

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Agronomy

The Advantage of a Good Start

The Agronomy Learning Community is a phenomenal advantage for students starting their college career. There are many resources available to students because of the size of ISU, but Agronomy students never feel lost in that size. This is because of the individual attention and our focus on supporting a tight knit community of students.

Before Day One

Worried about not knowing anyone on the first day of class? Forget about it. Before classes even start, we help new students meet each other and the Agronomy faculty with a fun-filled field trip. On the Friday and Saturday before classes start, students visit Agronomy alumni to learn about the possible career paths that will be available to them. The best part of this event is really the road trip for making new friends.

Together for Class

New students in Agronomy have reserved seats in sections of classes together. All of those friends you met on the field trip will be right there in your classes with you. Some classes have big lectures, but you won't feel alone in the crowd with your community of fellow Agronomy students to sit with.

Orientation: Skills for Success

Agronomy 110 is a weekly meeting for students in the learning community to discuss any challenges they may be having, learning skills for doing well in classes, and finding out about resources available to our students. Topics include a campus scavenger hunt, time management, goal setting, and how to understand your degree audit.

The Community Continues

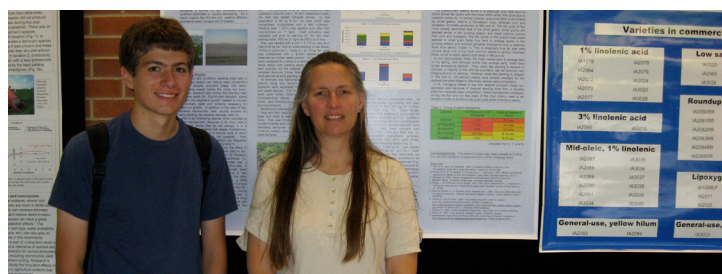
The network of friends doesn't end after the learning community program is over. These connections continue on in future classes and in student clubs. The student clubs and the Agronomy reading room are places where students across class levels interact and benefit from the experience of upperclassmen and the diverse backgrounds of other students.



"Meeting people is a big plus before classes. Made the first day of classes easier."



"I can now relate classroom study to the things I saw on the field trip."



"I learned lots of new things."



Learn more about the Agronomy Learning Community at:

<http://www.agron.iastate.edu/academic/undergraduate/learningcommunity.aspx>