From the Academic Coordinator

Welcome to the 2013-2014 academic year! We have many exciting opportunities for you to participate in this year such as the annual Alumni-Student Fall Picnic, Kentucky Wood Expo, Society of American Foresters (SAF) National Convention, and student/faculty softball game. With so many opportunities and activities coming up, we wanted to find a way to effectively communicate these opportunities with you. Therefore, at the beginning of each month, I will email you a Forestry Student Newsletter to let you know about upcoming activities, opportunities, and deadlines. I hope you find this information useful.

I welcome you to stop by my office anytime in room 104 of the T.P. Cooper Building. I am here to help you with scholarships, cover letters, resumes, internships, jobs, study abroad, networking, mentoring, etc. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

We look forward to having you back on campus!
Laura Lhotka, Academic Coordinator

SAF National Convention

Each year, the Department of Forestry offers several travel scholarships to forestry undergraduate students to attend the Society of American Foresters National Convention. This year the convention will be held in Charleston, SC on October 23-27.

The SAF National Convention is a great opportunity to network with other forestry students, potential employers, and participate in the Student Quiz Bowl competition. For more information on the SAF Convention, visit www.xcdsystem.com/saf/site13/

The travel scholarship application is available on our website www2.ca.uky.edu/forestry/SAFTravelScholarship.pdf or by contacting Laura Lhotka. Applications are due by noon on Monday, September 16, 2013.

To do this month...
- Submit photo for forestry photo board
- RSVP to the fall picnic by 8/30
- Sign up to volunteer for the Kentucky Wood Expo by 9/5
- Sign up to participate in the Forestry Mentorship and Job Shadowing Program by 9/12
- Apply for the SAF travel scholarship by 9/16
- Join the Student Chapter of the SAF by 9/30

Fall Picnic

The 2013 Forestry Department Alumni-Student Fall Picnic is Friday, September 6 on the front lawn of the forestry building. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with barbecue served around 5:30 p.m. RSVP before August 30 to laura.lhotka@uky.edu or 859-257-8718 if you plan to attend this free event.
Forestry Student Orientation

On Thursday, August 29 from 4-6 p.m., there will be a mandatory orientation session for all forestry undergraduate students. The Forestry Student Orientation session will be held in room 113 of the T.P. Cooper Building. All undergraduate forestry students are required to attend.

Student Volunteers Needed for the Kentucky Wood Expo

The Kentucky Wood Expo is coming to Lexington September 20 and 21! We need forestry student volunteers to help with events such as workshops, FFA competitions, skidder and knuckle boom contests, and mini-conclave competitions. Volunteering at the Wood Expo is a great way to network with potential forestry employers. For more details on volunteering, visit www2.ca.uky.edu/forestry/StudentVolunteers_WoodExpo.pdf The deadline to sign up as a volunteer is Thursday, September 5.

UK Fire Cats

The UK Department of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and US Forest Service are working together to create a student wildland firefighting crew. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Laura Lhotka (laura.lhotka@uky.edu or 859-257-8718).

Submit your photo for the forestry department photo board! To get ready for the new academic year, we would like to create a photo board to help students get to know each other as well as the forestry faculty and staff. Send your photo ASAP to laura.lhotka@uky.edu.

Forestry Mentorship and Job Shadowing Program

The UK Department of Forestry and East Kentucky Chapter of the Society of American Foresters are coming together to create a forestry mentorship and job shadowing program for undergraduate forestry students. Information on this program is available on our website at www2.ca.uky.edu/forestry/ForestryMentorship.pdf The deadline to sign up for this program is Thursday, September 12. If you are interested in this program, please contact Laura Lhotka (laura.lhotka@uky.edu or 859-257-8718).

Forestry Department Seminars

Do you want to know more about cutting-edge forestry research? Are you interested in attending graduate school? We encourage undergraduate forestry students to attend the Forestry Department Seminars held Mondays from 11 a.m. until noon in room 217 of the T.P. Cooper Building. Be sure to check our website in September for upcoming seminar presentations. www2.ca.uky.edu/forestry/seminar.php

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Education Abroad Fall Fair

Education Abroad will have its annual Fall Fair on Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. The Fall Fair will have information on study, intern, research, teach, and service abroad programs. If you are interested in abroad programs start planning now! There are scholarships available for Education Abroad programs. For more information on the Education Abroad Fair, visit www.uky.edu/international/node/782
Ropes Course Program for Freshmen and Sophomores

On Saturday, September 7, forestry freshmen and sophomores are invited to participate in a day-long team building and orientation session. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow classmates in a fun, outdoor setting. The low and high ropes course program will be held at Asbury University’s Challenge Course Program in Wilmore, Kentucky. Contact Laura Lhotka (laura.lhotka@uky.edu or 859-257-8718) for more information on this event.

Student vs. Faculty/Staff Softball Game

Gather your gloves and bats for the annual Student vs. Faculty/Staff Softball game that will be held on Friday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pieratt Fields. If you don’t have gloves or bats there will be extras available for you to use. We invite all students to play or watch the game. Free pizza will be served. RSVP by Monday, October 7 to Laura Lhotka (laura.lhotka@uky.edu or 859-257-8718) if you plan to attend.

Important Dates for August - October 2013

- **Wed, Aug. 28** First day of classes
- **Thur, Aug. 29 from 4-6 pm** in room 113 forestry building Mandatory Forestry Department Undergraduate Student Orientation
- **Fri, Aug. 30** Deadline to RSVP to the Forestry Department Alumni-Student Fall Picnic
- **Thur, Sept. 5** Deadline to sign up to volunteer at the Kentucky Wood Expo
- **Fri, Sept. 6 at 4:30 pm** Forestry Department Alumni-Student Fall Picnic
- **Sat, Sept. 7 at 8:00 am** Ropes Course program for freshman and sophomore forestry students
- **Thur, Sept. 12** Deadline to sign up for the Forestry Mentorship and Job Shadowing Program
- **Mon, Sept. 16 by noon** Deadline for the Forestry Department Travel Assistant Scholarships to the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Charleston, SC
- **Fri & Sat, Sept. 20-21** Kentucky Wood Expo at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, KY
- **Tues, Oct. 1** Deadline for the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation Scholarship (for juniors and seniors)
- **Mon, Oct. 7** Deadline to RSVP to the Student vs. Faculty/Staff softball game
- **Fri, Oct. 11 at 5:30 pm** Student vs. Faculty/Staff softball game at Pieratt Field
- **Wed-Sun, Oct. 23-27** Society of American Foresters National Convention in Charleston, SC