Two Weeks Notice

**This Week**

March 26

10:00 AM - Commons  
Departmental Cookie Social

3:00 PM - 3022 Agronomy  
Faculty Meeting

3:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy  
Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium  
*Integration of Prairie Strips into Agricultural Landscapes to Enhance Ecosystem Services: An Iowa Experience*  
Presenter: Matt Helmers, Iowa State University  
*Put it on my Calendar!*

4:10 PM - 3140 Agronomy  
Plant Breeding Seminar Series  
*A Tale of Two QTLs: G x E and Epistasis of Sorghum Flowering Time*  
Presenter: Xin Li, Iowa State University  
*Put it on my Calendar!*

Genotypic Characterization Of Doubled Haploid Exotic Lines In Maize  
Darlene Sanchez  
*Put it on my Calendar!*

4:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy  
Soil Science Seminar  
*Macroaggregate Structure and Mineralogy of a Costa Rican Forest Soil Vary with Tree Species*  
Presenter: Katherine Taylor, Iowa State Graduate Student  
*Put it on my Calendar!*

**Next Week**

April 2

10:00 AM - Commons  
Departmental Cookie Social

4:10 PM - 3140 Agronomy  
Plant Breeding Seminar Series  
*Predicting Hybrid Yields of Rice using High-Density Molecular Markers*  
Presenter: Shizhong Xu, UC-Riverside  
*Put it on my Calendar!*

4:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy  
Soil Science Seminar  
TBA  
Presenter: Cliff Johnston, Purdue University  
*Put it on my Calendar!*

Support IAAS World Congress on Indiegogo

The International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences (IAAS) World Congress will be hosted in Ames, Iowa this summer. Students are raising funds through the crowdfunding site Indiegogo.

Students from more than 20 countries around the world will attend the 18 day event and experience the wide array of Iowa agriculture.

EASE Due March 28

Recently, the Employee Activity Summary of Effort (EASE) form was delivered to your mailbox.

Faculty members are required to certify their own effort by completing the form and signing it. No other signatures are necessary.

All other salaried employees and students should complete and sign the form. Your supervisor with firsthand knowledge of your effort also should sign the form.

Return the form to Debra Hop.

Agronomy Blotter

Happy to you...

Happy Birthday:

• March 28 -  
  Michael Blanco  
  Collaborator

“Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.”  
— H.G. Wells

New Faces

• Preshant Singh,  
  Assistant Scientist I  
  with Madan Bhattacharyya  
  3/10/2014

• Narinder Pal  
  PostDoc  
  with Madan Bhattacharyya  
  3/10/2014

• Li Hao,  
  Visiting Researcher  
  with Richard Cruise  

• Andy Rohrback,  
  Graphic Designer I  
  with Gretchen Anderson  
  3/17/2014

• Todd Hartnell  
  Graphic Designer I  
  with Gretchen Anderson  
  3/24/2014

• Jacqueline Farrell  
  PostDoc  
  with Steve Cannon  
  3/17/2014

Registration Open for Engineered Crops Workshop

Registration is now open for the International Workshop on Engineered Crops, set to take place in Des Moines April 28-29. More information can be found [here](#).