



# Student Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to A&M! If you are new, then welcome for the first time! The Environmental Programs has been looking forward to having you back all summer.

Make sure you get moved in, know where all your classes are, buy books, and come say hi to Emily! The first week of class is your opportunity to change around your schedule with no penalty. Just make sure you make all changes by Friday, September 4th at 5pm, because after that, you cannot drop a class without using a Q-drop.

If you took any classes this summer other than at A&M, make sure to send in your transcripts to the Records Office, either electronically through the other institution, mailed, or hand delivered in a sealed envelope.



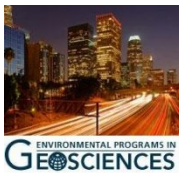
## Recognition



The Environmental Programs would like to thank Krista Burns, Rachel Ezell, Jenny Torres, Jacque Campbell (not pictured), and Destiny Winning (not pictured) for helping Emily paint her office! Your help was greatly appreciated!



## Facebook



Please join the Environmental Programs Facebook group and fan page!

The College of Geosciences now has a group. Become a fan of that group as well!



## Geosciences Student Association

GSA is having a Welcome Back BBQ! Come by to learn more about the GSA and play games and win prizes!

Date: September 15th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The Grassy Knoll by O&M

Also their first meeting will be Thursday the 17th at 7:00 pm in O&M 112.



## Environmental Programs' Involvement Committee (EPIC)

Come check out EPIC at the Open House at the Rec Center on September 6th.

Their first meeting will be on September 7, 2009 at 8:30 in O&M.

For more information, find EPIC on Facebook or go to [epic.tamu.edu](http://epic.tamu.edu)!



## Environment Cafe

Beginning this fall, the Environmental Programs will begin opening the Environment Café! We will open every other week on Tuesday mornings in O&M 109. Dr. Millington and Emily will be there to chat with you in an informal setting and will provide coffee and donuts. This will be a great chance to get to know other students in your major. The first Environment Café will take place **Tuesday, September 8th, from 9:30am-11:00am**. Future dates to be announced later, so keep your eyes out and ears open! Oh, and our coffee cups biodegradable and Earth friendly!!!



## ENVP Tailgate

The Environmental Programs will be having a tailgate on September 19th before the Utah State game. Keep on the look out for future emails telling you where we will be set up and what time to be there.

## ENVP Informational

The Environmental Programs will have its once a semester meeting on September 22nd at 6:00 pm. Topics to be covered include: grad school ideas and timeline, ENGS theme choices, and general ENVP information. Pizza will be provided! Please RSVP to Emily by email or on the Facebook event.

## Geosciences Student Recruitment Team

Are you interested in getting involved in the College of Geosciences? Then you should join the Undergraduate Recruitment Team! Not only will you promote the college and help bring in prospective students, but you would also be able to receive a scholarship of up to \$150. If you are interested in applying for the Undergraduate Recruitment Team, contact Dr. Sonia Garcia at 845-3651 or [garcias5@tamu.edu](mailto:garcias5@tamu.edu). Applications due **September 25, 2009**.

## New Listserv

The old listserv system only sends emails to students currently enrolled in classes. This means that any emails Emily sent over the summer to the listserv were only sent to students taking summer classes. To avoid this from happening again, a new listserv has been set up that is not changed according to who is enrolled in classes. Hopefully this will work better! However, you will not automatically be added to the listserv. Emily will begin adding you, but if you have not received an email yet confirming you are on the new listserv then send an email to

**listserv@listserv.tamu.edu** with the following in the body of the email, depending on your major:

SUBSCRIBE enst\_students firstname lastname

**OR**

SUBSCRIBE engs\_students firstname lastname

Only subscribe to your major's listserv. You **MUST** subscribe as this will be how Emily sends out important advising announcements.

## December Graduates

If you are planning to graduate in December, then you need to apply for graduation. To do this, log into Howdy, click on MyRecord (FALL 09) tab, then find the Degree Evaluation channel. Double check that any minors you are wanting have been declared and are showing up. You must apply before September 11th.

## New Scholarship Procedures

The application process and deadlines for College of Geosciences' scholarships are changing. Please see the College web page <http://geosciences.tamu.edu/academics/scholarships> for the new College-level freshmen/continuing student scholarship procedures.



--Incoming freshmen will apply through the Apply Texas application.  
Deadline: 1 December 2009

--Continuing students will apply through the University Scholarship Application, customized for Geosciences. Deadline: 1 February 2010.

There will no longer be a form you fill out just to the College of Geosciences. You will instead fill out the general continuing student scholarship through Texas A&M. This will reduce the amount of applications you have to fill out. It will also make the selection process go quicker so that you can know sooner if you will receive a scholarship for the next semester.

## COMPASS Degree Evaluations

With the new student information system change, there is also a change in terminology. Instead of pulling up your degree audit to see what classes you have taken, where they apply, and what you have left, you will now go to Howdy to view your Degree Evaluation. It is the same concept but will look a little different.

If you log on any time soon to see the new degree evaluations and notice that some courses that you had substituted are no longer applied, don't panic. While your courses have already been transferred to the new system, the substitutions have not. They are being hand entered by the Records Office and will take until the end of September. If in October, they are still not applied, let Emily know. You may need to fill out a sub form again. Also, substitutions will no longer be called this; they are now called adjustments and the form will require a student signature as well.

## Faculty Spotlight—Our New GEOS 105 Professor

**Name:** Sarah Brooks

**Department:** Atmospheric Sciences

**Birthday:** November 14, 1972

**Family:** I live with my partner Dan and our cat, Draco. The rest of my family lives on the east coast.

**Where did you get your undergraduate, masters, and doctorate?**

Undergraduate- MIT

Doctorate- University of Colorado

**How long have you taught at A&M?**

4 years.

**What courses are you teaching this semester/what courses are you teaching in the upcoming semesters?**

Next fall, I will be teaching ATMO 464 Laboratory Methods in Atmospheric Sciences. It's a hands-on experience to compliment many of the topics covered in GEOS 105. I recommend it for Geosciences majors, especially those interested in the ENGS climate change track.

**Why do you think studying the environment is important?**

The environment is everything we have: our home, and our playground, and our future.

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

Enthusiastic students. You can achieve anything if you try hard enough- That's a fact that's so obvious and yet so hard to explain. I like finding students who have figured this out.

**What is the funniest or craziest thing that you've seen or been asked while at A&M?**

I was asked to make a movie of our lab to play on the jumbotron as part of a recruiting video "A place called Aggieland" The video crew came to my lab and acted like they were filming a day in the life of a mad scientist. Hmm.

**What are your hobbies?**

Being outdoors, biking, skiing, and pottery.

**What was your first job you ever had?**

I worked the all night shift at Mr. Donut. I had to make fresh donuts while serving stale ones to anyone who stopped by.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

I was focused on the environment beginning at a very early age. I went to the first grade career day as a "naturalist"... At the time, I don't think my mother realized this means "ecologist" to some and "nudist" to others.

Of course I wanted to be other things along the way. I went through many stages and wanted to be many different things : a neurosurgeon, a pilot, a journalist, and a massage practitioner. I'm glad I landed back in geosciences.

**If you were stuck on an island, what 3 things would you want to have with you?**

A good book, a good friend, and a big campfire.

**If you could have any super hero power, what would you have?**

I'd definitely want to fly. I earned my pilots' license to experience flying, but it's not like being a bird. Skiing is the closest I've come so far.

**If you had a million dollars, what would you do?**

Buy the family farm in Pennsylvania and the property surrounding it. It's a long story.

**If you had a time machine, where would you go?**

I'd go to where our family farm is now in Pennsylvania and see who lived there before us. It's been in our family for many generations, so I'd have to go back to about 1700 and speak to the local Native Americans, the Iroquois.



## Internship with Encyclopedia of Earth

Applications are now being accepted for Fall 2009 to work at the award-winning Encyclopedia of Earth (EoE – [www.eoearth.org](http://www.eoearth.org)), a free, fully searchable online encyclopedia about the Earth, its ecosystems and their relationship to society. The EoE seeks student interns to assist with posting articles and performing other tasks as needed. Internships are not paid. Interns will work on their own at their home institutions, but will have regular contact with EoE authors, editors and staff based in Boston, Washington, D.C. and other locations.

Eligibility: Intern candidates must be a junior or senior undergraduate or graduate student. Each candidate must have a faculty sponsor complete a recommendation form. Must be willing and able to work 8 to 10 hours per week during the course of the internship. Candidates can apply by emailing a completed EoE Fall 2009 Internship Application Form found at: [http://www.eoearth.org/article/EoE\\_for\\_Educators](http://www.eoearth.org/article/EoE_for_Educators).

**Rolling deadlines for Fall 2009 internships are August 31, September 15 and September 30.**

## Public Policy Internship Program in D.C.



### Public Policy Internship Program Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University's Public Policy Internship Program (PPIP) is currently accepting applications for the spring 2010 semester. PPIP gives students from all colleges and majors the opportunity to live in Washington D.C. for a semester and complete internships with federal agencies,

non-profits, think tanks, and other policy focused organizations. Students who participate in PPIP gain valuable work experience and professional development in our nation's capital. The deadline to apply for a spring internship is **Friday, October 2, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.** The application can be downloaded from the PPIP website at <http://tamu.edu/ppip>.

## FBI Internship-Summer 2010

Have you ever thought about working for the FBI? This could be your chance! The FBI-Houston Division is recruiting interns for summer 2010. Interns work 40 hours/week in Houston and can earn up to 9 TAMU credit hours. All majors are eligible! The application process takes time and is very competitive, so ACT NOW! **APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 9**

Minimum Requirements: 3.0 cumulative GPR and TAMU junior or senior  
For more information, contact:  
Dr. Dietrich, [socintern@tamu.edu](mailto:socintern@tamu.edu), 979-845-9223



**Don't forget, if you get an internship, let Emily know because you can receive GEOG 484 Internship credit that could be applied to your degree plan!!!**

## College Station Geocaching

The City of College Station's GIS Department will host an informational to explain geocaching, GIS, and GPS as well as demonstrate geocaching. Please RSVP.

Date: September 19th

Time: 9:00am—10:00am

Location: Wolf Pen Creek Park

For more information, contact Dawn Killian at 979-764-3430 or [dkillian@cstx.gov](mailto:dkillian@cstx.gov)

# Campus Happenings

## New Code Maroon System

Texas A&M University's new emergency notification system is now accepting enrollees. **If you registered for Code Maroon before July 21, 2009, your contact information cannot be transferred to the new system.** Please visit <http://codemaroon.tamu.edu/> as soon as possible and click "Register in New System" to sign up.

Emergency alerts will be sent through the new system beginning August 31, 2009. You are encouraged to register if you have not already done so.

## Aggie Ring

The new Aggie Ring requirements are that you only need 90 hours to receive your ring instead of 95. To see all requirements, go to [https://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/ring\\_audit.aspx](https://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/ring_audit.aspx). If you meet the requirements at the end of summer 2009 and want to receive your ring on November 13th, 2009, you must apply by September 9th.

## Career Center Fall Schedule of Events

### AggiExternship Orientations

Nov 10	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Nov 12	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Nov 18	3-4pm	404 Rudder
Nov 24	5-6pm	404 Rudder

### Behavioral Interviewing Skills

Sept 1	5-6pm	404 Rudder
Oct 15	5-6pm	504 Rudder
Nov 3	5-6pm	404 Rudder

### Big Events

<b>Mock Interview Day for Engineering, Science, Geoscience, &amp; Construction Science</b>		
Sept 14	8am-5pm	209 Koldus
<b>Mock Interview Day for Ag, Busi, Edu, &amp; LBAR</b>		
Sept 22	8am-5pm	209 Koldus
<b>Is Grad School in Your Future?</b>		
Sept 22	5-6pm	301 Rudder
<b>Work Abroad in Summer 2010</b>		
Sept 23	5-6:15pm	401 Rudder
<b>The Academic Job Application</b>		
Oct 20	5-6pm	510 Rudder
<b>The Academic Interview Process</b>		
Oct 28	5-6pm	402 Rudder

### Co-op Orientations

Sept 3	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Sept 8	3-4pm	404 Rudder
Sept 23	5-6pm	404 Rudder
Oct 6	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Oct 20	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Nov 5	3-4pm	404 Rudder

### Co-op Work Skills

Dec 9	4-5pm	209 Koldus
Dec 10	2-3pm	209 Koldus

### Job Search Strategies

Sept 3	5-6pm	404 Rudder
Sept 8	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Sept 23	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Oct 20	3-4pm	404 Rudder
Nov 5	4-5pm	404 Rudder

### *Don't miss these Special Events!*

<b>USDA Careers Panel</b>		
Wed, Oct 21	4:15 - 6:15pm	110 Koldus
<b>National Security Employment Panel</b>		
Thurs, Oct 22	6:30 - 8:30pm	601 Rudder

### On-Site Company Interview

Oct 27	4-5pm	111 Koldus
Nov 4	4-5pm	111 Koldus

### Resume Reviews at Remote Locations

Sept 10	10am-1pm	Bio-Bio Lobby
Sept 10	1-4pm	Zachry Lobby
Sept 11	10am-1pm	Bio-Bio Lobby
Sept 11	12-2pm	Eller (O&M) 109
Sept 11	9am-12pm	Zachry Lobby
Sept 14	1:30-4pm	Wehner 113
Sept 21	9am-12pm	Wehner 113
Oct 6	10am-1pm	Kleberg Atrium

### Resume Writing

Sept 1	4-5pm	404 Rudder
Oct 15	4-5pm	504 Rudder
Nov 3	4-5pm	404 Rudder

### Salary Evaluation & Negotiation

Oct 27	5-6:15pm	111 Koldus
Nov 4	5-6:15pm	111 Koldus
Nov 12	4:30-6:15pm	111 Koldus

FOR THE LATEST UPDATES GO TO:  
**HireAggies.com**

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All Workshops & Events are FREE!

## OAR Seeking Student Volunteers

The Office of Admissions and Records is looking for student volunteers to help with fall recruitment programs. They need students who would like to represent their college or major on a student panel. You would not be looked upon as experts, but rather someone going through the experiences one might face as a student in that particular field of study. Typically, these prospective students are eager to learn more about college life, including what classes are like, living on campus, getting around, and more about the Bryan/College Station area.

**When and where:** September 18, 2009- 3-4 PM, Rudder 301

September 25, 2009- 3-4 PM, Rudder 302

October 9, 2009- 3-4 PM, Rudder 301

Please contact Aimee Marquez, Program Coordinator for the Office of Admissions and Records if you may be interested in this unique recruitment opportunity. [amarquez@oar.tamu.edu](mailto:amarquez@oar.tamu.edu) (979) 862-8883

## Overseas Day

See financial aid advisors, find out about scholarships, get info on international courses and programs, talk to professors about going abroad, visit Aggies who've studying abroad, and apply for a passport. Now is the time to research what types of environmental study abroad opportunities there are out there!

Date: Wednesday September 23

Time: 10:00am—2:00pm

Location: Rudder Exhibit Hall



## Study Abroad General Informational

General Informationals introduce students to the different study abroad program types, how to search for a program, when to apply, and financial aid options. The Study Abroad Programs Office answers your specific questions and gets you started on your road to international education. Come by the informational to find out more!

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009

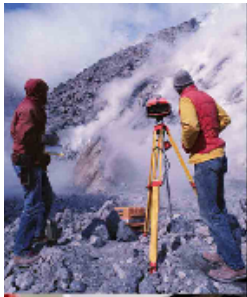
Time: 5:15pm—6:15pm

Location: Koldus 110

## Fall Football Schedule

09/05/09	vs. <b>NEW MEXICO</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	6:00 p.m. CT
09/19/09	vs. <b>UTAH STATE</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	6:00 p.m. CT
09/26/09	vs. <b>UAB</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	6:00 p.m. CT
10/03/09	vs. Arkansas	Arlington, Texas (Cowboys Stadium)	TBA
10/10/09	vs. <b>OKLAHOMA STATE</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	2:30 p.m. CT
10/17/09	at Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA
10/24/09	at Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	TBA
10/31/09	vs. <b>IOWA STATE</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	2:30 p.m. CT
11/07/09	at Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	TBA
11/14/09	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	TBA
11/21/09	vs. <b>BAYLOR</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	2:30 p.m. CT
11/26/09	vs. <b>TEXAS</b>	<b>COLLEGE STATION</b>	7:00 p.m. CT
12/05/09	Dr Pepper Big 12 Championship Arlington, Texas (Cowboys Stadium) 7:00 p.m. CT		





Looking for a science internship or full-time job?

# Sciences Career Fair

Thurs, Sept 17th, 10 am - 3 pm  
Rudder Tower - First Floor

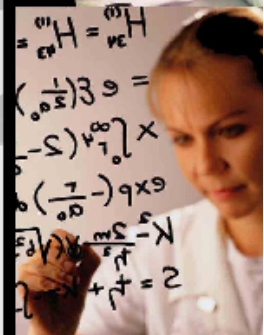
## Related Workshops:

Making the Most of the Science Career Fair  
Thurs, Sept 10th, 5:15-6:15 pm, Koldus 111

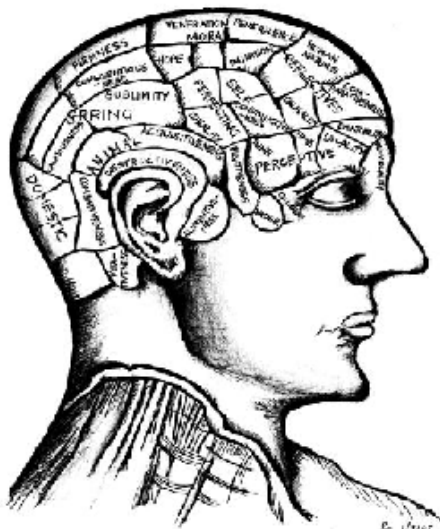
Resume Workshop  
Tues, Sept 8th, 5:15-6:15 pm, Koldus 111

Resume Reviews  
Thurs, Sept 10th, 10 am -1 pm, Bio-Bio Bldg. Lobby  
Fri, Sept 11th, 10 am -1 pm, Bio-Bio Bldg Lobby  
Fri, Sept 11th, 12 pm -2 pm, Eller Bldg Room 109

For more information contact Marilyn at  
marilyn@careercenter.tamu.edu  
[HireAngels.com/scf.html](http://HireAngels.com/scf.html)



## Law School Personal Statements: Pleading Your First Case



Law schools are flooded with thousands of applications. Attend this workshop and discover how a law school admissions committee decides who=s in and who=s out. Your personal statement will determine whether you are admitted to a particular school and how many scholarships dollars you will receive.

Friday, August 21 at 2 p.m.

Friday, August 28 at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 8, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 3 p.m.

Monday, September 28, 4 p.m.

(Additional workshops to be held in October)

To register, phone 979.847.8938 or stop in the Office of Professional & Graduate School Advising, Henderson Hall

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Workshops and Groups

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## **PASS:**

### **Programs for Academic Success Skills**

All PASS workshops are 1 hour long.

Pre-registration for workshops is necessary.

### **Study Success Strategies**

September 17 Thursday 2:20 p.m.

### **Stress Management & Test Anxiety**

September 21 Monday 11:30 a.m.

### **Time Management and Procrastination**

September 16 Wednesday 1:50 p.m.

September 24 Thursday 4:15 p.m.

### **Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI) Interpretation**

Pre-registration for test interpretation is necessary, and the LASSI must be completed 3 business days prior to the interpretation session.

The LASSI interpretation workshop is a half hour long.  
Late Arrivals will not be admitted.

September 1 Tuesday 4:30 p.m.

September 7 Monday 3:00 p.m.

September 15 Tuesday 11:10 a.m.

September 23 Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

September 29 Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

### **Biofeedback Workshop**

The workshop will be offered alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays until October; starting in November, it will be offered both Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of the semester.

Wednesdays, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

One-session workshop that gives an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation is available.

## **Groups:**

### **Academics Anonymous Groups**

Not sure how to make better grades?

- Overcoming procrastination
- Maintaining focus
- Balancing study and fun
- Improving academic confidence
- Managing stress

September 16-November 11  
Wednesdays, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

September 17- November 12  
Thursdays, 2:20-3:35 p.m.

**Insider's Guide – Navigating the First Year Aggie Experience:** This is a 9 week group designed specifically for incoming students who face the transition to college life. The freshman year can be a challenging time and learning to successfully navigate this new experience can be difficult. The Insider's Group will assist students in identifying successful study strategies and effective time management techniques. It will also help participants learn to manage the various demands of university life so there is time for academics, social life, **and** fun. This group is a good opportunity to make your first year Aggie experience as rewarding as you want it to be.

September 21-November 16  
Mondays 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Counselor referral to group is needed 5 business days prior to start date.

Environmental  
Programs in the  
College of  
Geosciences

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CSA 201

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## EPAC Student Representative Corner

**There is one Student Representative position open for Environmental Studies! If you would like to nominate yourself or a friend, let Emily know by September 7th. Elections will be held the 2nd week of September. A typical term runs from January to December, however whoever is elected will serve this fall, through until December 2010. If you are graduating before then, that is ok, still apply!**

## Upcoming Events in September

4th—5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the fall

4th—First Yell

6th—Fall Open House of Organizations  
1:00—5:00  
Rec Center

8th—ENVP Café  
9:30am—11:00am  
O&M 109

9th—Aggie Ring Application Deadline

10th—Study Abroad Informational  
5:15—6:15  
Koldus 110

11th—Resume Reviews  
12:00pm—2:00pm  
O&M 109

11th—5 p.m. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December

17th—Sciences Career Fair  
10:00am—3:00pm  
Rudder Tower

19th—ENVP Tailgate

22nd—ENVP Café  
9:30am—11:00am  
O&M 109

19th—CS Geocaching  
9:00am—10:00am  
Wolf Pen Creek Park

22nd—ENVP Informational  
6:00pm  
O&M 109

23rd—Overseas Day  
10:00—2:00  
Rudder Exhibit Hall

25th—Geosciences Recruitment Team Application Deadline