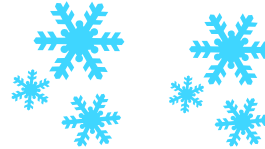




Animal Science News And Announcements *November/December, 2007*



1. **CANR SCHOLARSHIP:** It's time for everyone to apply! All ANSC students should fill out the CANR Scholarship form for the 2007-2008 academic year. Continuing students are required to fill out a scholarship application form each year if they wish to be considered for a scholarship. This form is available on the College of Agriculture's website at <http://www.myagnr.uconn.edu/2007-2008ScholarshipApplication.html>. The application deadline is **February 15, 2008**.
2. **SIGMA ALPHA SEMI-FORMAL:** Sigma Alpha is having their annual holiday semi-formal celebration on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight at the Alumni House, Great Hall. Come celebrate the end of classes and release some stress before the beginning of finals. There will be appetizers, dessert, and lots of dancing! Not in the mood to dance? Wander around the Sports Museum for a quiet atmosphere or enjoy intimate seating above the Great Hall. Also, there will be great picture opportunities on the grand stairway. Tickets are \$15 and are available from any Sigma Alpha sister. Please email Tiffany-Lane Shaw, Social Chair, with any questions at tiffany-lane.shaw@uconn.edu .

More Sigma Alpha News: Sigma Alpha's Eta Chapter was an Emerald Chapter this year! Two collegiate members, Lindsay Fitzgerald and Elise Benoit, are Emerald Scholars and also a current alumnus, Jen Elman. These members had a GPA of 3.75 or higher, earning them this award.
3. **JOB OPPORTUNITY - ANSC POULTRY UNIT:** The Animal Science Department's Poultry Unit has job opportunities for work study students, especially during winter break. Remember, work study students can work two work study jobs even if they are in different departments. If interested, please call 486-2039 or email John.Wheeler@uconn.edu.

4. **NEW ANSC CLUB – EQUINE CLUB:** Equine Club is a new club providing a level ground for all equine enthusiasts to come together and educate one another. Their mission is to unite all equine enthusiasts regardless of discipline; to have fun; and to further their education and knowledge of the horse industry through extracurricular activities. They are a facebook group listed under "Equine Club". They will plan organized events such as talks and demonstrations and will also host Equine related movie nights. Facebook is the best resource for information on the club's planned events. Club meetings are bi-monthly on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Horse Barn Hill Arena Lobby. Elections were held in October and the results are:
 - President – Lara Withee
 - Vice President – Heather Weir
 - Secretary –Tsa Shelton
 - Treasurer – Jenny McCoy
 - Advisors – John Bennett, Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Elizabeth RademacherStudents interested in joining the Equine Club can email tsa.shelton@uconn.edu.
5. **FARM INTERNSHIPS:** Green Chimneys Children's Services offers internships in Animal-Assisted Therapy and Activities Immersion using animal, plants and the natural world in the reeducation, socialization and treatment of children experiencing crisis in their lives. Anyone may apply. Green Chimneys seeks highly motivated and flexible individuals who are able to dedicate four months of their lives to gain skills in the principles of animal-assisted activities, therapy and education. Farm internships include room and board; all meals are provided by Green Chimneys. Interns are expected to work 5-6 days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To apply, please forward a resume/curriculum vitae for initial review to:
 - Elizabeth Leon, Farm Education Program Manager
 - Green Chimneys
 - 400 Doansburg Road – Box 719
 - Brewster, NY 10509-0719
 - Email: ELEON@GREENCHIMNEYS.ORG
 - Phone: (845) 279-2995, ext 229; Fax: (845) 279-3077
6. **FACULTY MEMBER VISITS ST. GEORGE UNIVERSITY:** Dr. Zinn visited St. George University's Veterinary School in Grenada on November 11 – 16, 2007. Any students interested in St. George's may stop by Dr. Zinn's office in Room 102 of the George White Building or email him at Steven.Zinn@uconn.edu and he will gladly answer any questions you may have regarding their veterinary program.
7. **STUDENT EMPLOYEE PAYCHECKS:** Graduate and undergraduate students working for the Animal Science Department should be aware that Payroll has informed us that we should not keep students' checks in the main office for more than one week following a pay day. We will try to notify students by email to pick up their checks before mailing them to the address on the check. If you plan to be away or you are sick, please call the Animal Science main office at (860)486-2413 to let us know and we will hold your check or mail it to the address of your choice.

8. **NORTHEAST REGIONAL DAIRY CHALLENGE:** ANSC Students participated in the Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge in New Hampshire on October 9 and 10, 2007. Each of twenty-four teams consisting of students from various colleges had to evaluate a commercial dairy farm and then give a 20-minute presentation as a team to a panel of judges who are experts in the dairy field. Congratulations to Michele Longhi whose team placed Don Rodgers Platinum, Nathan Wells whose team placed Platinum, John Lundeen whose team placed Gold, Matthew Oricchio whose team placed Gold, and Geoffrey Gelinias whose team placed Silver.
9. **INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS – EQUINE:** American Horse Publications offers an internship program specifically for college students who have an interest in horses and seek a career in equine publishing. This program offers opportunities for students to work at equine publications and businesses throughout the country and the opportunity for AQHP members to utilize the talents of students with an interest in equine publishing. AHP offers a directory of members participating in the AHP Internship Program. Each listing includes the types of internships offered, availability throughout the year and duration, selection requirements and duties involved. These may vary according to AHP member's needs. Some offer salaries, stipends or college credit as compensation. Interns must apply to the individual AHP member, and each participating AHP member will choose its own interns based on its needs and the intern's completed application package. For an application and a copy of the directory, visit their website at http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/students/internship_program/index.asp.
10. **CLUB NEWS:**
DAIRY CLUB MILK BOTTLE SALE - Great Holiday presents are available from the Dairy Club. The club is selling milk bottles. 1999 & 2000 bottles are available for \$3 each, 2001-2003 bottles are \$5 each, 2004-2006 bottles are \$8, and 2007 Limited Breed Edition Milking Shorthorn is \$10. A full set is available for \$55. To purchase any of these items, email the club at uconn dairy club@yahoo.com or call the Kellogg Dairy Center at 486-2023.
11. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HORSE HANDLERS:** Dr. Nadeau is looking for students interested in being horse handlers for a training program for Animal Control Officers. Volunteers would be required to assist with this just one weekday sometime in January. Interested students may call 486-4471 or email Jenifer.Nadeau@uconn.edu.

12. **SCHOLARSHIP – DAIRY INDUSTRY:** Dairy Farmers of America has established a new scholarship program for students pursuing careers in the dairy industry, and will award \$1,500 scholarships at their annual meeting in March 2008. Students pursuing any aspect of the dairy industry are eligible, ranging from dairy herd management to dairy nutrition, genetics or communications. Applicants must also be enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited college, university or trade school. High school seniors planning to enroll, as well as post-graduates, also are eligible to apply. Applications are due **January 15, 2008**, and must include two letters of recommendation and the most recent high school or college transcript. Applications may be submitted online, e-mailed, faxed or mailed. Winners will be selected based on the following criteria:
- Applicant's commitment and passion to have a career in the dairy industry, and responses to three essay questions,
 - Extracurricular activities, awards, recognition and work experience,
 - Academic achievement,
 - Financial need
- For complete details or to apply online go to <http://www.dfamilk.com/newsroom/scholarship.html>.
13. **ANSC JOB OPPORTUNITY – HORSE BARN:** The UConn Horse Barn is hiring students to work during the winter break and also during the Spring 2008 semester. The job involves feeding horses, cleaning horse stalls, and general maintenance. All shifts are available. If interested, please call John Bennett or Kathy Pelletier at (860)486-2034 **ASAP** as the required animal use training workshop is limited.
14. **INTERNSHIP - REPRODUCTIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES:** ABS Global, Inc., the global leader in the production and marketing of bovine genetics and related products and services, is currently seeking candidates for the RMS Internship. ABS offers several RMS Internships around the U.S. throughout the year. These are 12-week internships with the opportunity for additional work throughout the school year, on weekends and during breaks. The internship involves training, developing and applying skills needed for complete reproductive management in mid-size and large dairies and providing service and support to current dairy producers utilizing ABS's RMS Program. RMS Internship candidates will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Animal science, Dairy Science or a related field with preference given to individuals who have experience with dairy or beef cattle. Commitment to the dairy or beef industry demonstrated through strong involvement in industry-related organizations or clubs is desired. Computer skills, particularly in Microsoft Word and Excel, along with the ability to demonstrate a positive, professional image for ABS is essential. This internship requires extensive travel, a high level of enthusiasm, self-motivation, excellent organizational and communication skills and the ability to work independently. Valid driver's license required. If you are interested in applying for this internship opportunity, please submit your resume by **December 15th** to:
- ABS Global, Inc.
ATTN: Human Resources
1525 River Road, DeForest, WI 53532

15. **ANSC JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Dr. Nadeau is in need of an assistant to help with Trail Practicum in the Spring. Interested students must have experience instructing and be capable of riding at least at the Intermediate II level or higher. If interested, please email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu.
16. **ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREERS PUBLICATION:** Occupational Outlook Quarterly is an online publication for anyone interested in careers working with animals. Not only does it provide information about career options, but also required education, pay and future job prospects in these careers. Visit www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/2006/winter/art01.htm and click on *Download PDF* to view the Winter edition.
17. **EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS:** On Saturday, November 17th UConn's Equestrian Team competed at the Wesleyan Show at Windcrest Farm in Hebron, CT. Three UConn riders were in the Ride Off for High Point Rider – Caitlin Lewis, Tara Lynch, and Captain Robyn O'Toole. Tara Lynch was High Point rider and Caitlin Lewis was Reserve High Point Rider. UConn Equestrian Team won the High Point College Award beating out some intense competition from Brown, Wesleyan, CCSU, URI, Johnson and Wales, Connecticut College, Trinity, Post, Rhode Island College and Roger Williams. Tara Lynch won both her Open Over Fences and Open Flat classes. Robyn O'Toole won both her Intermediate Fences and Open Flat. Caitlin Lewis also won her Novice Fences and Intermediate Flat.