

The Syllabus

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Class Updates

Class of 2001: Students began the thesis stage of the program in January with a two-day session on campus. During the session they attended a writing workshop, a planning and design workshop, and had time to meet with their major professors to narrow their topic.

Class of 2002: The Class of 2002 began their second year of coursework during the January campus session with two courses, "International Policy Analysis" and "Quantitative Methods for Agribusiness". Class members 'went wireless' with their laptops, testing wireless internet in one of the classrooms. They overwhelmingly approved of the technology.

Telefund Approaching

Nearly 500 students and 12,000 KSU College of Ag Alumni will kick off Telefund 2001 beginning February 25. Telefund is the world's largest all volunteer telephone campaign for higher education, and is in its 22nd year. Contributions to the MAB program will help fund scholarships for students that are not employer sponsored. If you are interested in contributing your Telefund pledge to the fund, please designate the "Agribusiness Masters Scholarship" to the caller and on the form.

Introducing...The Class of 2003

Scott Barrett

Branch Manager, Farmway Coop. Scandia, Kansas

Randy Dalinghaus

Business Manager, Farmland Foods. Kansas City, Missouri

Catherine Forshee

Bookkeeper, Concordia Tractor. Concordia, Kansas

Yvonne Goodman

Extension Agent and 4-H Leader, LSU Research and Extension. Winnsboro, Louisiana

Clint Imel

Engineer, CNH. Wichita, Kansas

Essien Ita

Senior Food Technologist, A&B Ingredients. Fairfield, New Jersey

Shailesh Jobanputra

Debt Consolidation Specialist, Debt Management Associates. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Timothy Loh

Director of Marketing, American Soybean Association. Singapore

Ray Parker

Cargill, Inc. Limon, Colorado

David Rock

Manager, Business Planning, Deere & Company. Moline, Illinois

Eliana Cobos

Commercial Manager, Especies Exoticas. Quito, Ecuador

Robert Deraas

Seed Operations Manager, Busch Agricultural. Idaho Falls, Idaho

Nedra Gammage

Chemist, USDA/AMS Dairy Division. Carrollton, Texas

Shannon Grapes

Vice President and Branch Manager, Adams Bank & Trust. Chappell, Nebraska

Robert Irlbeck

Credit Manager, Land O'Lakes, Inc. Arden Hills, Minnesota

James Johnson

Vice President, First State Bank. Norton, Kansas

Alana Nichols

Director of Field Services, Louisiana Cattlemen's Association. Port Allen, Louisiana

Ryan Reiff

Farm Manager and Agronomist, Crosson Farms, Inc. Minneapolis, Kansas

Laura Roessler

Credit Analyst, Greenstone Farm Credit Services. East Lansing, Michigan

Mark Seitz

Agriculture and Production Planning Manager, Seneca Foods Corporation. Marion, New York.

Schurle Named Professor of the Year

Dr. Bryan Schurle, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Distinguished Teaching Scholar, and MAB Instructor, was named the 2000 Kansas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

"We're delighted that Bryan Schurle has been selected as the state's top professor. It is a fitting award as Dr. Schurle is among K-State's most honored teachers at both the university and national level," said Jon Wefald, K-State president.

Dr. Dan Bernardo, Department Head of Agricultural Economics noted that Dr. Schurle is a 'tremendously gifted instructor', and also notes, "an often overlooked talent of Bryan's is his tremendous versatility as an instructor. Presently, he teaches our introductory course, junior-level computer applications course, and finance courses at the undergraduate level; two courses for the MAB, and an M.S. course. Regardless of the level of instruction, Bryan does a tremendous job."

Dr. Schurle has received a number of other teaching honors at the national, regional, and campus levels, and consistently receives high marks from MAB students.

MAB Calendar

- March 19-23: MAB Campus Session
- March 24: MAB Golf Event
- April 2: Behavior Management begins (2002)
- April 2: Applied Agribusiness Economics begins (2003)
- June 4: Marketing Concepts and Research begins (optional elective)
- Jan. 6-11: 2002 Campus Session I
- Jan 10-11: Thesis Session (Class of 2002)
- March 18-22: 2002 Campus Session II

MAB Receives Honor

The Master of Agribusiness Program was recently awarded Honorable Mention by the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC) for the national Excellence in College and University Distance Education Award Program. ADEC is an international distance education consortium of state universities and land grant institutions. The award will be presented at the national conference in Washington, D.C., March 5, 2001. Congratulations to all faculty and staff that work to make the MAB an elite program.

In The News

William Arce, *Class of 2002*, has been named National Special Emphasis Program Manager for the Hispanic American Program (HAP), Grain Inspection Packers & Stockyards Administration.

Kurt Meyers, *Class of 2002*, was promoted to Head Miller. He continues to work in the Columbia, S.C. mill for American Italian Pasta Company.

John Larkin, *Class of 2002*, is a malt bi-products merchant for Cargill. He remains at the Minneapolis office.

Sara Morey, *Class of 2001*, announces the birth of a son, Connor Lawrence Morey. He arrived January 10, 2001 and weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. He has an older brother, Dermot, to show him the ropes.

Kurt David, *Class of 2000*, accepted a position as Manager, Sales and Marketing with Rural Telephone Service Company. He was also appointed to the MAB Advisory Board at its November, 2000 meeting.

Casey Niemann, *Class of 2000*, has moved to the Des Moines, Iowa area and remains employed by Microsoft.

Tracy Welliver, *Class of 2000*, is the Product Support Manager for Convenience Food Systems, and has moved to McKinney, Texas.

Megan Johnson, Program Assistant for the MAB since August, 2000, is now working in the College of Engineering while she isn't busy maintaining a 3.75 GPA in Chemical Engineering. She will be sorely missed!