Department of Animal Science Advising Center Winter Newsletter #9

If you find yourself having trouble figuring out your schedule, are not sure what classes to take, or need general advice, come on in and meet with a Peer Adviser. We are experts in scheduling, resolving class conflicts, and are full of good advice. The Animal Science Advising Center is open M-F 9am-12pm and 1-4pm in 1202 Meyer.

You can also email us at asac@ucdavis.edu or call 530-754-7915.

For more information about Animal Science Advising, be sure to visit our website at <u>asac.ucdavis.edu</u>, and like our Facebook page: <u>UCD Animal Science Advising Center!</u>

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A. Announcements / Upcoming Events

1. Important Information for Students Needing ANS 2:

- If you are one of the many students unable to get into Animal Science 2, here is some important information for you!
- If you haven't done so already, please waitlist for ANS 2! We cannot help you if you are not on a waitlist.
- There will be extra lab sections opening for the class on Monday and Friday afternoons. The extra Monday lab will be held from 3:00-6:00 pm, and the extra Friday labs will be held from 12:00-3:00 and 3:00-6:00.
- You will not be able to register for these extra sections on your own. The sections will remain closed and we will administratively add students into these sections from the waitlist. This will ensure that students with the most need are added first. Students with the highest priority for ANS 2 include freshmen, transfers, and students who have recently changed into our majors.
- If you need to get into ANS 2, please try to leave these extra lab times open in your schedule, as we will likely move students off the waitlist into these sections first before adding any spots to current lab sections.
- In addition to the extra lab sections, there will also be an additional lecture session in order to accommodate all students into the class. The new lecture section will be offered in the mornings, and *may* be at the same time as the current lecture section, depending on room availability.
- Remember: You MUST be on a waitlist in order for us to add you to the course. You do not need to waitlist for a specific section, any section will work. You may waitlist during your Pass 2 appointment, or during open hours following your Pass 2 appointment. Open hours are from 10pm-6am on weekdays and 10am-6pm on weekends, up until the registration freeze.
- Please DO NOT contact the instructor for registration help. If you have questions or concerns about registration, please contact Kathryn Jackson at <u>katjackson@ucdavis.edu</u>, or contact the advising center at <u>asac@ucdavis.edu</u>.

2. Animal Science Career Symposium: Coming this April!

- Want to know what you can do with a degree in Animal Science? Come talk to distinguished ANS alumni about their career paths working in research, zoos, educational institutions, and more.
- The Career Symposium will be held on Saturday April 25th from 10AM to 2PM.
- This is an alumni event designed to introduce our students to job opportunities after graduation, and develop career networking and communication skills.
- There will be a main interview panel for five of our alumni to answer generalized questions. Students will then break into small groups and rotate through a series of "mini panels" of one or two alumni, sorted by area of interest. After the panels, lunch will be served during which students may interact with alumni on a one-on-one basis.
- Alumni at this event have all graduated from the UC Davis Animal Science Department, and currently hold positions in research, animal production, animal health, and education.
- If interested, please contact us at <u>asac@ucdavis.edu</u> with the subject line "Career Symposium" by March 13th. Event space is limited, so early applicants will be given priority.
- There will be a fee for the Career Symposium of \$20. If this fee prevents you from be able to attend, please let us know.

3. NPB 117: Offered in Fall!

• NPB 117 will be offered for Fall 2015 from 10:00-10:50 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Instructors are Kirk Klasing and Thomas Hahn.

4. HPA Voices: Health Professions Advising is Looking for Your Feedback!

 On Friday, March 6th (TOMORROW), Health Professions Advising (HPA) is inviting students to stop by SLB 2061 sometime between 12-1 pm for an informal brainstorming session on what pre-health students want to see from HPA. All pre-health students are welcome, and HPA would very much like a variety of future health professionals represented at the session. There will be the opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, or fill out a short survey indicating your interests.

5. Young Cattlemen's Meeting

- The March Young Cattlemen's meeting will be held **Thursday**, **March 12th at 6:15 pm in ASTF 600**. Adam Cline from the Yolo County Cattlemen's will be attending the meeting to share his experiences and speak about career opportunities within the industry.
- They will also be discussing Picnic Day festivities.

6. Introduction to Pre-Veterinary Medicine

- Are you interested in a career in veterinary medicine? Come to this introductory workshop to learn about how to prepare for veterinary school! Health Science Advisors will discuss course requirements, animal experience, the GRE, and more.
- This workshop will be held on Monday, March 9th, from 5:10-6:00 pm in 114 South Hall. This workshop is intended for freshmen and transfers, but all are welcome to attend!

7. Low-Cost GRE Prep course!

 Interested in going to grad school, but can't afford to pay over \$1,200 for GRE prep courses? There will be another set of low cost and high quality GRE prep courses at UC Davis! You can apply for the course of your choice and see testimonials at <u>campusprep.org</u>

- Campus Prep has built a reputation at UC Davis for helping students get great point gains on their GRE scores for little cost.
- Currently, Campus Prep offers a \$165-295 GRE Prep course. This is an 18 hour, comprehensive prep course that begins in April. It is taught by a top scoring expert on the GRE. The course costs \$295 initially, but for students who qualify for financial aid, the price may be as low as \$165-\$215. More information about the course and the instructor are available on the Campus Prep website, listed above.
- The GRE Prep Course will be held on the following dates from 6-8:30 pm:
 - o 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13.

8. Pre-Vet Opportunities through UC Davis Summer Abroad Internships!

- Are you interested in doing service abroad while gaining valuable experience through an animal-related organization? Do you speak a little or more Spanish?
- UC Davis Study Abroad has teamed up with International Studies Abroad (ISA) to offer the Community Engagement and Service Learning Internship Program in Peru this summer for 6 weeks! More information about this program can be found here: <u>http://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/programs/internships/peru.html</u>
- In this program, students will live in homestays, volunteer at a community organization, and earn UC Davis units by taking an online class to reflect on their internship experience.
- Students will also earn transcript notation through the UC Davis Internship and Career Center for the 120-180 hours of service-learning that they complete on this internship program. Service-Learning programs address the needs of the community and organization abroad while encouraging personal and professional growth, developing language proficiency, and facilitating meaningful community engagement. Cultural activities and group excursions are included, which will enrich the students' experience and understanding of their host culture.
- The full list of community engagement placements for Peru can be found here: <u>http://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/local_resources/docs/program_specific/internships/placements_peru.pdf</u>
- The full list for community engagement placements for the Dominican Republic can be found here: <u>http://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/local_resources/docs/program_specific/internships/placements_dr.pdf</u>
- Enrollment is now open and will remain open until April 3rd. Create a profile through the link below to learn more about the program and to receive an invitation to the next info session: https://ucd-horizons.symplicity.com/index.php?au=&ck=

B. Internships / Jobs

1. Student Field Assistants Needed for Butterfly Hunt!

- Dr. Arthur Shapiro is looking for student field assistants to help with the oldest and largest butterflymonitoring project in North America! On this massive butterfly hunt, you will go to 5 sites in the Sierra Nevada (2650' to 9000') every two weeks and record all butterfly species observed.
- The project runs from early March until the snow flies (late October-November) so you can sign up for a quarter or the whole season; Dr. Shapiro especially need folks for the summer. No previous butterfly experience necessary.
- In this project, you will observe but will not normally collect. You drive your own vehicle (4WD not required); and Dr. Shapiro will pay for gas and lunch (sorry, no other stipends available).
- Independent-study projects for credit are encouraged. This is a true immersion experience in Sierran ecology, including flora and vegetation, geology, meteorology and climatology. The study is a critical component in understanding biological responses to climate change!

 If you are interested, please contact Prof. Arthur M. Shapiro at <u>amshapiro@ucdavis.edu</u> or <u>theochila@gmail.com</u>.

2. Agricultural Internship

- Interested in an animal science/agricultural internship over this summer? Students will have the opportunity to intern with an Animal Science alumnus in Yolo County. This alumnus oversees the harvesting of wheat straw for bedding horses at racetracks and rice straw for erosion measures. In addition, he also raises Holstein heifers for dairies.
- Students must be reliable! No past experience is required. Students participating in this internship may be paid or receive units instead.
- Please contact Emma Martinez at <u>eadmartinez@ucdavis.edu</u> if you are interested.

C. Scholarships

1. We Are Aggie Pride: Financial Aid UC Davis Stores Award

- If you need help purchasing your textbooks and required course materials for next quarter, check out We Are Aggie Pride at http://weareaggiepride.ucdavis.edu. This organization may be able to help you cover the cost!
- We Are Aggie Pride (WAAP) is a student led philanthropy group that was created to help their fellow peers during times of financial crisis. They have recently paired up with the UC Davis Bookstore and Amazon.com to create the new UC Davis Stores award to help students purchase their textbooks if they do not currently have the financial means to do so. Students who are granted the award will have a credit with the UCD Bookstore for the amount they were approved for and will purchase their books and supplies using this credit. No actual funds will disburse or pay out, and students may reapply each quarter they need financial assistance with their course materials.
- Students who apply must demonstrate a financial need, have a current FAFSA or Dream Act application on file, and have room in their award package as specified by Financial Aid. This award may also be granted to those students who have not utilized their full loan eligibility.
- Last quarter, WAAP was able to help 21 students purchase their textbooks and they are hoping to help many more this upcoming quarter!
- The deadline to apply for the Spring Quarter UC Davis Stores Award is March 12th, 2014 at 11:59 PM. The application may be accessed at this link: <u>http://weareaggiepride.ucdavis.edu/application-form-2/</u>

2. Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship

- Each year the Chicana/Latina Foundation awards merit-based scholarships to Latina college students. This year they will be offering 31 scholarships. Candidates must be a female Chicana/Latina student from Northern California with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 31st, 2015. The award amount is \$1,500.
- To apply, please visit: <u>http://www.chicanalatina.org/scholarship.html</u>

3. Bridging Scholarships

- The Bridging Project offers scholarships to American undergraduate students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite.
- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 8th, 2015. The award amount ranges from \$2,500-\$4,000.
- To apply, please visit: http://www.aatj.org/study-japan/study-abroad-japan-bridging-scholarships

4. Folsom Garden Club Scholarship

- This scholarship is for students majoring in subjects related to Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Forestry, Agronomy, Conservation, Plant Pathology, or Environmental Concerns. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be a resident of Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado or Yolo County.
- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **April 11th**, **2015**. The award amount is \$1,500.
- To apply, please visit: http://folsomgarden.ipage.com/ftp.ipage.com/Scholarshp.html

5. Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship

- Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or greater with demonstrated community service involvement.
- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 15th, 2015. Award amount varies.
- To apply, please visit: <u>http://www.akaeaf.org/undergraduate_scholarships.htm</u>

6. AFCEA STEM Teaching Scholarship

- This scholarship is for sophomores and juniors actively pursuing an undergraduate degree, graduate degree or credential/licensure for the purpose of teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) in a U.S. middle or secondary school. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is May 1st, 2015. The award amount is \$5,000.
- To apply, please visit: <u>http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/TeachersScholarship.asp</u>

"Live long and prosper." Leonard Nimoy

Hang in there, only one more week of classes (sort of)!

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