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**10/3:** Annual Ag Career Fair (see flyer right)

**10/5:** Ag Open House (see flyer below)

**10/12:** Fall Break - No classes

**10/27:** AGR Smokin' Hog @ 11AM @ AGR House

**11/10:** Fall Leadership Conference (see flyer below)

## Club News

**Ag Council:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 5pm, KH 152

**Ag Mech:** 2nd Wed, 5pm, Ag Shop

**Ag Vocators:** Tues, 7am, KH 152

**Agribusiness:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 6pm, KH 308

**Agronomy:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 5pm, KH 226

**Alpha Gamma Rho:** Mon, 5:30pm, AGR House

**Alpha Gamma Sigma:** Mon, 7pm, AGS House

**Alpha Zeta:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 5:30pm, KH 152

**CFFA/ PAS/ AG Ed:** 1st & 3rd Tue, 5pm, KH 152

**Collegiate Farm Bureau:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 6pm, KH 152

**Equestrian Club:** Wed, 6pm, Keeney Room (Rec Center)

**Forestry Club:** 2nd & 4th Thurs, 3pm, KH 201

**Hoof-n-Horn:** 3rd Thurs, 6:30pm, Livestock Center

**Horticulture:** 2nd & 4th Mon, 5pm, KH 226

**Sigma Alpha:** Mon, 5:30pm, KH 152

<http://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/career-fair.php>

## SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE CAREER FAIR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

9AM - 1PM

UNIVERSITY UNION GRAND BALLROOM

STUDENTS SHOULD DRESS IN PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE, HAVE UPDATED COPIES OF THEIR RESUMES IN HAND, AND BRING THEIR STUDENT ID.

THE AG CAREER FAIR WILL SHOWCASE OVER 40 COMPANIES WITH AGRICULTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. PLAN TO BE THERE!



Professional head-shots will be available for FREE!



[http://www.wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release\\_id=15395](http://www.wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=15395)

**Schedule of Events:**  
**Variety Show** - 6pm Sep 25  
 in Western Hall  
**Yell Like Hell** - 7pm Sep 27  
 in Western Hall  
**Parade** - 10:30am Sep 29  
 around Macomb  
**Homecoming Game** - 3pm  
 Sep 29 Hanson Field

**Hey fellow Aggies!**

I'm Karissa Graves and I'm on Homecoming Royalty Court this year.

You don't have to #VoteGraves but I encourage you to attend all of the activities and vote on Purple Post. Voting opens on Monday and ends Thursday at 4:30pm. All students can vote once throughout the week. To vote, search UUB on Purple Post, find the tab that says forms, then click on Homecoming 2018 Royalty Voting. Happy Homecoming y'all! It's a great day to be a Leatherneck! #GameOn

**WIU HOMECOMING 2018**



## Resume Book

Please submit your resumes online for the Resume Book. The book will be published for potential employers to look through.

Resumes are due

**Wed, Sept 26 @ 4:30pm**

Check your emails for the link or visit:

<http://www.wiu.edu/cbt/agriculture/resume-submission.php>



# Farm2Fork

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**Savor the Season & Join Us** FOR A MEDITERRANEAN THEMED DINNER!

Wednesday, Sept 26 | 6-8PM

UNIVERSITY UNION LAMOINE ROOM

Register by Sept 18 at

[WIU.EDU/FARM2FORK](http://WIU.EDU/FARM2FORK)

CALL 309.298.1861



GENERAL ADMISSION \$22.50

WIU STUDENT \$10 WITH ROCKY DOLLARS

SPONSORS INCLUDE



WIU Sustainability Committee



ANTH 420G Cultural Feast: The Anthropology of Food  
NUTR 407 Dietetic Communication and Education

RPTA 235 Programming Principles & Applications in Leisure Services

## 2018 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

### "TO LEAD IS A MIGHTY BIG ADVENTURE"

NOVEMBER 10, 2018



\$15 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- LIGHT BREAKFAST
- LUNCH
- T-SHIRT
- BREAKOUT SESSION
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER DONOVAN NICHOLS

TO REGISTER:

VISIT PURLEPOST - LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS  
[WWW.TINYURL.COM/FALLLEADERSHIP2018](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/FALLLEADERSHIP2018)



\$5 Turkey Testicle Eating Contest!

The Men of Alpha Gamma Sigma present the 12th annual

## AGS for Bags Tournament

Friday, Sept 28 @ 5pm  
233 N Sherman Ave  
Macomb, IL

\$40/team, \$100 cash prize to 1st place team  
All the proceeds go to Testicular Cancer Society

Concessions available as well!

For more info contact

Wyatt Myers at 217-825-3686 or [jw-myers@wiu.edu](mailto:jw-myers@wiu.edu)  
Nick Gorsich at 217-652-1620 or [nm-gorsich@wiu.edu](mailto:nm-gorsich@wiu.edu)

# Employment Opportunities

## Help Wanted

Hess Family Farm, near Bushnell, IL is offering immediate employment for the following farm related tasks:

- General Harvest needs, including grain cart, gravity wagon operation
- Batwing Mowing
- Semi Operation for local hauling to on farm storage as well as grain terminals
- Machinery Maintenance and repair

Qualified applicants will have prior experience with any of the above tasks, or be willing to be trained "on the job".

Pay will be based on experience with incentive to CDL holders.

We are willing to pay you to practice for your CDL and pay you for your time going to take the test.

Please contact Marcus Hess at 773-960-5492 if interested. Text of phone call are welcome.

## Carthage System Production Internship

### BASIC FUNCTIONS:

Carthage System offers opportunities for undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in swine production to participate in commercial sow production in large, modern swine facilities. Students will be provided the opportunity to work hands-on in commercial facilities, learning about the overall production and management processes. Students will have the opportunity to learn new skills, enhance knowledge in the swine industry, practice standard farm processes and put skills learned in the classroom into use on a day-to-day basis.

### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Production training and development
- Active hands-on learning in a swine operation
- Participation in learning development activities, cultural and social activities
- Learn the concept of daily/weekly work plans for farm
- Comply with company Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS)
- Assist in caring for animals daily, including water, feed and management
- Train on and completes the internship training program
- Maintain accurate number integrity for record keeping
- Train on proper body condition scoring
- Assist in general maintenance and upkeep of buildings, grounds and equipment
- Learn from managers expectations of daily walk throughs on the farm
- Work with team members to ensure cleanliness and sanitation in the work area
- Comply with the practices and principals of biosecurity to safeguard the life and health of the swine herd
- Assist in ensuring the welfare of all animals
- Assists with other duties as assigned

### EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Preference of at least 2 years education in Animal Science or other related field AND
- Related experience in swine/animal production AND
- Leadership experience

### Knowledge and Skills:

- Ability to work independently
- Self-organization and motivation
- Strong work ethic and problem solving skills
- Good written and verbal communication skills

### Mental and Physical Requirements:

- Demonstrate ability to excel within an accelerated work environment
- Possess the motivation to work within a team based work environment
- Ability to work with limited supervision
- Ability to sit, stand, bend, kneel, walk for extended periods of time & lift 50 lbs

### Interns receive:

- Competitive pay
- Housing assistance
- Training in all aspects of commercial swine production

Human Resources Department

Email: [hr@hogvet.com](mailto:hr@hogvet.com)

Phone: 217-357-8301

Fax: 866-384-4151

# Internship

## SUMMER 2019

We are looking for interns to promote and sell our Herd Care Line products to dairy producers. This 10-week internship includes:

Week 1

**Professional sales and dairy industry training**

Weeks 2-9

**On-farm sales**

Week 10

**Executive staff interaction, intern presentations and**

**Plus ...**

- › Competitive pay with a company vehicle and sales bonuses
- › GENEX career opportunities



# FUN!

Interviews begin November 2018

For more information, contact:

Briana Schumacher, Program Manager  
503.932.6110 // [bschumacher@genex.coop](mailto:bschumacher@genex.coop)

**GENEX**

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**Harvest help needed - preferably in the morning but will work around the student's schedule. Prefer someone with farm experience for hauling grain into the bins. Please call Cleo Dixon at 309-221-5382. Thanks!**

## Carthage Innovative Swine Solutions Internship

### BASIC FUNCTIONS:

Carthage Innovative Swine Solutions offers opportunities for undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in swine research to participate in commercial sow production in large, modern swine facilities. Students will be provided the opportunity to work hands-on in commercial research facilities, learning about the overall process of commercial clinical trials and well as internal research and discovery trials. Students will have the opportunity to learn new skills, enhance knowledge in the research and veterinary fields, practice real-life processes and put skills learned in the classroom into use on a day-to-day basis.

### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Research training and development in commercial swine production unit
- Active hands-on learning in a swine operation
- Participation in learning development activities, cultural and social activities
- Learn the concept of daily/weekly work plans for farm and research teams
- Comply with company Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS)
- Assist in caring for animals daily, including water, feed and management
- Completes the internship training program
- Maintain accurate number integrity for record keeping
- Learn from farm managers, research technicians, research coordinators and Veterinarians
- Work with team members to ensure follow through of trial SOP
- Comply with the practices and principals of biosecurity to safeguard the life and health of the swine herd
- Assist in ensuring the welfare of all animals
- Assists with other duties as assigned

### EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Preference of at least 2 years education in Animal Science or other related field AND
- Related experience in swine/animal production AND
- Leadership experience

### Knowledge and Skills:

- Ability to work independently
- Self-organization and motivation
- Strong work ethic and problem solving skills
- Good written and verbal communication skills

### Mental and Physical Requirements:

- Demonstrate ability to excel within an accelerated work environment
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## Fall Employment Opportunity

Ferguson Farms of Bushnell, IL is seeking knowledgeable, motivated, and hardworking individuals who are interested in helping during the 2018 Fall harvest season.

- **Duties:** Grain Cart operator, tillage work, semi driver
- **Hours:** Will vary depending on progress, weather, and your schedule
- **Qualifications:** Farming experience would be beneficial but if you are willing to work and learn then you will get along fine. CDL is not required but those with CDL's will receive a higher wage.
- **Wages:** The wages you are paid will be determined off your ability to be on time, work hard, and work well with others.

\*Lunch and Supper meals will be provided\*

If you are an agriculture enthusiast who is willing to work hard, is passionate about farming, and are looking for part-time employment that could potentially lead to a full-time job in the future, please reachout to these contacts:

Curt: (309)255-9338 Mark: (309)255-0290

**Multiple Operations near Macomb seeking Responsible, Dependable, Motivated and Experienced individuals to help during harvest!**  
Newer model John Deere and Case IH Equipment knowledgeable desired, CDLs not required but would be useful. If interest please email Quintin Bucher at [qw-Bucher@wiu.edu](mailto:qw-Bucher@wiu.edu) or call 309-225-0752

**Farm help needed:**  
Looking for farm help now, during harvest, and after. Driving tractor, field work, mowing, and misc. work. CDL is not required but would be helpful. Please contact **Rick Ferguson at 309-255-0132**

## Manager in Training

### BASIC FUNCTIONS:

The Manager in Training is responsible for learning the procedures and protocols from the Farm Manager and other team members in carrying out the daily responsibilities in caring for the welfare of the animals, including feed, water, and management skills. The Manager in Training reports directly to the Farm Manager and works with the team of farm employees to learn and facilitate all areas of production. This position will participate in all phases of production to produce high quality animals in the most productive manner.

### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assists in working with, training, and coaching the staff
- Learns to implement daily/weekly work plans for farm
- Complies with company Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS)
- Ensures animals are being cared for daily, including water, feed and management
- Assists in ordering feed and monitors the feed usage
- Assists in ordering supplies, tools and equipment
- Assists in the selection of gilts
- Trains on and completes the farrowing and breeding procedural management plans
- Maintains accurate number integrity for record keeping
- Trains on proper body condition scoring
- Learns how to order semen and monitors usage
- Assists in general maintenance and upkeep of buildings, grounds and equipment
- Follows managers in daily walk throughs on the farm
- Trains in all departments to back teams up as necessary
- Learns to conduct performance evaluations
- Works with team members to ensure cleanliness and sanitation in the work area
- Complies with the practices and principals of biosecurity to safeguard the life and health of the swine herd
- Ensures the welfare of all animals
- Assists with other duties as assigned

### EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- 2 year degree in Ag business is preferred, but not required, AND
- 1 year of people management experience

### MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Ability to perform repeated dynamic movements from below to above shoulder height
- Ability to walk, stand, bend, kneel, and squat for extended periods of time
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to follow directions
- Ability to work in fast paced environment
- Ability to lift 50 lbs
- Ability to work for extended periods of time

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## Tri-State Agronomic Solutions LLC.

### Job Description

- Soil Samplers

### Job Description

We are seeking part time soil samplers for this fall:

- Pulling soil samples on a 2.5 acre grid using GPS
- Operating a four wheeler
- Preparing soil sample bags
- Organizing samples after pulling

### Job Requirements

- Previous agronomic or on-farm experience (Preferred)
- Ability to work outdoors in adverse weather

### Job Location and Information

- Blandinsville, IL
- Competitive wages
- Training will be available for proper soil sampling and use of GPS programs

Contact- Thomas Hoenig  
Cell- (309)-337-4404

**Nutrien**  
Ag Solutions™

## Operations Assistant Nutrien Ag Solutions

### Job Title

- Operations Assistant

### Job Description

We are seeking a part-time dependable hardworking operations assistant. The duties of an operations assistant are as follows:

- 15-20 hours per week
- Ordering and importing soil tests for variable rate fertilizer application
- Importing yield data
- Completing computer work for Crop Consultants
- Assisting with equipment maintenance
- Operating equipment around the plant

### Job Requirements

- High School Diploma
- Previous agronomic or on-farm experience (Preferred)
- Computer proficiency

### Job Location

- Blandinsville, IL (15 miles Northwest of Macomb)
- Sciota, IL (10 miles North of Macomb)

Contact- Jeremy Ferguson  
Cell- (217) 430-8553  
Office- (309)-652-3694

**Nutrien**  
Ag Solutions™

Farmers Grain Company is seeking temporary harvest help on our corn dump pit. This position would dump trucks and load outbound trucks. Probably last around 6 weeks.

Contact us at:  
Farmers Grain Company  
Office 309-426-2147  
Cell 309-337-4624

Frisella Nursery, Inc. is looking for full-time, part-time, and seasonal retail associates to join its garden center team. Located off of Highway F in Defiance, Missouri.

For more information visit  
<https://frisellanursery.com/our-roots/careers/> for all open positions and to apply

## Interested in Internships?



**GROWMARK**

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

*Campus Ambassador*

April Leinberger

(217) 370-1255

ad-leinberger@wiu.edu

# Scholarship Opportunities

## Scholarship Opportunity for College of Business and Technology Students

Fresh Prints is offering a **\$5,000 scholarship** this September. It's for any and all current college students.

We'd love to hear from students in the College of Business and Technology. We're taking applications until September 30th!

Visit the following link to apply, it only takes a few minutes.

<https://apply.freshprints.com/scholarship6/?source=oldclub>

## NCGA, BASF Accepting Applications for 2018 Ag Scholarships

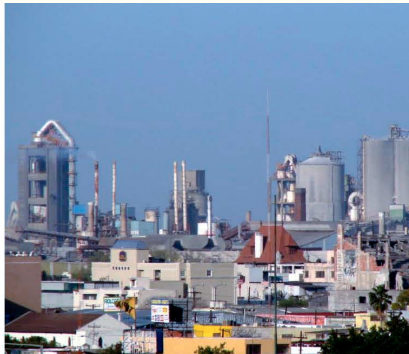


Applications must be submitted by Dec 1, 2018.

The application is available here:

<http://www.ncga.com/scholarships>

## In Other News



Are lectures running together? Ready for a change? Want to broaden your horizons? Then check out INAG 361 and pick up 3 credits over Spring Break! This course is cross listed with BAT 300/BAT 600

*Mexico*  
*March 6-17*

*Stand out from the competition – show employers skills and experiences beyond the classroom. Come to one of the interest meetings for more details! This trip has an agriculture focus but is open to all graduate and undergraduate majors.*

Interest Meetings:

Thursday, September 20, in Knoblauch 307 at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, in Knoblauch 308 at 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Dr. Kevin Bacon at

[KJ-Bacon@wiu.edu](mailto:KJ-Bacon@wiu.edu)

Rocky's Resources

### Effective Studying

Learning different study techniques to engage class material more effectively.

[Workshop Details](#)

Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

5:15pm-5:45pm

Rec Center–Keeney Conference Room

Tutoring is also available at  
<http://www.wiu.edu/advising/tutoring/>

OPS provides walking escorts to students during night-time hours. Call the Campus Police at **309-298-1949** if you need this service.



Happy National Teach Ag Day!  
#TeachAG



Students from the WIU CFFA Chapter hosted the annual Greenhand Conference in Macomb Sept. 6.



Congrats to the membership candidates of Sigma Alpha.

**BE  
SOMEBODY.**

**BE A  
Leatherneck.**

Western Illinois University  
• School of Agriculture Open House •  
Friday, October 5 9 a.m.  
[bitly.com/WIUOpenHouse18](http://bitly.com/WIUOpenHouse18)

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to our Leatherneck family? Invite them to Ag Open House! #RightHereAtHome

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A hands on education  
at your home away from home.



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