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Department Newsletter



Grain Science Friends and Alumni Golf Tournament

On September 22, the Grain Science Friends and Alumni Golf Tournament took place at the Manhattan Country Club. More than 60 participants enjoyed a day of golf and lunch followed by the awards ceremony. We thank all of those who attended and helped support the department!



Ag Day Festivities at Bramlage Coliseum

The Department of Grain Science and Industry (GSI) recently showcased its dedication to agriculture and outreach during the annual Celebrate Ag Day Pre-Game event on September 23, 2023, at Bramlage Coliseum. Faculty, graduate students, and staff actively participated in this event by organizing interactive activities that not only celebrated the importance of agriculture but also shed light on the programs offered by GSI. This engagement served as an excellent platform for attendees to learn more about the department's contributions to the agricultural industry. Celebrate Ag Day is an annual event that celebrates the rich agricultural heritage of Kansas and highlights the significant role agriculture plays in the state's economy. It is also an opportunity for K-State to connect with the community and showcase its commitment to agricultural education and research. The Grain Science and Industry department at K-State, known for its cutting-edge research and innovative programs, took the opportunity to engage with the community and promote its various offerings during this year's event. To make their presence felt and engage with the attendees effectively, the Grain Science and Industry faculty, students, and staff organized a range of interactive activities.



College of Agriculture Awards Graduate Student Scholarships

Five scholarships have been funded specifically for graduate students who are enrolled

in programs in or connected to the college. The support of graduate students is an area of emphasis and has a significant impact on the research and teaching of agriculture. "Graduate education is a vital part of the research and educational missions in the College of Agriculture," said Ernie Minton, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension. "Yet, attending graduate school can be financially challenging, so we are pleased to offer scholarships that help to lessen that financial burden. We continually work to identify donors with a special philanthropic heart for supporting graduate students through scholarship giving."

One of the five scholarships, Nolan and Jean M. McKenzie Graduate Student Fellowship, was awarded to Grain Science and Industry student Zhenjiao Du. Zhenjiao's major professor is Yonghui Li.



Flowers Foods Visits Bake Club

Bake Club had visitors from Flowers Foods, Lesaffre Yeast, and Corbion Ingredients. Flowers representatives led club members in a product development exercise to create cupcakes from Legos. Lesaffre made two Hispanic products with Bake Club members, bolillos and conches. Representatives from Corbion Ingredients baked focaccia with club members.



David Owens Visit

David Owens from Zero2Five at Cardiff Metro University spent two weeks observing Bakery Science classes to garner ideas to use in their Baking Science courses. He assisted with prepping for multiple visitors and events during his time. We appreciate his assistance.

Our Mission

The mission of the Department of Grain Science and Industry is to advance the global grain and plant-based food, feed, and bioproduct industries through scholarship, research, and outreach.

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