

TALK of TOWNSEND

Newsletter for Undergraduates in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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ACADEMIC UPDATES

Destination Diploma: Important Tips for Earning your Degree

Summer and Fall Course Registration: Start Planning Soon!

With the start of the spring season, now is the time to start considering summer and fall course selections. You should touch base with your advisor to determine if you are on track towards graduation and/or if you want to consider taking any summer courses. You can view summer course offerings online at

<http://chico.nss.udel.edu/CoursesSearch/>. Students will be able to register for *summer session* starting on April 7th. Check your exact registration appointment date in UDSIS.

Fall courses can be viewed starting April 7th and registration will begin on April 21st. Again, be sure to check your registration appointment in UDSIS!

Because course registration is a live system, it is imperative that you register for courses promptly. Make sure you discuss course options with your advisor *in advance*, pick out *alternative courses* to consider, and *mark your calendar* for your registration appointment date. If you wait too long to register, you may not be able to get the courses you need or want.

When you're choosing classes, be sure the courses you're selecting to satisfy requirements are *approved* courses. When in doubt, refer to your undergraduate catalog.

If you ever have questions about your degree requirements, please consult with your academic advisor, department chair, and/or the Office of Academic Programs!

Please don't wait until it's too late - check in regularly to be sure you're on track towards graduation!

Australia Study Abroad



Do you want to visit with kangaroos, koala bears, and many other types of exotic animals up close and personal? How about doing the bridge climb over Sydney Harbour or visiting Blue Mountains? If that isn't exciting enough, how about a visit to the island of Tasmania for a close-up view of their Tasmanian Devil? You can do this and lots of other wonderful things on the ANSC/AGED Australia Study Abroad experience, as well as earn 7 credits towards your degree requirements. The next interest meeting will be held **Monday, March 24th, 4:00 pm** in room 102 Gore Hall. Join us for an overview of a really exciting trip that is both fun and educational. Contact Dr. Pat Barber (pbarber@udel.edu) or Dr. Bill Saylor (bsaylor@udel.edu) for more information.

STUDENT ACTIVITY INFORMATION

All students are invited to submit club/activity meeting times and locations, membership info, and brief descriptions of their organizations or activities to *Talk of Townsend*. See end of newsletter for details.

AgCC

The Agriculture College Council (AgCC) would like to invite students to attend their meetings at 6:00pm on the first and third Thursday of every month in 125 Memorial Hall. Come and see the different activities AgCC is involved in planning this spring, such as socials, movie nights, game nights, and the advisor appreciation luncheon. Email mlapera@udel.edu with any questions.

CANR Mid-Term Study Break: Sponsored by AgCC

The CANR mid-term study break will be on Tuesday March 25th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Townsend Lobby. Take a break from studying and enjoy free pizza, donuts, coffee, and soda!

Plant and Soil Science Club

We are planning many great trips for the upcoming semester and would love for you to join us! We will be going camping at Cape Henlopen, Delaware later in the semester. There will be hiking trips to places like French Creek, Elk Creek, and Valley Park. We also hope to visit Mt. Cuba, Chanticleer, the Delaware Nature Society, and the Philadelphia Flower Show. If you are interested in joining us on one or more of these trips or have ideas for great nature experiences... please contact our President, Kellie Cox at kcox@udel.edu.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
CENTER WORKSHOPS
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
148-150 S. College Ave.
(302) 831-2805

If you could use a little extra guidance in any of the areas listed below, consider attending a one-hour, no-cost workshop to help improve your skills and academic success!

READING STRATEGIES
Thursday, April 10th

TEST-TAKING
Monday, March 10th
Thursday, March 13th

CAREER INFORMATION

Scholarship, internship and job postings will primarily be listed by company, job title, application deadline, and website link, if applicable. Please be sure to visit our Career Shelf in 104 Townsend Hall to view the full details of each posting.

Scholarships

[Delmarva Flock Supervisors' Association Scholarship](#)

For more information, click above.

Applications will also be available in 104 Townsend Hall.

Deadline: June 30, 2008.

Graduate School Opportunity

University of Mississippi, Graduate Fellowships in Forest Restoration Ecology and Management,

<http://jobs.forestry.uga.edu/showme/show/2236>

Volunteer Position

Consider volunteering your time to the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve's annual baywide horseshoe crab spawning survey in May and June. The volunteer training session will be held on Wednesday, April 16th from 6:00 – 7:30. For more details, click [here](#).

Internships/Summer Jobs

For full descriptions of each posting below, including application materials and contact information, click on the links.

White Clay Creek State Park, Summer Positions, now accepting applications; open until filled.

- [-Mountain Biking Camp Instructor](#)
- [-Summer Camp Staff](#)

[Lums Pond State Park Summer Camp Director.](#) Now accepting applications; position open until filled.

[Burger King Corporation Internships](#) for Food Science Majors!

[Allen's Summer Internships](#)

Deadline: March 25, 2008

Delaware Water Resources Center 2008-09 Internships, <http://ag.udel.edu/dwrc/>

Deadline: March 28, 2008

[Aldermere Farm Internship](#)

Rockport, ME www.aldermere.org,

Deadline: March 31, 2008

[Winterthur Museum and Country Estate,](#)

Available Positions:

- Garden/Estate Interns
- Arborist Intern
- Natural Lands Intern

Deadline: March 31, 2008

Natural Resources Conservation Services Summer Positions, Deadline: April 30th

- [-Information Sheet](#)
- [-Application](#)

[Parks & People Foundation Summer Internships](#)

Multiple internships available through this Baltimore environmental, non-profit organization.

[Walt Disney World/Epcot Professional Internships](#)

[USDA 2008 Summer Intern Program](#), <http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/intern.htm>, Deadlines vary by position.

Employment

Southern States Cooperative, Inc., Assistant Manager positions located in VA,

<http://www.southernstates.com/corpcareers/careers.shtml>

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Agricultural Water Quality Specialist,

<https://erecruit.per.state.vt.us/>

Bank of America Career Services Center

Are you registered with the BOA Career Services Center? If not, attend a brief orientation (see schedule at <http://www.udel.edu/CSC/orient.html>) and come learn how to use the Career Services online database, eRecruiting.com, of over 4500 company profiles and contacts: Participate in the campus interview program with over 250 organizations visiting campus between October and May and to find an internship (including summer) or permanent full-time job after graduation. For information

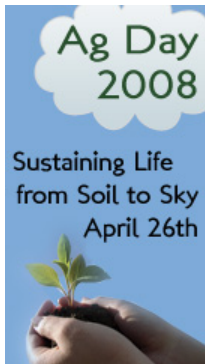
about all Career Services workshops and sessions, please visit <http://www.udel.edu/CSC/happening.html>.

A Message from the Director of the BoA Career Services Center Upcoming Career Services Events:

The Career Services Center is sponsoring a series of events to promote and inform students about public service careers during the week of April 21-24, 2008. This first ever public service program is the joint effort of several departments as opportunities in these areas have increased and are of greater interest to students. For full details, visit <http://www.udel.edu/CSC/pubsvcweek.html>.

The key program is a Public Service Careers Expo on Wed, April 23, 2-4pm; in the Perkins Student Center (Rodney Room, Ewing Room, Gallery) and we have over 80 agencies and organizations from Federal, state, and local offices as well as non-profits. It is an exciting opportunity for students interested in these areas. For a complete listing of participants visit: <http://www.udel.edu/CSC/pubexpo.html>.

Coming Soon! Ag Day 2008



This year's Ag Day is being planned by a group of 8 CANR students, and several CANR staff members. We have reached a record number of exhibitors this year - over 80! This will undoubtedly be the biggest Ag Day yet. For details about Ag Day 2008, including who will be exhibiting, click on the picture. If you have any questions about Ag Day, please send an email to kvanb@udel.edu.

Pat's Rich Advice for the Financially Challenged!

In each issue of Talk of Townsend, Dr. Pat Barber, faculty in FREC and genuine financial wiz, will be providing valuable financial tips. Students, faculty, and staff can all learn from Pat's Rich Advice!
pbarber@udel.edu

MAKING IT ON YOUR OWN

Graduation from college is an exciting experience and so is starting a life on your own. Many students are unclear about what things are needed once they are no longer living with parents or just simply starting their first job. Some of the issues you want to think about are listed below along with some ways to address them.

1. Car expenses - if you are planning to purchase a vehicle, start saving money now. My best advice for this one is simply read as much as you can about the buying an automobile. I have information in my office that would be a big help so ask me for it. Bottom line, pay as large a down payment as you can and finance it for as short a time as you can afford. A car is the most expensive thing you will purchase that depreciates each day you own it. Auto dealers are experts at selling you something that you cannot really afford. Never commit more than 20 percent of your take home pay to credit payments, excluding a mortgage or rent. Shop around for credit as well. You can get different rates from different sources. Keep in mind that a car will require upkeep in the form of gas, oil changes, tires, repairs, and insurance. Those things

are expensive so check around for what it would cost and make sure you have enough to cover those in your budget.

2. Housing - living on your own is a good thing but it is expensive. Rent is not the only expense when getting a place of your own. There are deposits for the apartment or house plus deposits for utilities. Those must be paid up front and they usually add up to quite a bit. You need furnishings which might come from relatives but you will probably have to buy some things yourself like linens for the bed. A word of caution about leases. Read the entire lease before signing and do not leave any blanks in the contract. Some places furnish window coverings and some do not. Laundry expenses add up if you do not have your own washer and dryer. Food is an expense at home and at the office. Will you cook or eat out? Know the difference in the price of each.
3. Clothes - you will need almost an entirely new wardrobe for work depending on your new position. Most companies require "business attire" rather than the typical college outfits that you wear to class. And, not only clothes but you will need shoes as well along with socks/hose, etc.
4. Food - what about meals? Are you going to eat at home for breakfast or on the way to work? Will you pack a lunch or buy something at a nearby restaurant? Will you get your coffee from Starbucks or Wawa? All of these options require different amounts of money. Eating out of machines or getting take out can add up quickly. Keep a running tab on your expenses for this just so you are aware of how much it cost you to eat each day.

These are just a few of the expenses that you will have to face when you start life on your own. The most important thing is to pay your self first. Save a little of your paycheck each month (at least 10%) so you will have funds for large expenses. That way, you will not have to purchase everything on credit. The use and abuse of credit makes managing your finances very difficult sometime. Good luck! Let me know if you want to have more information on any of this by e-mailing me at pbarber@udel.edu.

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.

(The next issue will be out in two weeks!)

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 kvanb@udel.edu by **5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.**

Do not format your email with bullets and fonts; they will be removed.

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>.