



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 3rd 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

On August 12th, 2010, two Environmental Geosciences' students received their diplomas. Pictured left to right are Sunny Dorris and Kathleen Nease. The Environmental Programs' would like to wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. Keep us updated! Congrats August Grads!



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 tab, find the Degree Evaluation channel, then click on Application for Graduation. Double check that any minors you are wanting have been declared and are showing up before you apply. If not, or to sub any courses in, come see Emily. You must apply before **September 10th**.

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!



Environmental Programs' Involvement Committee (EPIC)

Come check out EPIC at the Open House at Reed Arena on September 5th from 1-5pm.

Their informational will be Monday, September 6th at 8:00pm in O&M 110. Free pizza!

Their first official meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th at 8:00pm in O&M 110. At this meeting, an emergency election to fill the vacant Social Chair position will be held. If you wish to run, please bring a short speech with ideas on why you want to be Social Chair and ideas of social events. Free pizza!

The next meeting will be Monday, September 20th at 8:00pm in O&M 110.

Fundraising Event-Friday, September 10th all day at Fuddruckers on Harvey Road. Just tell the cashier you are there for EPIC and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to EPIC.

For more information, find EPIC on Facebook or go to epic.tamu.edu!

Environment Cafe

The Environmental Programs will be hosting the Environment Café again this semester! We will open every other week on alternating mornings in O&M 109, so look for the dates in upcoming newsletters and on Facebook. Emily and Dr. Collins 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. Faculty are welcomed to stop by as well. The first Environment Café will take place **Wednesday, September 15th, from 9:00am-10:30am**. Come and go as you please. Future dates to be announced later, so keep your eyes out and ears open!



College Colors Day

Friday, September 3rd is College Colors Day. Colleges and companies across the nation participate on this day by encouraging students and employees to wear their college's colors. So this Friday, wear your favorite maroon Aggie shirt!

Aggie Ring

If you want to see if you are eligible to order your Aggie Ring, check out their new website at <http://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/buildring.aspx>. If you meet the requirements at the end of summer 2010 and want to receive your ring on November 12th, 2010, you must apply by **September 10th**.

University Calendar

The 2010-11 All-University Calendar is available for purchase at the MSC Bookstore in G. Rollie White. The calendar, which offers valuable information about large-scale events planned by the university and student groups, as well as official university dates from the academic calendar, is priced at \$8.98

Free One-on-One Tutoring

Need help in a Math or Science class this semester? The Department of Multicultural Services Peer Tutoring Program is offering FREE one-on-one tutoring services for all Aggies! Go online to <http://tutor.tamu.edu/> (be sure to have NetID and password handy) for more information and to see a list of classes tutoring is offered.

Sciences Career Fair



Looking for a science internship or full-time job?

Sciences Career Fair

Thurs, Sept. 16, 10 am - 3 pm

Rudder Tower - 1st Floor

Related Science Workshops

Making the Most of the Sciences Career Fair

Sept. 8th	5 - 6pm	308 Rudder
Sept. 13th	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Eller O&M 110

Resume Workshop

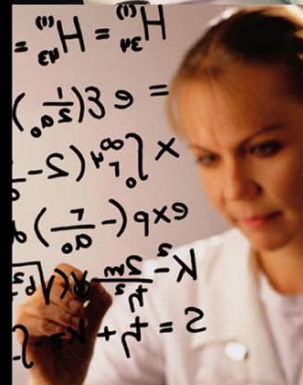
Sept. 2nd	5:15 - 6:15 pm	Rudder 404
Sept. 7th	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Eller O&M 110

Resume Reviews

Sept. 8th	12 - 2 pm	Eller O&M 109
Sept. 9th	10am - 1pm	Bio-Bio Lobby
Sept. 10th	1 - 4 pm	Bio-Bio Lobby

For more information contact Marilyn at marliyny@careercenter.tamu.edu

HireAggies.com/scf.html



Geosciences Career Fair Mixer

Immediately following the Sciences Career Fair, the College of Geosciences will be hosting the first ever Geosciences Mixer. This Mixer will allow companies to meet with students in an informal setting after the chaos of a career fair. At the Mixer, you can network with companies, ask more questions, and enjoy free refreshments. Former students have also been invited to the Mixer to offer advice on job searching, courses to take that will help prepare you for the workforce, and to network. Don't miss out on this great networking opportunity and free refreshments!

Where: Koldus 111

Date: September 16th

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Sciences Career Fair Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help the Career Center with the Sciences Career Fair, please come see Emily. There is a list of possible job tasks and time slots you can choose from. You need to fill out the sign-up form in Emily's office before September 10th.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Don Collins is the new Interim Director for the Environmental Programs.

Name: Don Collins

Department: Atmospheric Sciences

Birthday: November 9, 1971

Family: I met my wife Courtney about 20 years ago when we were undergraduates. We just had our first child, Jack, about a year and a half ago and our second, Brooke, was born less than a month ago. Needless to say, we have our hands full.

Where did you get your undergraduate, masters, and doctorate and what was it over? I got my B.S. from Virginia Tech in Civil Engineering. I knew early on that I wanted to study air pollution and the environmental engineering section in that department was about the closest thing the university had. I recognized that I still wouldn't get the background I needed for graduate school and so I took several additional classes and consequently ended up with around 155 credits at graduation. I then went straight to graduate school at Caltech, where I studied Environmental Engineering Science (an awkward name, which has since been changed). I liked Virginia and California so much that I couldn't decide where to move, so I split the difference and here I am.

How long have you taught A&M? About 11 years. My break between defending my Ph.D. dissertation and arriving here for good lasted about 12 hours.

What courses are you teaching this semester and in the upcoming semester? This fall I am teaching ATMO 363 – Introduction to Atmospheric Chemistry and Air Pollution and in the spring I will likely teach ATMO 463 – Air Pollution Meteorology. A handful of ENGS students are in 363 this semester, but I hope that its popularity with both environmental degrees will grow.

Why do you think studying the environment is important? I think this can be broken down into a couple of parts – why it is important for some students to complete coursework that trains them to go into environmental careers (e.g., our students) and why it is important for as many students as possible to at least take a course or two covering environmental issues. The answer to the first part is obvious – there will be increasing demand for environmental professionals to confront existing and emerging environmental challenges. For the latter, I think that it is essential to provide students with some factual foundation to combat the bombardment of opinions and half-truths or simply no-truths they get on t.v. and, more importantly, online from unqualified and uninformed people on both sides of any topical environmental issue. I only wish we could bring congress in for a semester to offer them the same.

What do you enjoy most about teaching? Linking the general topics being taught to issues that impact the students. This is pretty easy when teaching courses on air pollution because so many of the students come from the Houston and Dallas areas and there is no shortage of air quality data and stories from those areas.

What do you find most annoying about college students? Easy - talking, texting, browsing the web, and otherwise being distracting in class.

What was your first job you ever had? I delivered newspapers when I was 14, but my first 'real' job was as a cashier at Har-dee's, which is sort of the Jack in the Box of the southeast (there is just no way to make that sound good!).

What did you want to be when you grew up? A major league baseball player until I realized I wasn't very good and an Air Force pilot until I realized I wasn't very tough and had lousy eyesight.

Do you have any pets? Too many, not because we have been adding, but because some have lived a little longer than expected. We have a horse that just turned 30 and an iguana that is almost 20 (anyone looking for a geriatric horse or iguana?). We also have a dog and three cats.



Faculty Spotlight continued

If you could have any super hero power, what would you have? The ability to stop time so that I could finally catch up on work.

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

Well, I would like to have my wife, son, and daughter, but perhaps that would be a little selfish to drag them along. But then the question doesn't specify that the island is deserted, so maybe we could all be stuck in Hawaii.

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

Invest it all in the lottery so that I could have a billion dollars.

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

Fifty years or so from now to find out whether now is the time to head north. I have been here 11 years and have not yet 'acclimated' to the heat as I was told happens within a year or two. So add a few degrees to our summer highs due to climate change and it's Canada here I come.

Overseas Day

Meet with financial aid advisors, find out about scholarships, get info on international courses and programs, talk to professors about going abroad, visit Aggies who've studied 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 22nd, 2010

Time: 10:00am—2:00pm

Location: Rudder Exhibit Hall



Public Policy Internship Program in D.C.



Public Policy Internship Program

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University's Public Policy Internship Program (PIIP) is currently accepting applications for the spring 2011 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. Full-time internships in Austin, Washington D.C., and Paris, France, are being offered. The deadline to apply for internships in Washington D.C. and Paris is **September 20th by noon**. Austin applications are due by **October 15th by noon**. The application can be downloaded from the PPIP website at ppip.tamu.edu.

Fall Football Schedule

09/04/10	vs. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	COLLEGE STATION	6:00 p.m.
09/11/10	vs. LOUISIANA TECH	COLLEGE STATION	6:00 p.m.
09/18/10	vs. FIU	COLLEGE STATION	6:00 p.m.
09/30/10	at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	6:30 p.m.
10/09/10	vs. Arkansas <i>Southwest Classic</i>	Arlington, Tex.	TBA
10/16/10	vs. MISSOURI	COLLEGE STATION	TBA
10/23/10	at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
10/30/10	vs. TEXAS TECH	COLLEGE STATION	TBA
11/06/10	vs. OKLAHOMA	COLLEGE STATION	TBA
11/13/10	at Baylor	Waco, Tex.	TBA
11/20/10	vs. NEBRASKA	COLLEGE STATION	TBA
11/25/10	at Texas	Austin, Texas	7:00 p.m.



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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 10th. Elections will be held the 3rd week of September. A typical term is a year and runs from January to December; however, because this is filling a vacant position, you would just serve until December 2010 instead of a full year.

Upcoming Events in September

3rd—5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the fall
3rd—First Yell
5th—Fall Open House of Organizations
1:00—5:00
Reed Arena
6th—EPIC Informational
8:00pm
O&M 110
7th—EPIC 1st Meeting/Emergency Election
8:00pm
O&M 110
10th—Aggie Ring Application Deadline
10th—5 p.m. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December
10th—EPIC Receipt Drive
All day
Fuddruckers

15th—ENVP Café
9:30am—11:00am
O&M 109
16th—Sciences Career Fair
10:00am—3:00pm
Rudder Tower
16th—Geosciences Mixer
3:30-5:00pm
Koldus 111
22nd—Overseas Day
10:00—2:00
Rudder Exhibit Hall
28th—ENVP Café
9:30am—11:00am
O&M 109

