Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Join us for our upcoming meeting which will take place on Tuesday, April 19, at 6:30 PM in Moore Hall (Room 351 - Enter Moore Hall from the east side and take a left down the hall). Free parking is available in Lot 40.

We will be welcoming Dr. Natalia de Leon, Project Leader in UW Silage Breeding and Biofeedstock Breeding Program and associate professor in Agronomy Department. de Leon earned her M.S. (’00) and Ph.D. (’02) in Plant Breeding and Plant Genetics from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Natalia will be discussing her research here at the university, highlighting unique opportunities in the agronomy department, and answering general questions from the audience.

We hope to see you at the meeting!

LAST MEETING - May 6

Our last meeting for the academic year will take place on May 6, 2022, at 5:30 PM. This last gathering will not feature a guest speaker, rather we will be holding elections for next year’s BCC Officer Team. Candidates will be nominated at the meeting and an election will be held to close the meeting. We will be grilling out and having a potluck-style meal. Location TBD.
NACTA Crops Judging Contest - North Platte, NE

After the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s extended absence from the crops judging circuit, our team has been rejuvenated with a splash! Our team, coached by Calli Anibas, traveled to Nebraska in late March to compete at the challenging NACTA Crops Judging contest. This comprehensive undergraduate competition includes four, one-hour examinations broken into the following categories: 1.) plant, weed, and seed identification, 2.) agronomic knowledge, 3.) lab and field practical, and 4.) mathematics.

We are proud to share that our team brought home a Fifth-place finish! While going head-to-head with students from various universities across the U.S., three of our students placed in the top 25 of over 200 competitors: Tanner Oyen (13), Chenxin Luo (19), and Brandon Strupp (24). Join us in congratulating our team as we are so proud of their performance and dedication to educational improvement outside of the classroom. NACTA is a beefed-up version of the SASES competition we attended in the fall - where the team earned a third-place finish - so finishing in the top five is phenomenal for our reformed crops judging team.

This event would not have been possible without the contributions of our amazing sponsors! So many organizations, and individuals alike, gifted us with monetary support that allowed the team to acquire critical study materials, secure lodging during our travels, and put full in the tanks pushing us across the country. Our generous sponsors are listed at the bottom of the page!

If anyone is interested in joining the crops judging team or would like some more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our officers or Calli Anibas (canibas@wisc.edu). We will be losing many seniors in the coming semester and would love to add new members to our team!

(Left to right; Front: Calli Anibas, Mackenzie Hintz, AnnaMarie Hintz, Chenxin Luo; Back: Tanner Oyen, Thijs Laux, Brandon Strupp, Zachary Olson)
CONGRATULATIONS, Ms. Calli Anibas!

Arthur J. and Ellen A. Maurer Extra Mile Award

Join us in giving Calli Anibas a warm round of applause for receiving the 2022 CALS “Extra Mile Award” for her unwavering service and dedication to students here at the university and beyond! This award goes to a faculty or academic staff member who has demonstrated unusual concern for, and provided exceptional service to undergraduates, graduates, and/or Farm & Industry Short Course students. To be considered, the winner must have a proven record of an impact on students’ education, career plans, leadership, or other aspects of students’ lives.

There are few, if any, more deserving of this award than our very own Ms. Anibas. She relentlessly serves our campus community through selfless mentoring and advising, fostering a fun and impactful educational atmosphere, promoting academic achievement, and enhancing the overall experience of every student she encounters. Anibas will receive accept this award in early May from Dean Kate VandenBosch.

Oyen receives Theodore Herfurth Award for Comprehensive Undergraduate Excellence

This award, created in 1928, is designed to accord distinctive recognition to senior students who excel in scholarship, in degree of self-support, in constructive extracurricular activities, and in lucid and convincing oral expression. The Herfurth-Kubly Awards are among the oldest and most prestigious honors bestowed by the university. Recipients must be nominated by academic staff, complete an extensive application, and partake in a five-hour banquet & reception where finalists given prepared and impromptu speeches.

We also extend congratulations to BCC officer Gaelan Combs who was also named one of 12 finalists for the award. With nearly 300 students nominated, this is an incredible accomplishment for both Combs and Oyen. We are so fortunate to have two of the twelve finalists on our club’s officer team!

2022 Herfurth-Kubly Awards Finalists with Selection Committee
(Gaelan Combs, back row, fourth from left; Tanner Oyen, back row, fifth from left)
April Event: Plover, WI Farm Tours - April 22, 2022

Our last big event for the semester will be a day full of farm tours in central Wisconsin! We plan to leave Madison at 8 AM. We will then drive to Bancroft, WI where we’ll visit Wysocki Produce Farm (9:30-12:30), a large vegetable farm specializing in potato production. There we will get to see the field, plant, and storage operations. They will likely be planting potatoes and corn. We will then grab lunch and head to Blue Top Farm (1:00-2:00), a roughly 1500 acre produce farm. They will be sharing insight on their farming operations. Finally, we will visit Feltz's Dairy Farm (2:00-3:00) where we will get a tour of their facilities and get to see their robotic milker. After the tour we'll get a chance to stop at their dairy store and get some snacks for the road. We plan to return to Madison between 4:30 and 5:00 PM.

Internship Opportunities:

**Summer Soil Science Research Hourly Position**
Soil Fertility & Nutrient Management, Department of Soil Science

Location: Wisconsin - UW Research Farms
Supervisor: Dr. John Jones, Researcher, Department of Soil Science

**Description:** This is a full-time position working with Dr. Jones on field and laboratory research activities for projects that address measuring and managing soil and plant nutrients in Wisconsin agricultural systems. There will be an approximate 70/30 split between field and laboratory research duties. This work will take place at University of Wisconsin Agricultural Research Stations, production farms across the state of Wisconsin, and on campus. Travel will be required up to 5 days a week when timely research activities call for being present at specific crop growth stages around the state. Expected experience and skills after completion of the summer 2022 position will include: field research techniques for soil science and agronomy, familiarity with laboratory analysis of soil and plant samples, addressing research questions with a mixture of basic and applied techniques, and general data management and descriptions. If you are an undergraduate interested in soil science or agronomy research careers after graduation, or graduate school, this will be an opportunity to obtain experience to leverage for applying to both. This position will pay $14 per hour with guaranteed 40 hours per work week. Holiday and vacation time off as needed and with approval.

**Pest Survey Crop Scout**
Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

Location: Wisconsin, at-large
Supervisor: Krista Hamilton (krista.hamilton@wisconsin.gov)

**Description:** This seasonal LTE position is responsible for surveying alfalfa, corn and soybean fields throughout Wisconsin for economically important and regulated insects, diseases and other plant pests; the implementation of cooperative insect detection surveys under the federal Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program; and the inspection of crops and commodities for plant health certification. This position will be based at the Prairie Oaks State Office Building in Madison or at a home office location. Much of the field work is concentrated in the southwest, south-central, and western areas of the state, including Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, La Crosse, Lafayette, Rock and Vernon counties. 90% of work duties require travel and occasional overnight stays may be required. Pay will be $18/hour; milage will be reimbursed for use of a private vehicle at $0.51/mile; lunch will be reimbursed up to $12.
Agricultural Research Assistant
UW Sweet Corn Genetics and Breeding Program, West Madison Agricultural Research Station

Location: WMARS - 8502 Mineral Point Rd, Madison, WI
Supervisor: Patrick Flannery (pjflanne@wisc.edu)

Description: Duties will consist of hand pollination of breeding nursery, weed control (hoeing), hybrid evaluation (taste testing and data collection), trial and nursery maintenance, and seed harvest. No experience necessary; training provided. Work/study students desired. Successful candidates must be current and continuing (Fall 2022) undergraduate students. Non-agricultural majors interested in an outdoor experience are encouraged to apply. 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. Applicant must provide own transportation to and from the West Madison Agricultural Research Station. $17.00 per hour

Field Corn Breeding Research Assistant
Field Corn Breeding and Genetics Lab, West Madison Agricultural Research Station

Location: WMARS - 8502 Mineral Point Rd, Madison, WI
Supervisor: Shawn Kaeppler & Natalia de Leon

Description: Duties include (but not limited to) making controlled hand pollinations in field corn breeding nurseries according to given instructions, taking measurements and collecting phenotypic data, field maintenance (weeding/hoeing, ID tagging, etc), and other tasks as needed. Position does not have remote work eligibility. 40 (+) hours per week. Start date is flexible, must start by July 1, 2022. End Date is August 31, 2022, with potential to continue into Fall Semester to assist with harvest. Schedule in June and late August is flexible, Monday-Friday, 30-40 hours per week. Mid-July to mid-August schedule is 6 days per week, 40(+) hours per week, including weekends, with a scheduled weekday off. During this peak work period, weekend time off for weddings/family functions is possible with advance notice. No experience needed; training will be provided. Successful candidates must be current or continuing (Fall 2022) undergraduate students. Non-agricultural majors interested in outdoor experience are encouraged to apply. Must be able to work outdoors in summer weather conditions. Must have reliable transportation to and from the West Madison Ag Research Station, located at 8502 Mineral Point Road. $13 per hour. Apply: https://studentjobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/job/502163/corn-breeding-research-assistant

Good Luck on Final Exams & Have a Great Summer!