Students,

Good morning. Hope everyone had a nice long weekend. Is everyone doing okay? Let me know if you run into anything that I can help with. Here are some announcements for this week.

Registration is now complete. The only other deadline coming up for this term is the last day to withdraw from a class or change to S/U grading. More on this as we get closer to the deadline in February, which will be at the end of the seventh week of classes, February 18. See the link below to change to S/U grading. https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/change-grading-basis

College of Agricultural Sciences Ambassador Program:
The college is looking for qualified leaders to serve as student representatives for the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Oregon State University as members of the CAS Ambassador Team.

Applications open Friday, January 14th and will close on Friday February 4th at 11:55pm. For full details, a link to the position description and application survey visit the Become an Ambassador Page.

Interested undergraduate Corvallis-campus and *Ecampus students are encouraged to apply. *This is the second year that this opportunity will be extended to Ecampus students.

Ambassadors represent CAS at a variety of events and programs that support the college’s recruitment, social media and communication campaigns, current student services, international programs, experiential education, and alumni, donor and industry relations. Ambassadors present information and facilitate discussions at on- and off-campus functions and virtual events, participate in professional conferences, attend alumni and industry events, and give agricultural sciences-related presentations and campus tours. The recruitment and selection of exceptional student leaders is critical to the success of recruitment efforts and support of current students in the college. Participation in the program is an excellent professional and personal development opportunity as well. Students who are selected receive a $1800 scholarship for their year of service.

Please share the attached two slides with your students. The first slide provides general information about the program and application process/timeline. The second slide provides information about an information sessions (both in-person and via zoom) interested students can attend to learn more. The in-person open house will take place on January 18th and the Virtual Open House will take place on January 25th – both at 5pm PST.

Accelerated Master’s Platform (AMP):
We have a program here that you can apply to our MS program during your Junior year. You need to have a 3.25 GPA and have completed 105 credits.
The application deadline will be Friday of Finals Week this Winter Term **Friday, March 18**. You apply through the Graduate School website. You will need to make sure you find the AMP application. In addition, you will need a code from myself. You won’t be charged an application fee.

How does it work? Successful applicants can apply a maximum of twelve graduate credits taken during their undergraduate senior year to both their undergraduate and master’s degrees. Students in this program will complete the same requirements as all MS students in Applied Economics, including choosing an area of concentration. If you have any questions on this, you can talk to me during your Spring Term advising appointment or if you want to schedule, a separate appointment that would be fine.

**January 19 Campuswide Workshop -- How to get involved in Political Campaigns**

Greetings – the School of Public Policy is hosting a forum on how to get involved in political campaigns: Wednesday, January 19 at 5:00 PM.
The 2022 election cycle will shape Oregon’s future for years to come. Democratic and Republican campaign experts will be on hand to discuss how students can get involved. No matter political leanings, major, or experience, students will leave this workshop with a clear sense of the steps they can take to get involved.
Candidates are already lining up for the May 17 Primary election. Some of these races will be among the most hotly contested in the state – they will determine which candidates will be on the November ballot.
During the hour-long workshop students will have opportunities to ask questions and speak individually with the panelists.
In-person in Corvallis: WGND 115
Zoom
Students with questions should contact jock.mills@oregonstate.edu

**2022-2023 Continuing Undergraduate Researcher Support Program!**

Application is OPEN! Funding is available for Summer 2022 and/or Academic Year 2022-23 - Joint student-faculty applications due April 3, 2022.

**2022-2023 Continuing Researchers Support Program**
Are you an undergraduate with research experience?

Are you looking to take your work to the next level?

Do you have a burning research question and are looking for financial support?

The Continuing Researchers Support Program provides funding assistance for faculty and undergraduate students who are seeking support for a semi-independent research project. The student applicant identifies a faculty member to work with and to develop a research/work proposal. Proposals for this support should include evidence of strong faculty/student collaboration, previous student research experience, and a research topic in line with the ongoing research of the faculty and in service to the university. This program requires cost share by the faculty. (A cost-share of one-third of the funding must be supplied by the faculty through additional salary, or supplies/services for the student’s research (detailed in the application). Funds are transferred directly to a faculty/department account and unused funds must be returned. Funds must support students a minimum of 50 hours of work during the academic year, and a minimum of 30 hours during the summer. The
remaining funds can be used for materials. A detailed budget is required as part of the application.)

Proposal forms are now available! Proposals are due April 3, 2022.

[Click here for more information and to access the proposal form!]

**Job/Internship Posting Information:**

When conducting your job or internship search it is important to be aware of any possible misrepresentations that may exist. Therefore, we encourage you to read the following information so that you avoid any unfortunate situations.

Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) makes no representation, warranty or guarantee about the positions listed. CAS does not prescreen employment or internship opportunities that are submitted. By using the resources available, you are assuming full responsibility for your safety, security, wages, working conditions, fraudulent, or other aspects of any off-campus employment/internship opportunities that you discover while using CAS resources.

**Farm Service Agency Positions:**

- Tangent: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/629424900](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/629424900)
- Eugene: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/629425100](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/629425100)

See attached Word document.

**USDA Positions:**

Message from the CED

Tangent FSA has four positions currently open for hiring!
• Farm Program Technician - Permanent Full Time
• Farm Program Technician - Temporary Full Time
• Farm Loan Technician - Permanent Full Time
• Farm Loan Technician - Temporary Full Time

The two permanent positions applications must be submitted via USAJOBS.GOV and the two Temporary positions submit resume via email or mail, see below for details.

With the recent retirement of Donna Sprenkle, Scott Nieman is the acting Farm Loan Manager.

You must have a scheduled appointment with FSA staff. During these times we ask for your patience.

Sincerely - Heather Tritt

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Farm Program Technician - Permanent Full Time

The position includes general office activities and supporting the administration of FSA programs. Must be reliable, have a professional attitude, be hard working and efficient. Must apply via USAJOBS.GOV.

USAJOBS.GOV Announcement Number: FSACO-11342627-22-OR-HA

DEADLINE: January 19, 2022

Duties

- Carrying out office activities and functions pertaining to one or more of the program areas administered in the county.
- Interpreting and explaining procedures, program regulations and forms to producers and other agency personnel.
- Utilizing various web-based software applications to maintain producer data and processing automated forms.
- Using a high degree of initiative and judgment in planning and carrying out assigned tasks and resolving problems encountered.

Farm Program Technician - Temporary Full Time

The Temporary Program Technician goal is to assist in the USDA/Farm Service Agency’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Farm Bill implementation. All candidates must be U. S. citizens, high school graduates or the equivalent. Basic requirements include general office clerical work, record keeping, computer ability, organizational skills and good public relation skills are a must. All applicants must undergo a background investigation.

Please submit a resume to the Linn-Benton-Lincoln County FSA, 31978 North Lake Creek Drive, Tangent, Oregon 97389 or email to heather.tritt@usda.gov.

Resumes/applications will be accepted until this position is filled. For more information, contact Heather Tritt, County Executive Director at (541) 801-2660.

USDA employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 regardless of their duty location. If selected, you will be required to submit documentation of COVID-19 vaccination before appointment.

The agency will provide additional information regarding what COVID-19 vaccination information or documentation will be needed and how you can request of the agency a legally required exception from this requirement.

FSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Farm Loan Technician - Permanent Full Time

The position includes general office activities and supporting the administration of FSA Farm Loans. Must be reliable, have a professional attitude, be hard working and efficient. Must apply via USAJOBS.GOV.

USAJOBS.GOV Announcement Number: FSA-22-11348359-DE-OR-GA

DEADLINE: January 27, 2022

**Duties**

- Assists the Farm Loan Chief, Farm Loan Branch specialists, Farm Loan Team managers, and District Directors on farm loan program procedural matters.
- Provides training to individuals and groups in the preparation and processing of loan documents and on loan procedural changes.
- Provides technical assistance to the Branch in processing bankruptcy and farm foreclosure cases.

Farm Loan Technician - Temporary Full Time

Linn-Benton-Lincoln County Farm Service Agency seeks applicants for a full time, Temporary Farm Loan Program Technician, to assist in the USDA/Farm Service Agency’s Loan Programs.

Must be a U.S. Citizen, have a combination of post-high school education and specialized experience. Basic requirements include general office clerical work, computer operation and customer service. Background investigation required.

Submit a resume at 31978 N Lake Creek Drive, Tangent, OR 97389 or email to scott.nieman@usda.gov. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled.

USDA employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 regardless of their duty location. If selected, you will be required to submit documentation of COVID-19 vaccination before appointment.
What Are Government Jobs Like & How Do I Get One? *Popular Annual Event!*
Tuesday, February 1 - (5 to 6:30 p.m. PT)
Peavy Hall #117. (Will be livestreamed too.)
Register on Handshake today! (Advisors are welcome to join in-person or via Zoom!)

Featuring a presentation on government resumes and 5 panelists talking about what their jobs are like and how students can get their foot in the door. Driven by student questions! Ecampus will be able to interact as well.

Panelists:
1. Sarah L. Lewis, State Geologist, OR Geology & Mineral Industries (State)
2. Nicole Hams, Science Communication, Outreach Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (Federal)
3. Dean Anderson, Hydrologist, U.S. Forest Service (Federal)
4. Wallace Jennings, Soil Conservationist, USDA: Natural Resources Conservation Svc. (Federal)
5. D'Anne Hammond, GIS Specialist, Benton County Public Works (Local Govt.)
ASK Alumni Virtual Panel: Careers that Impact Climate & Energy

Tuesday, January 25
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm PT (Virtual)

Register on Handshake! (Advisors welcome to join as well.)

Hosted by the OSU Alumni Association, this panel will bring in panelists who are OSU graduates to talk about how they have made careers out of making an impact on climate science, climate change, energy, sustainability, etc. Bring your questions and learn about a field that makes a difference and what could be possible for you. Unique networking and learning opportunity.

- Jeff Burright, Radioactive Waste Remediation Specialist, Oregon Department of Energy
- Erica Harris, Coastal and Climate Adaptation Specialist, AECOM
- Michael Kula, Team Leader, Solar Energy Assessment, DNV GL
- Zac Pinard, Research Associate, Clean and Prosperous Washington
- April Vogt, Pacific Northwest Meteorologist, WeatherFlow

That is all I have for now.

Have a good week.

Tjodie