



CASNR STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Calendar of Events, Activities & Services

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER SPRING 2012 OFFICE HOURS

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| Mondays | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | CASNR Career Services Extended Hours: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesdays | | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesdays | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | CASNR Career Services Extended Hours: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursdays | | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Fridays | | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

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| Taking Your Résumé to the Next Level..... | Thursday, January 19 th | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Exploring Majors & Careers through Your Strengths..... | Wednesday, January 25 th | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Using Your Strengths in Your Job Search..... | Tuesday, January 31 st | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Preparing to Ace the Interview | Thursday, February 2 nd | noon – 1:00 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Studying with Your Strengths..... | Wednesday, February 15 th | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Networking for Your Future | Thursday, February 16 th | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Navigating the OSU HIRE System | Monday, February 20 th | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| What to Say in a Cover Letter/E-mail | Tuesday, February 28 th | noon – 1:00 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |
| Building Dynamic Relationships with Strengths | Wednesday, March 7 th | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |

WALK-IN RESUME CRITIQUING EVENTS

Add some final polish to your résumé and cover letter before Spring 2012 Career Week. (February 6th – 10th). Career Services staff and volunteers will be available during these times to provide suggestions for résumé improvement on a walk-in basis - NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

Of course, students may also make appointments to receive résumé critiques with CASNR Career Services at other times throughout the year. Ms. Megan Longan, CASNR Career Development Graduate Assistant, and the CASNR Career Liaisons offer walk-in reviews in the Student Success Center throughout the semester. For more information, stop by 103 Ag Hall or call (405) 744-9464.

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| Résumé Doctor Walk in Clinic | Tuesday, January 24 th | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 360 SU |
| Résumé Doctor Walk in Clinic | Wednesday, January 25 th | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 360 SU |
| CASNR Village Résumé Critique Night | Sunday, January 29 th | 8:00-9:30 p.m., CASNR Village |
| CASNR Résumé Critique Night..... | Wednesday, February 1 st | 4:00-8:00 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |

DINNER WITH FIVE COWBOYS

Take part in CASNR's new initiative targeted at helping students connect with alumni/industry professionals. "Dinner with Five Cowboys" events are opportunities for five students to dine with a selected alum/industry professional and learn about their career paths, life lessons, and OSU and CASNR experiences. "Dinner with Five Cowboys" events provide the ideal informal, small-group networking opportunity. Planned "Dinner with Five Cowboys" events for Spring 2012 include:

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| Coleman Hickman - Ag Education Teacher, Jenks Public Schools | Wednesday, February 1 st | 6:00 p.m. |
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| Brooke Clay - <i>Travel Blogger and eCommunity Manager, Koch Communications</i> | Wednesday, February 22 nd | 6:00 p.m. |
| Joe Popplewell - <i>Sow/Nursery/Finishing Production Manager, Seaboard Foods</i> | Tuesday, March 6 th | 6:00 p.m. |
| Dana Bessinger – <i>Coordinator, Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom</i> & Barry Bessinger - <i>Vice President & Branch Manager, Chisholm Trail Farm Credit</i> | | TBD |
| Jill (Banzet) Duvall - <i>Special Events Coordinator, BOK Center/SMG Management</i> | | TBD |
| Roy Lee Lindsey - <i>Executive Director, Oklahoma Pork Council</i> | | TBD |
| Zac Pogue - <i>Assistant VP & Branch Manager, First National Bank & Trust Co. of Ardmore and</i> <i>Owner/Operator, Pogue Brothers Cattle Co., LLC</i> | | TBD |
| Steve Upson - <i>Horticulture Consultant, The Samuel Robert Noble Foundation</i> | | TBD |

**Other alumni/industry professionals to be scheduled throughout the semester.*

Student participation is determined by application. If you are interested in being one of the “Five Cowboys” to visit with an alum/industry professional listed, download the brief application at http://casnr.okstate.edu/pdf/Participant_app.pdf and submit it to the Student Success Center, 103 Ag Hall, two weeks prior to the scheduled “Dinner with Five Cowboys” event.

Looking for other networking opportunities? Don't forget to join the Oklahoma State University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Career Services group on LinkedIn. Network professionally online with other students, alumni and industry professionals, participate in regular discussions on career planning and industry-related topics, and be the first to know about recent jobs posted by CASNR to the OSU HIRE System.



STUDENT SUCCESS LEADER APPLICATION & SELECTION DATES

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| Student Success Leader Information Session | Wednesday, January 25 th | 6:00 p.m., 101 Ag Hall |
| Are you interested in serving as a <i>CASNR Ambassador, Career Liaison</i> , Freshmen In Transition Student Academic Mentor (<i>FIT SAM</i>) or AG 1011 Student Academic Mentor (<i>AG 1011 SAM</i>)? If so, attend this informational meeting to learn about the application and selection process as well as the commitments and responsibilities of each position. | | |
| Student Success Leader Applications Available Online | Wednesday, February 15 th | www.casnr.okstate.edu |
| Student Success Leader Candidate Training – Part 1 | Saturday, February 18 th | 9:00 a.m. - noon, 101 Ag Hall |
| Student Success Leader Candidate Training – Part 2 | Thursday, March 1 st | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Click Hall East |
| Student Success Leader Applications Due | Thursday, March 15 th | 5:00 p.m., 103 Ag Hall |

MILES OF OPPORTUNITY SPRING 2012 CAREER FAIR & RELATED ACTIVITIES

Catching the Red-Eye in the Student Success Center

Monday, February 6th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
103 Ag Hall

The CASNR Student Success Center will be open late until 7:00 p.m. for students who need to print copies of their resume or pick up résumé paper or thank you notes before Tuesday's Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Natural Sciences Career Fair.

Getting the Most Mileage from a Career Fair

Monday, February 6th
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
201 Ag Hall

Gain valuable information about how to be successful at a career fair from the perspective of both an employer and a successful student. Join Haley Baumgardner, CASNR senior and new Dow AgroSciences full-time employee, and one of CASNR's actively recruiting employer representatives, to learn how to prepare and what to do during the upcoming career fair in order to maximize your opportunities for success. All CASNR students who attend *Getting the Most Mileage from a Career Fair* will be entered into the CASNR Spring Career Week drawing for two tickets to an *Oklahoma City Thunder* game*.

Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Natural Sciences Career Fair

Tuesday, February 7th

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wes Watkins Center Exhibit Hall (WWCITD)

Take advantage of this opportunity to network with employers, graduate schools, and professional education programs with career and educational opportunities for students of *ALL* majors and classifications. Look for more information as the date approaches in the calendar on the CASNR website at www.casnr.okstate.edu! (Direct link to career fair information: <http://casnr.okstate.edu/current-students/student-success-center/career-services/career-fair>). All CASNR students who attend the *Spring 2012 Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Natural Sciences Career Fair* will be entered into the CASNR Spring Career Week drawing for two tickets to an *Oklahoma City Thunder* game*.

Taking the Miles to the Court Rookie Networking Night

Tuesday, February 7th

5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Gallagher-Iba Arena

Hosted by the CASNR Career Liaisons, this new activity is designed to help Freshmen and Sophomore students understand that networking doesn't have to be overwhelming and to help students become comfortable interacting with employers to obtain information and get answers to their questions about opportunities, career paths and recommendations for their futures. Twenty-four CASNR freshmen and sophomores who have attended both *Résumé Critique Night* and *Getting the Most Mileage from a Career Fair* will be entered in a drawing to participate in "Taking the Miles to the Court Rookie Networking Night." The night will include pizza with employer representatives at 5:30 p.m. in the West Hallway of the Wes Watkins Center followed by group attendance at the OSU Cowboys vs. Iowa State men's basketball game. This networking event is a great opportunity for students to get to know employers and ask questions in a laid-back, casual atmosphere. Don't miss out! Be sure to attend *Résumé Critique Night* and *Getting the Most Mileage from a Career Fair* to be eligible!

Maintaining Connections Across the Miles

Wednesday, February 8th

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

201 Ag Hall

Whether you're just beginning your career development or ready to launch into your new career, developing and maintaining the relationships of a professional network is invaluable. Join special guests and master networkers, Dr. Shannon Ferrell of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Mr. Jeremy Bennett, Graduate Assistant for Student Development, as they discuss strategies for developing your contacts from connections to relationships. All CASNR students who attend *Maintaining Connections Across the Miles* will be entered into the CASNR Spring Career Week drawing for two tickets to an *Oklahoma City Thunder* game*.

Tools for the Road to Graduate/Professional School

Thursday, February 9th

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lobby of Ag Hall

Part of any successful journey is preparing for the road trip, and if the journey you plan to take following your undergraduate experience includes a stop at graduate or professional school, then the CASNR Career Liaisons want to help you pack the essentials. Stop by the *Tools for the Road to Graduate/Professional School* table to grab a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a packet filled with valuable information about what to consider in your graduate/professional school decisions and the resources available to assist you in preparing for admission. All CASNR students who participate in *Tools for the Road to Graduate/Professional School* will be entered into the CASNR Spring Career Week drawing for two tickets to an *Oklahoma City Thunder* game*.

**Oklahoma City Thunder* ticket drawing to be conducted on Friday, February 9th. Multiple entries per student allowed according to Career Week event guidelines described above. Winner will be notified via OKEY e-mail and the Oklahoma State College of Ag Sciences and Natural Resources Facebook Fan Page before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9th.

MOCK INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

The best way to prepare for an upcoming job or graduate school interview is to *PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!* CASNR Career Services and OSU Career Services offer opportunities for students to get that practice.

OSU Mock Interview Days Thursday, February 9th 360 SU

Practice interviewing and receive valuable feedback from real employers about how to improve both your verbal and nonverbal communication skills during the interview process. Sign up for an interview time through your HIRE System account at www.hireOSUgrads.com.

Interview Stream Virtual Mock Interview Program

Login to Interview Stream under the *Interviewing* tab on the www.hireOSUgrads.com student website to use Interview Stream with your own computer and webcam, or set up a time to use Interview Stream in the CASNR Student Success Center, 103 Ag Hall. Your personal mock interview will be recorded, and you can review it to identify areas where you believe improvement is needed. You may also send your interview video to others for feedback on your interviewing skills.

AFA ONTAP Webinars

The CASNR Student Success Center is excited to partner with the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) organization to bring students access to webinars on a variety of professional development topics. Webinars coordinated by AFA for the Spring 2012 semester include:

A World of Opportunity with the USDA: A Look at Internships

with Carol Scott of USDA Human Resource Management..... Tuesday, January 31st5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall

Innovation in the Workplace

with Todd Long of Leadership Innovations..... Tuesday, February 21st.....5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall

Renewable Resources: Fact vs. Fad

with the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) March TBD.....5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall

Bridging Communications to Our Consumers

with the AgChat Foundation TBD5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall

Leadership Insights from Industry Professionals..... TBD5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 103 Ag Hall

OKLAHOMA AG DAY - DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Thursday, April 5th
Oklahoma City, OK

Join the CASNR Student Success Leaders and CASNR Student Council in celebrating National Ag Day with a trip to Oklahoma City to learn about our state government, the processes and the people involved and to showcase the outstanding future of agriculture and natural resources to those in positions of influence. The day will include a meeting with Oklahoma Legislators and agricultural interest groups, a tour of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and a tour of the Governor's office. Student participation is determined by application; submit your résumé to the Student Success Center, 103 Ag Hall, before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, to apply for the opportunity to participate.

AVOIDING PENALTY STROKES ON & OFF THE COURSE

A GOLF & BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 29th
6:30– 8:30 p.m.
TBD

Aside from being a game you can play into retirement, golf is also a game of business. Lots of business and networking happens on the golf course, and if you're not capable of participating, then you may find some opportunities are out of bounds. Learn about the basic rules and terminology of the game of golf, and get tips on your grip, stance and proper swing positions. Also gain valuable insight from alumni and industry golf networkers about how to use the game to your business advantage and schmooze on the golf course.

CASNR NEW GRADUATE CELEBRATION

Monday, April 23rd
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Student Success Center, 103 Ag Hall

The Student Success Center invites prospective May CASNR graduates to celebrate their accomplishments. Join CASNR faculty, staff and fellow graduates for refreshments, great information, and chances to take some memorable pictures with friends and to win some exciting CASNR alumni door prizes. Mark your calendar now to come **Celebrate the U in OSU!**

FYI: OTHER SPRING 2012 CAREER FAIRS

Summer Camp Job Fair..... Thursday, January 26th..... 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Student Union Atrium

OSU Career Fair Thursday, February 2nd 12:30 – 4:30 p.m., Gallagher-Iba Athletics Center

OSU-Tulsa Career Fair..... Thursday, February 16th..... 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Main Hall, Tulsa Campus

Hospitality Days Career Fair* Monday, February 20th 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wes Watkins Center

*Must register in advance on-line at <http://humansciences.okstate.edu/hrad/hospitalitydays/> to attend.

Architecture Career Fair Wednesday, February 22nd 8:00 – 11:30 a.m., Reynolds Architecture Bldg.

Education & Teacher Job Fair** Thursday, April 5th 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wes Watkins Center

** Students are required to attend the Career Fair Browse Session from 9:30 am - 12:00 p.m. in order to receive an interview in the afternoon. Afternoon interviews are scheduled in 20-minute blocks from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Get more information about these events at <http://www.hireosugrads.com/2/Students/CareerFairsAndEventsCurrent.aspx>, and don't miss out on the opportunities these events have for students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources!