-Service and departments to add students unable to add themselves
November 15, 2013  Last day to take final exam for December doctoral degree
November 18, 2013  Students who have inactivated (IA) from the current term degree list may add themselves to an open, future term via Self-Service
November 23, 2013  Thanksgiving vacation begins for students
November 28, 2013  Thanksgiving Day
December 2, 2013  Instruction Resumes
December 2, 2013  Lunch with the Deans, Heritage Room, Noon-1pm
December 6, 2013  ACES Faculty Meeting, Heritage Room, Noon-1 pm.
December 6, 2013  JBT Reception and Banquet, I Hotel, 5:30 - 9:30pm
December 6, 2013  Last day to deosit December doctoral dissertations
December 12, 2013  ACES Administrative Committee Meeting, Sims Room, 10-Noon
December 18, 2013  ABE Holiday Party
December 20, 2013  ACES December Graduate Reception; Illini Union rooms A, B, C, 5-7pm
December 24, 2013  Campus offices close for the Holiday Season
January 2, 2014  Campus offices reopen
January 21, 2014  Martin Luther King Jr Day