



The BULLETIN

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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."

Departmental Updates

MONDAY LUNCH FACILITATOR SCHEDULE

Following is a list of the Monday lunch facilitators for the 2015 spring semester. Please make note of the scheduled dates on your calendar and contact Jana Lenz in the main office if you will be unable to moderate on your scheduled date.

3/2	Kent Rausch
3/9	Alan Hansen
3/16	Prasanta Kalita
3/23	(Spring Break)
3/30	Yuanhui Zhang
4/13	Kent Rausch
4/20	Alan Hansen
4/27	Prasanta Kalita
5/4	Joe Harper

STUDENT AWARDS BANQUET

The ABE Student Awards Banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the I-Hotel. Please plan to attend to honor our outstanding students and faculty.

NOMINATIONS FOR FACULTY AND GRADUATE AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

We are requesting nominations for the following faculty and graduate awards/scholarships:

- Ben and Georgeann Jones Graduate Student Scholarship
- Ben and Georgeann Jones Excellence in Teaching Awards (one faculty and one TA).
- Kent Mitchell Teaching Excellence Award (faculty only)

There is an electronic submission tool available at [here](#). Please turn in any nominations by 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2105. Late nominations will not be considered.

ABE VISION 2020 RETREAT

The ABE Vision 2020 retreat will be held on April 11, 2015. Please fill out the short survey [here](#). Please respond, even if you are not attending.

Departmental Updates (cont.)

SPRING 2015 ABE i4 SEMINAR SERIES “INSPIRING, INTRIGUING, INTERACTIVE, INTERESTING (i⁴)”

Colleen Murphy – <i>Ethics in Engineering</i>	March 6
Irfan Ahmad – <i>Building Multidisciplinary Partnerships</i>	March 13
Maria Chu – <i>Research Program</i>	March 20
Kishore Rajagopalan – <i>The Billion Gallon Water Challenge</i>	April 3
Bob Aherin – <i>Safety and Health Programs</i>	April 10
Jennifer Bernhard – <i>Sensing and Tracking Challenges</i>	April 24
Kari Wozniak – <i>Developing A Coursera Course</i>	May 1

ALPHA EPSILON BLOOD DRIVE

The Alpha Epsilon Blood Drive will be held Monday, March 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 104, Illini Union, 1401 W. Green St. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, click [here](#), or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Explore ACES 2015/ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

Explore ACES 2015 and Engineering Open House will be held Friday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturday March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

Important Dates

March 13-14	Explore ACES/Engineering Open House
March 21	Spring Vacation Begins
March 30	Instruction Resumes
April 11	ABE Vision 2020 Retreat
April 12	ABE Student Award Banquet
May 6	Instruction Ends
May 8	Final Exams Begin
May 16 & 17	Commencement
May 18	Summer Term 1 Begins
May 25	Memorial Day
June 13	Summer Term 1 Ends
June 15	Summer Term 2 Begins
July 3	Independence Day observed
August 6	Summer Term 2 Ends
August 7	Final Exams Begin

Please contact or copy **Leanne Lucas (llucas@illinois.edu)** with any information to be included in a future ABE Bulletin. Thanks!