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Welcome to the *SASES News Flash*, which features important undergraduate activities and deadlines.

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**Thank You Kansas State For A Successful
Regional Meeting**



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Important Dates

June

15 [Manuscript Contest entries due](#)

July

1 [Annual meeting registration and housing opens](#)

August

8 [Soil Survey Horizons Essay Contest due](#)

September

21 [Speech contest entries due](#)

October

2 [Visual Presentation entries due](#)

8 [Annual meeting preregistration due](#)

31 [Annual meeting begins](#)

November

2 [Annual meeting adjourns](#)

17 [Collegiate Crops Contest, Kansas City](#)

21 [Collegiate Crops Contest, Chicago](#)

Speech Contest Advisor - Joan Davenport, Washington State Univ.-Prosser .

Student Activities- Trevor Perkins, Purdue Univ.

Visual Presentation Contest Chair- Justin Brown, Univ. of Minnesota

Visual Presentation Contest Advisor- Bao-Luo Ma, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada



2009 SASES Annual Meeting



Make plans now to join us at the SASES annual meeting held in conjunction with the International Annual Meetings of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, Pittsburgh, PA. www.acseetings.org. The three-day event includes:

Day-long tours on Saturday

President's Trophy Competition -- compete for the best SASES chapter

Research Symposium, Speech, and Club Poster Presentation Contests -- win cash prizes for top placings

Quiz Bowl - university and multi-university teams participate in a game show format

Professional development programs

Graduate School Forum - talk to schools about graduate school

Three business meetings to transact SASES business and elect new officers

Socials and catered events

Online reservations **open July 1 and end October 8**

Student Internships & Contests

DC Internships Available

Attention undergrads and grad students: We are continuing to recruit for Science Policy Interns to work for three to six months in Washington DC. Consider applying today for this paid position, which features flexible start and end dates. Learn more and apply:

<https://www.careerplacement.org/index/job/detail/428>

Student Contests

Showcase undergraduate work and compete for cash awards. Info for each contest at:

www.soils.org/students/contests/

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Darrel S. Metcalfe Student Manuscript Contest

Gain experience in researching, organizing, and writing papers for a research report, term paper, or some creative version or combination of the above. Authors of the top three entries will receive a one-year subscription to the [***Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education***](#). Entries due June 15.

[Soil Survey Horizons Student Essay Contest](#)

[***Soil Survey Horizons***](#) is accepting entries for an essay contest for undergraduate and graduate students.

The recipient of each category (undergrad and graduate) will receive a one-year membership to the Soil Science Society of America, a one-year subscription to [***Soil Survey Horizons***](#), and their paper will be published in [***Soil Survey Horizons***](#). Submissions may cover any topic related to soils, agriculture, field ecology, soil survey, or history of soils. Entries due August 8.

National Student Speech Contest

Improve your public speaking skills at Pittsburgh Annual Meetings and receive cash awards for the top six placings. One contestant from any one SASES club can enter after qualifying in a local club contest. Contestants will be judged on voice, physical manner, speech structure, development, language, speech value, and effectiveness. On the day of the contest, the contestants will draw for titles and order of presentation. Entries due September 21.

National Visual Presentation Contest

Students gain experience preparing visual presentation materials that communicate an agronomic, soils, or environmental sciences story with the intent of educating a small-group audience on a technical topic. Students learn to assemble a presentation to convey a message succinctly while enhancing their communication skills which will be a valuable asset in their profession. Entries due October 2.

Club News

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University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Field + Furrow club



The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Field + Furrow club decided to stay inside for some warmer weather, so they went to the ice rink to cheer on the Illini Hockey team for the first social event of the year.

Recent activities for the club include helping make seed judging sets for the Illinois FFA chapters and preparing for the College of ACES open house, ExplorACES March 3-14. Other events included an ice cream social/local speech contest hosted by the department head and a first ever trap shoot this April.

The Oklahoma State Agronomy Club started out the year with their annual BBQ out at the Farm. In October, several students went to the National Agronomy Meeting in Houston, TX. Three students competed in various competitions and placed. In the fall semester, they had a very successful food drive within the College of Agriculture; the items collected were donated to the Stillwater Food Pantry. During this past holiday season, the club sold raw Spanish peanuts. They also bought Christmas ornaments and decorated a small tree that was donated by the OSU Ag Council. To begin the spring semester, they began selling raw popcorn as a little diversity. The club held their annual senior send-off where they will present the graduating seniors with a golden kernel of wheat.



Texas A&M Agronomy Club



The Texas A&M Agronomy Society made a 4-day trip to Weslaco (deep south Texas) to participate in the annual meeting of the Texas Chapter of the ASA in February. Student members from the various schools in attendance elected new officers and discussed activities for the next annual meeting. In addition to conducting their annual state meeting, the group visited the Texas A&M University

Kingsville Citrus Center, Texas AgriLife Research Station in Weslaco, and a commercial vegetable production farm to explore various methods of research and cultivation. The group visited the Estero Llano State Park, part of the World Birding Center (www.worldbirdingcenter.org/sites/weslaco/), for a bird-watching breakfast outing

as well a sea-turtle rescue organization on South Padre Island. Texas Agronomy Society members from Texas Tech and Sam Houston State Universities also participated in the annual meeting. Texas Tech clearly won the “longest drive” competition! The meeting wrapped up with club presentations from Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities. The 2009 Bruce Maunder Award for Outstanding Student in Agronomy was presented to Joe Roberson of the Texas A&M Agronomy Society.

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