

# Aggie 'Neck News

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**Ag Mech:** 2nd Wed, 5pm, Ag Shop

**Ag Vocators:** Tues, 7am, KH 152

**Agribusiness:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 6pm, KH 308

**Agronomy:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 5pm, KH 226

**Alpha Gamma Rho:** Mon, 5:30pm, AGR House

**Alpha Gamma Sigma:** Mon, 6pm, AGS House

**Alpha Zeta:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 5:30pm, KH 152

**CFFA/ PAS/ AG Ed:** 1st & 3rd Tue, 5pm, KH 152

**Collegiate Farm Bureau:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 6pm, KH 152

**Equestrian Club:** Wed, 6pm, Keeney Room (Rec Center)

**Forestry Club:** 2nd & 4th Thurs, 3pm, KH 201

**Hoof-n-Horn:** 3rd Thurs, 6:30pm, Livestock Center

**Horticulture:** 2nd & 4th Mon, 5pm, KH 226

**Sigma Alpha:** Mon, 5:30pm, KH 152

## Upcoming Events

1/28-31: Sigma Alpha Recruitment Week

1/28: Hort Club mtg @ 5pm

1/30: Agribusiness mtg @ 6pm

1/31: Hoof-N-Horn mtg @ 6pm

2/9-10: Ag Mech Show

2/9: Donkey Basketball

2/18: A Night of Hope

2/20: CFFA Pancake Breakfast

2/21: Ag Council Chili Cook-off

3/22: Ag Open House



**A Night of Hope**  
Choose to Live: The Day Suicide Didn't Win

Monday, February 18, 6 p.m.  
Western Illinois University  
Grand Ballroom-University Union

Hosted by the Andrew Wedekind Family & the WIU School of Agriculture

The WIU School of Agriculture presents  
the third annual

# CHILI COOK OFF!

Teams can sign up on the google document that will be sent to every student in the School of Agriculture!



**WHEN: FEBRUARY 21ST 5-7PM**

**WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION IN MACOMB**

**COST: \$5 IN ADVANCE, \$6 AT THE DOOR**

THANK YOU TO THIS YEARS SPONSOR!



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CONTACT KYLE FREEBERN OR CLAUDIA BLAND WITH QUESTIONS!

**Tickets are available now in the Ag Office!**

If you missed the interest parties for Alpha Gamma Sigma but are still interested in becoming a brother, please contact Kyle Whitaker:  
[km-whitaker2@wiu.edu](mailto:km-whitaker2@wiu.edu)

AG MECH CLUB'S

*49th Annual*

# FARM EXPO

Western Hall | Macomb, IL

**FEBRUARY 9-10, 2019**

Saturday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tot-Rod Pedal Pulls (Sunday at noon) • Farm Tractors and Machinery  
Ag Sales and Service • Ag Management • Emerging Ag Technology  
Livestock Supplies • Crop Supplies • Conservation • Ag Structures  
Farm Toy Show • Crafts • Displays • Alpha Gamma Sigma Concession Stand  
WIU faculty and student agricultural research

Free Parking and Admission  
For more information, call (309) 298-1231.  
Please follow show updates at: [facebook.com/wiufarmexpo/](https://www.facebook.com/wiufarmexpo/)



If you require accommodations in order to participate in this activity, please contact the School of Agriculture, (309) 298-1231.



## RUSH ALPHA GAMMA RHO



JANUARY 24TH AT 6 P.M. CARD NIGHT AND DINNER AT THE AGR HOUSE 1010 N. LAFAYETTE ST. MACOMB

JANUARY 29TH AT 6 P.M. DODGEBALL AT THE WIU RECREATIONAL CENTER (BRING STUDENT ID)

FEBRUARY 5TH AT 6 P.M. BOWLING AT DIGGERS (123 E ADAMS ST MACOMB)

FEBRUARY 7TH AT 5:30 P.M. MUSIC, POOL, AND DINNER AT THE AGR HOUSE

QUESTIONS. CONTACT US

VNR OF RECRUITMENT  
KOBY STROPE  
309-791-1067

NOBLE RULER  
RYAN J. SHORTNESS  
309-338-7969



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@AGRWIU



What: The West Prairie Class of 2020 is having a Donkey Basketball Game!

When: February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Where West Prairie High School

We are inviting you to be a part of this event and be on a team. You are not required to make your own team we will put you on a team. How you ask? Must be 16 years or older (with parent permission if under 18) under 225lbs for the safety of you and the donkey. Must purchase a team shirt at the cost of 15.00.

And we need you to want to have fun!

We need to know if you are wanting to do this ASAP! To insure your spot please reserve it prior to January 10<sup>th</sup>. To reserve your spot on a team or to ask any questions please feel free to call or Text Tanya Clark at 217-248-7076 or Chevonne Kennelly at 309-221-8622.

All proceeds benefit the Class of 2020 After Prom.

# Ag

## Internship Summer 2019



Expand networks and gain professional agricultural experience in the operation and management of agricultural businesses, public agencies, or private agencies. Earn college credit as you enhance your preparation for a career in agriculture.

### Mandatory Informational Meetings

You will need to plan to attend **One (1)** session:

**Tuesday, March 19 - 12:00 pm or**  
**Wednesday, March 20 - 3:00 pm or**  
**Tuesday, March 26 - 7:00 am**

All meetings will be in Knoblauch 306

The purpose of this meeting is to explain the requirements and protocol. You will need to have earned 54 hours by the end of Spring 2019 and have a 2.25 cumulative and major GPA to apply.

Bring your internship manual!

<http://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/internships/>

Faculty Supervisor:  
Dr. Graciela Andrango  
gc-andrango@wiu.edu  
309-298-4688

## Organic Grain Conference & Trade Show 2019



**The Organic Industry is Changing**  
Exploring advancements and issues  
in grain farming, together.

# FEBRUARY 13-14

I Hotel & Conference Center  
Champaign, IL

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP | FEBRUARY 13 | \$45**  
Navigating Organic Certification

**CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW | FEBRUARY 14 | \$65**  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Francis Thicke  
"Defending the Core of the Organic Standard"

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

Organic & Transition Budgets | Grain Buyers Panel | Nitrogen Management  
Participatory Testing of Corn | USDA Add-on Labels | Legal Issues in Organics  
Certification on Leased Land | Managing a Parallel Operation

**FULL CONFERENCE PACKAGE | FEBRUARY 13 & 14 | \$99**

PRICES INCREASE ON FEBRUARY 1 | REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 10

Register online at [thelandconnection.org/OGC2019](http://thelandconnection.org/OGC2019)

This work is supported by Organic Agriculture Research and Education Initiative [grant no. 2018-51300-28429/  
project accession no. 1016400] from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

COLLEGIATE FFA

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

PUBLIC  
WELCOME!



7-10 am Knoblauch Dining Hall- Room 239

**February 20th**  
**\$5 Tickets on Sale Now!**  
**\$6 At The Door**



# AGRICULTURE IS OPENING A LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY JUST FOR YOU



## Academic Success Workshops-Spring 2019



### 1<sup>st</sup> 8-Weeks

#### First Semester Reflection (New!)

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Effective Studying

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Exam Preparation

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Strategic Notetaking

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Memory Techniques (New!)

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Time Management (Emphasis on Midterms)

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Stress Management

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Rec Center-Keeney Conference Room  
Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Weeks

#### Organize with Google

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin-Olson E-Classroom (1032)  
Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

#### Effective Studying

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin Conference Room  
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Exam Preparation

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin-Olson E-Classroom (1032)  
Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Strategic Notetaking

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin-Olson E-Classroom (1032)  
Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Memory Techniques (New!)

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin-Olson E-Classroom (1032)  
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Time Management (Emphasis on Finals)

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin-Olson E-Classroom (1032)  
Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Stress Management

5:15pm-5:45pm  
Corbin-Olson E-Classroom (1032)  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019



Facebook.com/RockysResources



## On-Demand Academic Success Workshops

Looking to cultivate academic skills for a group? Don't have the time to attend one of our workshops?

We can come to you!

### Topics

Organizing with Google, Strategic Notetaking, Time Management, Memory Techniques, Effective Studying, Stress Management, Preparing for Exams

Scan the QR Code to open our On-Demand Request Form!



Facebook.com/RockysResources



**\*\*For more employment/internship opportunities, please check the bulletin board by the Ag Office (Knobby 145)\*\***

# Employment Opportunities

## Sunnyhill Angus Farm

**Seeking part time employee (weekend, off days) or interns**

Purebred Angus seedstock and grain farm. Annual Production Sale.

Work Involves cattle sale preparation and associated duties. Tractor experience helpful but not required.

Spring work would also consist of crop farming.

Located near Fairview

**309-338-2957**

sunnyhillangusfarm@gmail.com

**Could lead to summer or fulltime employment**



**Social Media Internship Program**

[www.eiseverywhere.com](http://www.eiseverywhere.com)

## MONSANTO

**Seed Technician -  
Ashton, IL (Multiple Opportunities)**

[jobs.monsanto.com](http://jobs.monsanto.com)

## ■ - BASF

We create chemistry

Soybean Breeding Internship Description BASF is seeking applicants for paid internships in soybean breeding at the Champaign, IL facility.

**Contact Kelly Moore**

BASF Soybean Breeding

41 County Road 1200

North White Heath, IL 61884

kelly.moore1@agro.basf-se.com

(217)369-5374



**Field Operations Intern - White Heath, IL**

<https://www.career.bayer.us/en/job/Field-Operations-Intern--SF30223.html>



**Research Specialist - Beardstown, IL**

<https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/MAS1009MASC/JobBoard/9bdadda1-516a-4204-ac55-d335ab9a049f/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=7fd21ac0-171a-42e4-a6cc-f87b0bc975>

## DES MOINES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

3625 Flint Ridge Drive  
Burlington IA 52601  
319-753-6221 Ext. 3



The Des Moines County Soil & Water Conservation District is accepting applications for a summer internship position.

**Position Title:** Conservation Internship

**Employment Term:** 480 hours (approximately 12 weeks)

**Education/Qualification:** Must be enrolled in college or a recent graduate majoring in a field of study related to agriculture, conservation, engineering, construction trades, GIS, communications, public relations or urban planning.

**Opening Date:** January 14, 2019

**Closing Date:** February 8, 2019

**Wage:** \$12/hr. No holidays, vacation or benefits included.

### Description of Duties:

- Conduct Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) field reviews
- Organize/plan a special project
- Assist with conservation practices survey and layout
- Soil health promotion activities
- Other duties may be required and assigned as deemed appropriate by the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners

**Skills & Abilities:** The employee must be able to drive and have a valid driver's license. Knowledge of plants, soils and map reading is beneficial. Must have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions. Ability to walk through tough terrain and carry equipment.

**Contact: Send resumes via email to:**  
jamie.stewart@ia.nacdnet.net

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

### FARM ASSISTANT

A Western Illinois crop operation is seeking a full time employee for a year-round farm assistant position. The position has a flexible start date and salary dependent on experience.

### Responsibilities

Farm Assistant will perform a variety of tasks including, but not limited to: operating and maintenance of large machinery, drying and storage of grain, applying fertilizer and chemicals, mowing, and hauling grain.

### Required Qualifications

A valid driver's license and ability to perform labor-intensive tasks are necessary.

### Preferred Experience

Knowledge of agriculture and a commercial driver's license are preferred.

Please submit resume and/or questions to Mark Hawk at [mhawkfarm@gmail.com](mailto:mhawkfarm@gmail.com).

## Rising STAR Partner Internship Program



### **PROGRAM**

To maintain our standard of excellence, we are continually looking for quality candidates to add to our team. Our Rising STAR Partner internship program is a rare opportunity which allows you to take the skills and knowledge gained through your college education, plus the extensive sales, agronomy, and business skills training from our Seed Academy and apply them in a practical setting to grow your own seed business. Our Rising STAR Partner Internship program will provide in-depth training, support and business planning assistance to help college students build their own LG Seeds dealership. This is a great opportunity, with excellent income potential, for students returning to their home farm after graduation.

Members of the LG Seeds Rising STAR Partner Intern Team will gain the tools and information needed to run a successful professional seed dealership. From training in digital agriculture, sales, agronomy, building your dealership brand through marketing and more, our Rising STAR Partner Interns will learn how to rapidly develop successful dealership while learning the skills to continue the growth. Rising STAR Partner Interns who meet objectives during the internship will have the opportunity to be their own boss as they build their successful seed business.

### **RESPONSIBILITY AREAS INCLUDE:**

- Marketing/Sales
- Advantage Acre
- Agronomics
- Training
- Administrative

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Background in farming preferred
- Pursuing agriculture related degree with Junior or Senior standing (or in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Associates degree)
- Highly self-motivated with strong work ethic
- Desire to start their own seed business
- Excellent written and oral communications
- Possesses effective organization and time management skills
- Ability to complete responsibilities without supervision
- Professional attitude with great leadership qualities
- Ability to lift at least 50 lbs.
- Valid driver license & meet MVR guidelines
- Dependable personal vehicle

### **COMPENSATION**

- \$15.87 per hour for the months of June, July, and August
- Additional opportunities for compensation may be available during the school year.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- Go to: <http://agreliantgenetics.com/careers/>, Select "View Current Job Openings", Type "Rising STAR" in search box, Click on job name then Select "Apply for this job on-line" then complete requested information and attach resume.

# Scholarship Opportunities

**\*\*For more info, please check the bulletin board\*\***



Illinois Pork Producers.  
Generations of Commitment.

<https://ilpork.com/youth/scholarships>



The 2019-2020 IAA Foundation Scholarship Application Period is now open. Please utilize the link below to view this year's lineup and begin your application. All applications are due February 1st.

[www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org)



LaSalle County Farm Bureau  
LaSalle County Farm Bureau  
Foundation College  
\$1,500 Scholarship

*Check your WIU email for more info*

## Win a \$3,500 Scholarship

for those interested in a career in the grain and feed industries

Open to college Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors with a permanent Illinois residence

Deadline: March 1, 2019

[www.gfai.org](http://www.gfai.org) for details




**\$1,500 Scholarships Available**  
Applications are now due February 1st.

<https://www.winnebagobonefarmbureau.org/>



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School of Agriculture

**WIU AGRICULTURE OPEN HOUSE**  
OCTOBER 5, 2018 & MARCH 22, 2019

[bitly.com/WIUOpenHouse18](http://bitly.com/WIUOpenHouse18)

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to our Leatherneck family? Invite them to Ag Open House! #RightHereAtHome

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If you have news that you want to be included in next week's Aggie 'Neck News or have questions about this issue, please email [kl-graves@wiu.edu](mailto:kl-graves@wiu.edu)