



The BULLETIN

April 30, 2015

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

The final Monday lunch for the Spring semester will be held May 4. Joe Harper will be the facilitator.

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

The final i4 seminar for the Spring semester will be held on May 1. Kaustubh Bhalerao will speak on *Formatting Your Thesis for Final Submission*.

INTERNATIONAL 1/4 SCALE TRACTOR STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The Illini Pullers will once again compete in the International 1/4 Scale Tractor Student Design Competition. The event will take place May 28-31 in Peoria, Illinois. Please consider attending the competition and departmental get-together on Saturday, May 30.

SAVE THE DATE for the ASABE Annual Meeting

Save the date for the ASABE Annual International Meeting, July 26-29, 2015, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

VOICES OF ACES BLOG

The College of ACES and the director for communications and marketing, Jennifer Shike, would like to see more ABE representation on the *Voices of ACES* blog. The blog's purpose is to introduce people to the ACES community of students, faculty, staff and administrators, and engage readers in an interesting dialogue. Visit the blog site [here](#). This is a great opportunity to highlight a study abroad trip or talk about the interesting or unique aspects of some of our classes. The blog does not have to be long—sometimes three or four paragraphs are all that are needed. If you are interested in writing for the blog and have questions, contact Leanne Lucas (llucas@illinois.edu) or Jennifer Shike (jshike@illinois.edu) for more information.

NEW MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS WEB FORM

A form has been created to submit information to Leanne Lucas for a press release, web article, or inclusion in the ABE Bulletin: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/3609560>. The form is also located on the ABE Wiki page. Once you have completed the form it will automatically send your information to Leanne, and you will receive a copy as well. We hope this will further enhance our efforts to publicize our great department!

Congratulations!

Dr. Alan Hansen —Dr. Hansen was named a [winner](#) of the Paul A. Funk Recognition Award at the College of ACES banquet on April 13, 2015. Hansen was recognized for his excellence in teaching, research and public engagement in “the best tradition of the land-grant university.” Congratulations, Al!

Team Illinois Solar Decathlon—Team Illinois was named a Grand Winner Finalist in the U.S. Department of Energy Race to Zero Student Design Competition. The Illinois team consisted of 28 students from four different colleges and eight different departments (including ABE) in the University of Illinois. Xinlei Wang, a professor in ABE, was the faculty adviser for the team, a position he has held since 2007. Congratulations to Xinlei and Team Illinois!

Department of ABE—The Spirit of Illini Engineering award was presented to the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering following the Engineering Open House. Thanks to Anne Marie Boone for her hard work organizing ABE’s involvement in this year’s Explore ACES and EoH.

Important Dates

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

Important Dates for August 2015 Degree Certification

06/22/15	DCL requests accepted in GSAS for students on the August degree list
06/22/15	1st GCP spreadsheet placed by GSAS in Departments’ shared folder
07/03/15	Last day to take final exam for August doctoral degree
07/10/15	Last day for receipt of Final Exam Results in Graduate College for August degrees
07/10/15	Last day for students to add themselves to August degree list via Student Self-Service and departments to add students unable to add themselves
07/15/15	1st GCP spreadsheet due from Departments in shared folder
07/15/15	Students who have been removed from the current degree list can add themselves to a future degree conferral term using Student Self-Service
07/17/15	Last day to deposit August doctoral dissertations
07/24/15	Last day to deposit August master’s theses

Important Dates for August 2015 Degree Certification (cont.)

- 07/27/15 First Graduation Verification batch email sent by Registrar's Office to all students on the graduation (degree conferral) list regarding name displays on diploma and diploma mailing address
- 07/31/15 DFR grades for current term Study Abroad and Thesis 599 roll to academic history
- 07/31/15 Last day for receipt of DCL requests in GSAS for students on the August degree list
- 08/03/15 Final GCP spreadsheet placed by GSAS in Departments' shared folder
- 08/10/15 Degree conferral date
- 08/10/15 Last day for receipt of **complete** petitions in GSAS for August degrees
- 08/12/15 Final grades roll to academic history
- 08/13/15 S Second Graduation Verification batch email sent by Registrar's Office to all students on the graduation (degree conferral) list regarding name displays on diploma and diploma mailing address
- 08/14/15 First upload of degrees in Banner (**undergrad and professional only**)
- 08/14/15 Final GCP spreadsheet due from Departments in shared folder
- 08/21/15 Last day for receipt of Supplemental Grade Report Forms in GSAS for August degrees
- 08/21/15 Second upload of degrees in Banner
- 08/28/15 Last day to submit name change for diploma name or unique diploma name
- 08/28/15 Final upload of degrees in Banner
- 08/28/15 Last day to add or update address to receive diploma
- Mid-Sept Diplomas mailed to graduates