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## Academic Information

### Absences from Class

Students are expected to attend all their scheduled classes, even when the instructor does not take attendance. All faculty should clearly outline their course attendance and make-up policies in their syllabi. *Authority for excusing all class absences rests with the instructor, not the Assistant Dean.*

There are special circumstances that warrant getting verification from the CANR Office of Academic Programs, but these are **only** related to military leave; serious illness of the student or immediate family member; or death in the family. In each of these cases, documentation must be provided before we will issue a verification.

Absences due to short-term illnesses (colds, flu, etc.) or other issues should be handled directly between the faculty member and the student.

In all cases, it is expected that students will contact their faculty members **BEFORE** missing class. Please read the UD's policy on excused absences in your catalog or on-line at <http://udcatalog.udel.edu/general/undergrad/ugregs.html#best>.

**"Eighty percent of success is showing up."**

-- Woody Allen

## Graduate School Option in ATED

If you are considering a career in teaching and want to earn a master's degree, the Agricultural and Technology Education Graduate Program might be for you!



ATED offers a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree that qualifies you for initial teacher certification in the area of agricultural and natural resources education. This option will allow you to complete a Master's degree and be eligible for teacher certification and employment within one year. Annual salaries for Agriscience teachers are higher than other teaching disciplines, and range from \$35,000 - \$50,000 with a Master's degree; with recent state initiatives, teacher salaries are expected to increase. Some states are even offering signing bonuses and low interest home loans to new teachers.

For more information, contact Richard Bacon in 228 Townsend Hall office, 831-1320, or ([jrbacon@udel.edu](mailto:jrbacon@udel.edu)). A more detailed description of the ATED Graduate Program can be found on page 237-238 of the *current* Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog.

## Student Life

### Ross University Veterinary School Visit

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine will hold a seminar in 132 Townsend Hall on Wednesday, March 9 from 12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Krystal Harrell at [KLH2RMC@aol.com](mailto:KLH2RMC@aol.com).



### Congrats to NESAs Competition Participants!

The Animal Science Club participated in the North East Student Affiliate (NESAs) competition February 25-27 at Rutgers. The competition consisted of livestock judging, a quiz bowl, and oral presentations. This year, 10 schools participated in the competition from all over the North East, for a total of 50 teams competing.



UD's Animal Science Club sent three teams and a total of 15 members to the competition.

Everyone competed well and had a wonderful time. The UD Team B ([Robert Morgan](#), [Beth Harkins](#), [Nicole Russo](#), [Amanda Kilby](#) and [Jenna Scibilia](#)) placed fourth over all in the Quiz Bowl competition. The Animal Science Club also had two members participate in the individual research oral presentation for cash prizes. [Jessica Hall](#), ANS junior, won third place and [Brooke Bacas](#), ANS senior, placed first in the competition. Congratulations to all who participated in this exciting event.

## Find Meaning in LIFE... Become a Peer Mentor!

The Learning Integrated Freshman Experience (LIFE) is recruiting Peer Mentors for the Fall 2005 semester. The Peer Mentor is a paid undergraduate with a strong academic record who is responsible for teaching University 101, helping students form study groups, arranging for tutoring, organizing relevant field trips, and spending time interacting with students on an informal basis. For more information, go to <http://life.ugs.udel.edu/mentors.html>. The application is online at <http://life.ugs.udel.edu/peerapplication.html>. The deadline is **March 11** at 5pm.

## Agriculture College Council

AgCC officer elections are coming up, and we would like highlight each position by showcasing one in each issue of this newsletter. Any CANR student can run for a position.

**Secretary:** The secretary is in charge of keeping records of all AgCC meetings and attendance records. The secretary also conducts all correspondence, reserves all rooms for meetings, and sends out detailed minutes of each meeting. The secretary is also in charge of publicity of all events, including The Ag Carnival and the Advisor Appreciation Luncheon. For more info, contact [katpenn@udel.edu](mailto:katpenn@udel.edu).

## Rush SIGMA ALPHA!

3/4- Comedy Show at Perkins

3/5- Ice Skating 1-3 pm

*\*All times, dates, and activities are tentative.*

Contact: Alison at (301) 938-8480 or [alisonlb@udel.edu](mailto:alisonlb@udel.edu) or Beth at (410) 808-6115 or [Daddesiilcowgirl@aol.com](mailto:Daddesiilcowgirl@aol.com).

## Study Abroad News

You can study in Brazil, China, France, South Africa, or in a host of other countries while fulfilling your degree requirements. Upcoming programs in Australia (ANSC/ATED), Ecuador & the Galapagos (ENWC/PLSC), and Tanzania (ENWC) are especially designed for CANR majors.



Come learn more about each individual program at an interest meeting - check our website at [www.udel.edu/studyabroad](http://www.udel.edu/studyabroad) for a full list of meeting dates, times, and places, as well as detailed information and an on-line application.

### Important Study Abroad

#### Application Deadlines:

*Summer 2005:* 5 p.m. March 11

*Fall 2005:* 5 p.m. March 18

*Winter 2006:* 5 p.m. March 25, April 29, or September 26 (depending on program)

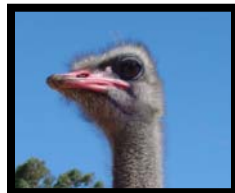
*Spring 2006:* 5 p.m. October 14

#### Deadline for Starr scholarships:

*Winter 2006:* 5 p.m. March 15, 2005

## Go Down Under Next Winter

Are you looking for somewhere warm to go next winter? Interested in learning about cattle, sheep, kangaroos and koalas? Wondering how Australian Parliament mimics its British predecessor? Come with us for Winter Session '06 in New South Wales, Australia. You will study local and international animal production and develop leadership skills through hands-on experience, farm visits, field trips and sight seeing. We'll have field trips to the Riverina District, the outback, and Snowy Mountains. While in Sydney, we'll visit the Taronga Zoo and attend a performance at the infamous



Sydney Opera House. If you like wildlife, animal agriculture and the beach, you'll love Australia.

Our next interest meeting will be Thursday March 24 from 3:30 - 5:30 in 009 Townsend Hall. Come see images from our last excursion and learn about our plans for the upcoming program. For more information, contact Dr. Bill Saylor at [bsaylor@udel.edu](mailto:bsaylor@udel.edu) or Dr. Pat Barber at [pbarber@udel.edu](mailto:pbarber@udel.edu).

## Internships/Summer Jobs

*More information on these and other internships is available on the Career Shelf in 104 TNS Hall.*

**Lums Pond State Park** is looking for a Summer Camp Director and Asst. Director. Applications are currently being accepted via mail or fax to the contact below. Please include cover letter, resume & references to: Angel Rosauri, Nature Center Manager, Delaware State Parks, 425 Wedgewood Road, Newark, DE 19711, Fax (302) 368-6901.

## Delaware State Parks

**AmeriCorps Programs** are National Service Programs that teach and educate visitors about the many natural, historical and cultural wonders in our parks by leading programs, tours, summer camps, and outreach activities. We provide volunteer members with a living allowance and educational scholarship and other benefits, like health insurance for full-time members, in exchange for service in Delaware State Parks. For more information go to [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) or contact Glen Stubbolo FAX (302) 739-3817 Email: [Glen.Stubbolo@state.de.us](mailto:Glen.Stubbolo@state.de.us)

**The Chambers House Nature Center at White Clay Creek State Park** is looking for two undergraduate students to assist our Naturalist with the Earth Explorers program, a bi-weekly environmental education class for home schooled children ages 6-15. The intern will be involved in lesson planning & assisting during class session. Many classes are taught outside on the trails and along the creek. The intern must be able to hike short distances carrying class supplies. This is an unpaid internship.

Review internship requirements in 104 TNS, and contact Danielle Downs at [Danielle.Downs@state.de.us](mailto:Danielle.Downs@state.de.us) or (302) 368-6560 to set up an interview.

**The Delaware Nature Society** at the Ashland Nature Center & Coverdale Farm, Hockessin, Delaware is looking for *Environmental & Agricultural Education Instructors*. Weekday, weekend and evening opportunities are available to service Delaware Nature Society members, schools and public groups. Experience teaching children and natural history background is helpful - training is provided. For details, call Michele Wales, Farm Program Coordinator at 302 - 239 - 2334 x 143 or visit [www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org).

**The Delaware Nature Society** at Coverdale Farm, Greenville, DE offers a three-month *Farm Education Internship*. This internship supports the daily operations of an educational farm program that services Delaware Nature Society members, schools (currently PK - 5<sup>th</sup> grade), teachers and the public. Interns assist in preparation and teaching of spring farm member and school programs, provide support to the Native Plant Sale and help maintain the teaching garden and livestock collection. This internship provides a small stipend and opportunity to gain college

credit. Interested sophomore or junior students should contact Michele Wales, Farm Program Coordinator at 302-239-2334 x143 for further details.

**Farm Assistant for Kent County (DE) farm.** June 1 - August 30 (flexible); Duties include: install and maintain professionally-designed landscape plan; assist with maintenance of property around the residence; establish, maintain and harvest a flower and vegetable garden; assist with duties at the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village on request. \$10/hour. For description, see bulletin board outside 104 TNS.

### **The Delaware Water Resources**



**Center** announces undergraduate internships in water resources for 2005-2006. Students receive a stipend of up to \$3500 and typically work ten weeks full-time during the summer and additional hours during the fall and winter as the individual project demands. Academic credit for the internship is also possible but must be coordinated with the student's faculty advisor. Interns must submit a written report on their project and participate in a poster session at an undergraduate research conference in the spring of 2006. **The application deadline is March 25, 2005.** Visit <http://ag.udel.edu/dwrc/jobs.html> for the application and more information. Ask a faculty member with whom you'd like to work if they'd like to develop and mentor a project with you, or contact Amy Boyd at [aboyd@udel.edu](mailto:aboyd@udel.edu) 738-6779 to discuss your interests.

## The Parks and People

**Foundation** is seeking highly motivated, well-organized individuals to train and lead teams of high school youth on the BRANCHES (Building Resources and Nurturing Community Health & Environmental Stewardship) project, an innovative youth training and summer job program in park forestry and maintenance in Baltimore's most visible public parks. The program will provide economically disadvantaged youth with training and employment experience that develops useful job skills and leads to long-term opportunities in tree care related professions. Contact: [mary.cox@parksandpeople.org](mailto:mary.cox@parksandpeople.org) or [www.parksandpeople.org](http://www.parksandpeople.org) for more info. Deadline is March 11.

## Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library,

Winterthur, DE offers a Horticulture & Arboriculture



Internship Program. CONTACT: A. Shonie Castle, Route 52, Winterthur, DE 19735; 302-888-4830;

[jobs@winterthur.org](mailto:jobs@winterthur.org)

Deadline: March 31

## Part-Time Job

The DNA Analysis Unit of the State of Delaware Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is looking for a part-time technician. This position is a day-time position **without** benefits and requires up to 29.75 hrs/wk. We are looking for someone who is willing to stay on for at least a couple of years. Anyone who is interested in hearing more about the position can contact Daniel Katz at [daniel.katz@state.de.us](mailto:daniel.katz@state.de.us).

There isn't room in the newsletter for all the details on every job or internship announcement we receive. To do a thorough job search, be sure to visit the MBNA Career Services Center; check out the Career Shelf in 104 TNS; and read the TNS bulletin boards for additional postings and other important information.

## Scholarships/Awards

The Office of Women's Affairs and the Commission on the Status of Women will sponsor two awards this spring. The **Bessie Collins Award** of \$200 will be given to a woman who is over 25 years old, has a minimum g.p.a. of 3.0, demonstrates future promise, and who has overcome special difficulties in pursuing her goals. The **Mae Carter Award** of \$500 will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate woman student with a g.p.a. of at least 3.0 who has demonstrated service to women on campus and commitment to scholarship. Complete information and application forms for each of these awards are available at <http://www.udel.edu/OWA>. **Deadline is March 11.**

The **Sprig and Twig Garden Club** is offering a \$1000 scholarship to recognize excellence in horticulture, plant science or related fields. Applications are available in 104 Townsend. Deadline is **April 15**.

The **National Poultry and Food Distributors Association** is offering scholarships to rising juniors or seniors majoring in food science, food & agribusiness management, resource economics, and animal science. Applications are available in 104 Townsend Hall and are due **May 31**.

The **Delmarva Flock Supervisors' Association** will offer at least one scholarship, between \$500 and \$1500, to a student interested in poultry science. More information and applications are available in 104 TNS. *Deadline: August 4*.

### **Newsletter Submission Guidelines:**

*Talk of Townsend* is produced **every other** Friday during the Fall, Winter and Spring terms, with occasional exceptions due to certain deadlines.

**(Next issue is March 18, 2005)**

Submissions of timely and general interest are welcome. Please submit your copy in a *brief* statement, including dates, times, locations and contact information, via Email to [kra@udel.edu](mailto:kra@udel.edu) by **5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication**.

**Information received after that time will be posted in the NEXT newsletter.**

*The Office of Academic Programs reserves the right to refuse or edit announcements.*

*Talk of Townsend is archived on the Web at:  
<http://ag.udel.edu/resources/talkoftownsend.htm>.*

### **The Office of Academic Programs & Student Services** 104 Townsend Hall 302/831-2508

<http://ag.udel.edu/aboutus/academicprog.htm>

*Offering academic and support services to our undergraduates.*

**Dr. Tom Sims**, Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Research

**Karen Aniunas**, Assistant Dean for Student Services

**Karri Van Blarcom**, General Advisor

**Nancy Lynam**, Staff Assistant

**Come see us for help with:**

- Junior Check-In and Senior Check-Out
- Good-Student Discounts for car insurance
- Approval for taking courses at other schools
- Changing advisors
- Late changes to registration
- Excused absence verification
- Personal situations affecting academics
- Scholarship support
- Problems with your transcript
- Questions about anything related to or impacting your academic life at UD!

We also have a career shelf with information on employment, summer jobs and internships.