



Badger Crops Club



Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Join us for our upcoming meeting which will take place on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:00 PM at Allen Centennial Garden! We are very excited to gather as a club in-person to celebrate our successful semester, vote on our new officer team, and start discussing future ideas and events.

We will be adhering by the current university and county guidelines and will practice social distancing as well as appropriate use of facemasks. We can wait to see you soon!



BCC members at Tyrol Basin after snow tubing.

2020-2021 Rewind!

The past year was absolutely wild and something no one could have planned for. Our officer team was forced to maneuver the organization happening to a virtual format and we were not able to enjoy the many activities and events our club typically does in the regular academic year. That being said, we believe our club still accomplished a lot of great things and was successful in providing informational and insightful meetings with UW Faculty, industry professionals, and fellow students.

Looking forward to the next academic year, we look forward to bringing back “normal” activities and efficiently adjusting to whatever may be thrown at us! We encourage everyone to invite friends and bring fellow students to our activities to add more unique perspectives and experiences to our group!

Thank you, Seniors!

We were lucky to have a great bunch of seniors in BCC this year and wish them all of the best in their future endeavors!

Best of Luck to Our Senior Officers!



Alexis Schultz is graduating with a degree in Agronomy and certificates in Leadership and Global Health. After graduation, she will continue her education at Texas A&M University where she will study plant breeding.

Ashley Nelson will graduate with a B.S. in both Biochemistry and Plant Pathology. Upon graduation, Ashley will be heading to North Dakota State University where she will work towards a PhD in Plant Pathology, specifically focusing on molecular mechanism of plant-fungal interactions.



Bella Tondi will leave the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Agronomy and certificates in Environmental Sciences and Business Management for Agricultural and Life Sciences. After commencement this spring, Bella will head south to work on a ranch and use skills and knowledge she obtained here in Madison.

Earth Day – Thursday, April 22, 2021

History of Earth Day

Earth Day began in 1970 when the public began to grow concerned with the well-being, health, and state of

our planet. Until this point, most Americans has very little regard for our negative impact on the environment. At this time, the primary focus was on reducing our air pollution, which is still something we can improve today. Even still, we have come a long way since 1970 and have enhanced the health of our planet in great ways.

Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson was a prominent figure and voice in the inaugural Earth Day and overall climate awareness movement. Inspired by his experience with oil spills in California, Senator Nelson mirrored the student anti-war movement and built-up social energy to promote changes he thought of as essential to protecting our planet.



It wasn't until the 1990's when the movement went global and environmental leaders across the globe began to practice similar environmental initiatives inspired by Senator Nelson.

Earth Day Today

Today Earth Day is observed across the globe and millions of people practices and/or promote environmental improvement policies. We currently know more about the changing environment more than we ever have in the past, and our growing knowledge of how this will affect the world pushes us more than ever to innovate and seek for solutions to current issues regarding our environment and sacred planet: Earth. With new organizations and legislation, such as the Paris Agreement in 2015, it is apparent how seriously the world has taken this issue and we must continue to acknowledge the shortcomings and inefficiencies of our anthropogenic impact so that we can explore options of mitigating and even reversing these impacts.

How Can You Help?

Spread awareness and look into resources that advocate for a cleaner planet. EARTHDAY.ORG is a great resource for exploring opportunities in environmental advocacy. If you are ambitious enough, you can also go plant a tree!

Information gathered from www.earthday.org .

“Oyen Receives Mid America CropLife Scholarship”



Tanner Oyen received one of eleven Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) Young Leader Scholarship Awards for 2021. The MACA YLS is a leadership and networking program designed to expose students in agricultural higher education to the crop protection industry and future career opportunities. The award requires the recipient to be enrolled in one of the 14 participating MACA Land-Grant Universities and to have secured a summer internship in agriculture. It includes a cash scholarship and a travel stipend to attend the annual MACA meeting. One scholarship is awarded per university. Oyen will also volunteer in the CropLife Ambassador Network (CAN, a MACA Program) where he will speak to the public regarding the safety and value of American agricultural food production and spread the good word about agriculture, primarily in elementary classrooms.

Oyen is from Lancaster, Wisconsin, and is a second-year student majoring in Agronomy pursuing a certificate in business management advised by Dr. Bill Tracy. He will intern at Helena Agri-Enterprises this summer and present his work this fall at the MACA annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri where he and other scholars will be honored. Tanner is expected to graduate in May 2022, after which he plans to continue his education for a Masters in Agronomy or Plant Breeding and Genetics.

The purpose of MACA is “to research public issues relating to crop production and to work together to improve the crop life cycle via health, safety and public education.” For more information, please visit

<http://www.maca.org/> .

Internship Opportunity

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT | Madison, WI

HOURS: During corn pollination (approximately July 10 to August 15), anticipated workload will be 40(+) hours per week, 6 days per week, including weekends. Days off are provided during the week during peak season and if advance notice is given, weekend time off is possible for weddings or family functions. Outside of that period (June, end of August), workload is expected to be between 30 and 40 hours per week from Monday to Friday. Start date is flexible as long as it takes place before July 1. Positions go through August and may be available to continue into the 2021 Fall Semester. Most days 8am to 4:30pm; can vary depending on workload.



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JOB DESCRIPTION: Assist the UW Field Corn Breeding and Genetics Program at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station located at 8502 Mineral Point Road. Duties (include but not limited to) walking fields to identify and cover shoots, setting up tassel bags for pollen collection, making hand pollinations according to given instructions, taking measurements, field maintenance (hoeing, staking, ID banding, etc), and other projects as needed. Required duties will be mainly outside, in various weather conditions. Candidates must have reliable transportation to and from station.

QUALIFICATIONS: No experience necessary; training provided. Successful candidates must be current and continuing (Fall 2021) students. Non-agricultural majors interested in an outdoor experience are encouraged to apply. Candidates should be self-motivated, organized and reliable, have good communication skills and attention to detail, and be able to accurately follow instructions.

Affinity for outdoor activities is highly recommended, given that all activities related to this summer job opportunity will involve handling corn plants in a field setting. All majors welcome, plant science/agriculture background a plus.

SALARY: \$13.00 per hour

TO APPLY: Send a resume to borsecnik@wisc.edu containing references and contact information. Questions regarding this position may be sent to email address above.

Trivia

How many farms are there in the great state of Wisconsin?

- A.) 15,370
- B.) 43,500
- C.) 64,900
- D.) 102,000

Americans spend ____ of their disposable income on food, the lowest in the world.

- A.) 10%
- B.) 15%
- C.) 22%
- D.) 28%

_____ has the safest, most affordable food supply in the world.

- A.) Brazil
- B.) The United States of America
- C.) China
- D.) India

Wisconsin produces ____ of the nation's cheese supply.

- A.) 9%
- B.) 26%
- C.) 45%
- D.) 70%