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New Faces

Last newsletter we had to say goodbye to Abdo as he left Truman to accept a job in Minnesota. For those of you who do not have Animal Agriculture or Animal Reproduction this semester, you may be wondering who the new professor is in the ag corner ...



Molly. However, she plans on getting more involved with the Ag Department by joining Doc as a co-advisor for Sigma Alpha, helping out with the Equestrian Team, and offering student research opportunities next semester.

Next semester will be a great opportunity for those wanting to take equine classes, with Professor Winsco teaching Equine Exercise Physiology, Equine Nutrition, and Equine Reproduction. We look forward to getting to know her and learning about what she has to offer. Welcome to Truman Professor Winsco! Ω

Kelly Winsco came a long way from her hometown in Snellville, Georgia to join our Agriculture Department here at Truman. Professor Winsco graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Dairy Science, Equine Science emphasis, and a minor in Agriculture Business. She then went on to complete her Masters in Animal Science-emphasis in Equine Nutrition-at Texas A&M, where she is currently completing her Ph.D., and anticipates having it done in December. When asked what made her want to come to Truman, she talks about the people she met when she came to interview for the position and the "closeness" of the Ag

Department-being able to develop one-on-one connections with the students as well as other professors.

We all have our reasons for why we chose Truman (either as students or faculty), but the infamous question that everyone has different answers to still remains: What do you like most about Kirksville? To this Professor Winsco summed it up pretty well-it has less traffic than a lot of places, but it still has everything you need. When she isn't teaching classes or in her office, she likes to spend her time trail riding her Arabian-cross, Slim, and walking her mini Aussie,



Professor Winsco and Slim

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Special points of interest:

- *Our local foods: from farm to fork*
- *Learn about the benefits of graduate school from a Truman alumnus*
- *Sigma Alphas meet the ultimate example of how stereotypes can be misleading*
- *See who has ridden their way to Regionals so far for E-team!*

Farm to School Program and Market on the Mall

For the second year in a row, the Truman Agriculture Department was able to offer summer internships to two of its students. Anna Lotts of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota and Francois Makarewicz of St. Louis, Missouri spent their summer working alongside the new Local Foods Coordinator and recent Truman Alumnus, Garrett Grider. They learned the ins and outs of fruit and vegetable production, everything from preparing the fields for planting to harvest time. Because Garrett had been one of the interns the previous year, which was also the first time the internship was offered, he was able to offer his past experience about the production and marketing process as well as improve on what he had done the first time around. Garrett did an ex-

cellent job of using social media to keep the other agriculture students and faculty in the loop about what was going on at the farm over the summer, with almost daily pictures on Facebook about planting and harvest time for different fruits and

vegetables. Both Anna and Fran value the experience they gained this summer, as well as the networking opportunities that were available to them through Truman's food service, Sodexo, the Kirksville Farmers' Market where they would go early on Saturday mornings to sell produce, and the interaction they got with other producers in the area. Of course, it wouldn't be a farm-to-school program without giving other Truman students, who don't have a meal plan, the chance to experience the locally grown produce. Every Wednesday from August through October, Garrett and the interns would load up the truck with produce and haul it to campus, where they set up a tent on the mall and sold the fresh fruits and vegetables. Ω



Local Foods Dinner

On September 24th, the Environmental Campus Organization hosted its Fall semester Local Foods Dinner. This dinner was the largest ever, with 250 tickets sold out in less than two days. This was junior Chelsea Krueger's (Washington, Mo)

third time hosting the dinner. This semester's menu featured pulled pork, fresh salad, roasted vegetables, fried cabbage, roasted butternut squash, stuffed bell peppers, fresh watermelon, egg custard, and several other delicious dishes made from products supplied by local farmers. While many of the ingredients were grown at the University Farm, Primmer's Pork, Willis Shmucker, and Weiler Dairy also provided meat, eggs, and produce. One of the most eye-catching features, that would not be found at most meals, were the carafes of grape juice mixed among those filled with tea and water. Freshly squeezed by Chelsea, Bill and Fran, the juice added the perfect touch to an amazing meal of delicious food. Those that attended were able to hear speeches from the Farm-to-School interns, Anna Lotts (Brooklyn Park, MN) and Francois Makarewicz (St. Louis, MO), Local Foods Coordinator Garrett Grider, and Mark Slaughter, a local produce distributor and master gardener.

Chelsea explained how the first part of her semester is always very busy,



planning and organizing the dinner, and said she doesn't know what to do with all of the free time after it's over. Ω



Featured Alumnus: Nick Iwig

Nick Iwig graduated from Truman in 2000 with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture Science, Agronomy emphasis. After Truman, he went on to get his graduate degree in Agronomy with an emphasis in Range Forage Science from the University of Nebraska. Upon completion of his Masters, Nick and his wife Becki found themselves moving to northeast Wisconsin to accept a position with Anheuser-Busch as a manager of a Malt House. He said one of the biggest advantages to him and anyone who is looking for a career in the ag field was his ability and willingness to move. During Nick's time with Anheuser-Busch he had many unique opportunities from working with Brewmasters, consulting with ADM and Cargill malt plants to interacting directly with August Busch III. After 5 years with Anheuser-Busch Nick took a job as a district sales manager at Wyffels Hybrids, a small company that works with hybrid seed corn. After nine months at Wyffels he was contacted by DuPont Pioneer, where he worked as an account manager for almost three years before moving into his current role of Marketing Manager for Soybean Product Strategy. Nick says that while no particular class at Truman helped him excel, it was the "well-roundedness" that Truman is so well-known for that allowed him a more flexible way of thinking. Also, Nick credits its Truman's broad range of classes and

science requirements within the Ag program as helping him develop critical knowledge in many key areas rather than specializing in one or two key areas. Nick credits his diverse, well rounded education from Truman and continued networking with being two of the key tools that have been instrumental in his professional career when it comes to working with diverse groups of people and understanding new and unique op-

portunities. Nick encourages current and future Truman ag students to consider the benefits graduate school has to offer; Even if they may not be immediately apparent, it pays off in the end and will help differentiate yourself from the rest of the field long term. While at Truman, Nick was a part of Farm Crew, Cattle Team, and multiple social and charitable organizations on campus. Ω



Nick with his wife, Becky, and their sons, Noah and Cody, on a family vacation.

Sigma Alpha meets Miss America

Over mid-term break, 5 ladies of the Omicron Chapter traveled to Omaha, Nebraska for the 2012 Sigma Alpha National Convention. Seniors Jane Rademacher (Decatur, IL) and Aly Perry (Columbia, Mo), Juniors Anna Lotts (Brooklyn Park, MN) and Jenna Hurty (Windsor, CT), and Sophomore Christina Iacovino (Naples, FL), spent the long weekend meeting members from other chapters, visiting with representatives from companies such as Monsanto and Farm Credit, and listening to a wide array of speakers on everything from personal empowerment to professional business attire and proper dinner etiquette. One of

these speakers was not someone you would normally expect to find in an agriculture setting: Nebraska's own Teresa Scanlin, Miss America 2011. At 17 years old, Teresa was the youngest lady to win the crown in over seventy years. She now spends her time traveling to different events and conventions as a motivational speaker, wanting to break the stereotypes of a "blonde, homeschooled pageant girl". Miss America plans on going to school for government, attending Harvard Law, and eventually aspires to becoming a Supreme Court Justice or President of the United States.



E-team is going strong this show season!



Junior Shelby Nail and Sophomore Jennifer Marks at NIU



Hunt Regional Qualifiers (so far)

Walk/trot

Caitlin Schaefer

Walk/trot/canter

Lizzie Groenweghe

Novice Flat

Danielle Witt

Intermediate Fences

Christine Toise



Sophomore Shannon Heibeck at SIUC

Stock Regional Qualifiers (so far)

Beginner Horsemanship

Angie Rardin

Intermediate Horsemanship

Leslie Ulm

Jessie Eubanks

Novice Horsemanship

Jennifer Marks

Kylee Short



Anna Lotts at TSU