

The Syllabus

A newsletter for Master of Agribusiness students, alumni and friends

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First alumni event abroad scheduled

The MAB is currently putting together an alumni trip - an exciting first for the program. The trip is scheduled for Feb. 21 through March 5, and includes travel to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. Alumni, current students and friends of the program are invited.

Stops on the trip range from visits to farms involved in soybean, corn, rice and beef production, to tours of a fertilizer plant and a visit with grain traders. Tourist stops are scheduled for the Foz de Iguazu waterfalls, a tour of historical Buenos Aires and a stop at colonial Colonia.

Students wanting a more detailed itinerary and breakdown of costs are asked to contact Meagan Cramer, mrcramer@agecon.ksu.edu. *If you are interested in attending, please register with Allen Featherstone at afeather@agecon.ksu.edu or Meagan by Oct. 15.*

Approximate Cost

Single

\$3,700* without continuing education credit
\$4,700* with continuing education credit

Individual + companion

\$6,000* without continuing education
\$7,000* with continuing education credit

*All costs are estimates. They may change based on airfare, hotel rooms, meals, etc.

Itinerary

Friday

Leave for Brazil

Saturday

Arrive in Campo Grande, transfer to Dorado.

Sunday/ Monday/

Tuesday

Visits in Dorado

Wednesday

Foz de Iguaza waterfalls. Depart for Rosario, Argentina.

Thursday

Arrive at Rosario

Friday

Visits in Rosario. Depart to Buenos Aires.

Saturday

Tour Buenos Aires

Sunday

Depart for Montevideo, Uruguay

Monday

Visit Punta del Este

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Congratulations to our spring graduates

Jim Bosley, Class of 2001

"Does an Artificial Neural Network Constitute a Profitable Trading Platform for Kansas City Hard Red Winter Wheat?"

Tracy Brunner, Class of 2002

"Alternative Value Discovery to Negotiated Pricing of Live Cattle"

Michael Miller, Class of 2000

"An Analysis of the U.S. Boneless Beef Trim Industry With Economic Effects and Supply Estimates"

Bret Oelke, Class of 2000

"United Spring Wheat Processors (Spring Wheat Bakers): Vertical Integration in the Hard Red Spring Wheat Industry"

In the news

Clint Imel, class of 2003, is engaged to Cheryl Hilbert. The couple will marry November 2, 2002 in Wichita, Kansas.

Chris Nobles, class of 2004, and his wife Beth, announce the birth of their son Brennan Martin Nobles. Brennan was born April 17. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Curt Blades, class of 2001, and his wife Betsy, announce the birth of their daughter Halley Lucille Blades. Halley was born on April 21 at 11:17 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 6.8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Jeff Carver, class of 2004, and his wife Jenn, announce the birth of their son Logan Christopher Carver. Logan was born May 11. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Logan has an older brother, Hayden Dean and sister, Shelby. Jeff also accepted a job at Busch Agricultural Resources in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Jeff is the manager of seed operations

Dea Mandery, program coordinator, and her husband Mike, announce the birth of their daughter Campbell Mattea. Campbell was born June 5 at 9:11 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Campbell has an older sister Majken.

Yann Duval, professor of East Asia section of Comparative Food & Agricultural Systems, and his wife announce the birth of their son, Stephane Duval. Stephane was born July 19, and weighed 6 pounds.

Travis Holt, class of 2004, has accepted a job with Citizens State Bank in Loyal, Wisconsin, as Investment Officer for the bank.

Shannon Grapes-Kelly, class of 2003, is the Vice President of Adams Bank and Trust in Chappel, Nebraska.

Shailesh Jobanputra, class of 2003, is working for Spirit Airlines at their headquarters in Miramar for the treasurer of the company.

Travis Taylor, class of 2002, began a new job within Cargill July 15. He is a Farm Marketer in Dalhart, Texas. Travis will sell crop inputs, trade grain and will sell other Cargill products and services.

Jess Thompson, class of 2004, was inadvertently left off the list of our newest class in the last issue of The Syllabus. Jess is a Financial Services Officer for Farm Credit Services in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

MAB students receive grants for thesis research

Two Master of Agribusiness students have received grants to fund their thesis research. Lautaro Perez Rocha, class of 2002, received \$5,000 from The National Meat Institute of Uruguay (INAC) and Doug Claussen, class of 2002, received \$3,500 from the Nebraska Cooperative Council.

Lautaro's thesis will assess the Chilean beef market and evaluate perceptions and preferences of consumers towards Uruguayan products. Doug's thesis will calculate a value created index for local farm supply cooperatives.

New elective progressing well

The MAB's new elective, Comparative Food and Agricultural Systems, is in the final stages of completion. The course is an interesting world-wide view of the food and agriculture industry and will wrap-up mid-August. Because of its success, the class will be offered again next April. Students wanting more information should contact the MAB office.

Upcoming Events

August 26

Agribusiness Risk Management begins (2004)

September 3

Advanced Food & Agribusiness Management begins (2003)

September 20

Advisory Board meeting

January 6-10

On-campus session