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Agricultural Alumni Association



## CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS



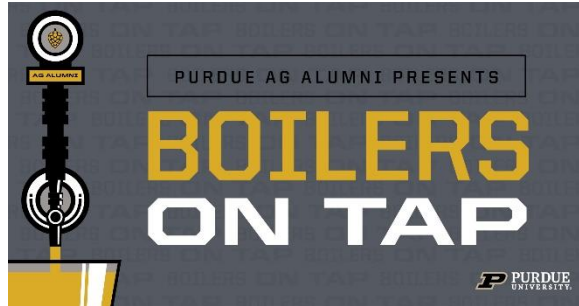
It's finally summer! It feels so good to say it! We've had a very busy spring, and many more things to come in the next few months. Throughout the month of April, the Purdue Ag Alumni Association hosted various gatherings around Indiana (and on Zoom) to survey interests and goals for our young alumni programs. The excitement and ideas were flowing, and our marketing team is meeting to make plans for the next year. Be watching our social channels and upcoming newsletters for programs and events!

Looking ahead to this summer, we have [several golf outings planned](#), including the Wabash Bash in Darlington on August 25. At the time of publishing, there are still openings for teams (6 players) as well as sponsorships for this fun event!

We are also excited for the return of the Great Indiana State Fair. Purdue Ag Alumni has a special relationship with the fair – helping to produce the Pioneer Village Farm and Home Show each year by loaning them a unique collection of antique farm equipment and many alumni serving as staff and volunteers. Be sure to check it out during the fair (July 30-August 22). You can also join us on the morning of Saturday, August 21 for the Pioneer Village auction, where collection items and goods from the artisans will be available for public sale.

Finally, please consider nominating fellow Ag Alumni and others who have contributed significantly to the agriculture industry for the Certificate of Distinction award. This award, the highest bestowed by our association, is presented at the Fish Fry each February. Our application is now [live](#) and open through October 22, 2021.  
Boiler Up!

Danica Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director



## FEATURE STORY

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### Purdue Alumnus Named New FFA Chief Executive Officer

The National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation has named Scott Stump the new chief executive officer of both organizations, effective Monday, June 21. Stump's extensive background in agricultural education, career and technical education and FFA includes a bachelor's in agricultural education from Purdue University.

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## COLLEGE UPDATE

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### Plant Sciences 2.0 Selected as one of Purdue's Next Move Strategic Initiatives

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Purdue Day at the  
Indianapolis Zoo  
**June 26th**

Decatur County Golf  
Outing  
**July 23**

Indiana State Fair  
(Pioneer Village)  
**August 6-22**

Knox County Golf Outing



Purdue possesses the unique expertise and innovative technologies to develop plants with enhanced nutritional and sustainability attributes. These same tools will enable us to manage forests, mitigate wildfires and diseases. By investing in plant sciences, Purdue will be known for growing graduates, entrepreneurs and the ag-biotech industry to ensure a future where the environment and agriculture work hand-in-hand to both feed the world's population and strengthen our ecosystems.

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**August 19**  
Wabash Bash Golf Outing  
**August 25th**

Celebrate Ag Day at  
Purdue Football  
**September 25th**

Homecoming  
**October 2nd**



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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### Spring Award Winners

On April 22, the College of Agriculture honored some of the year's most outstanding students, faculty and staff during the annual Spring Awards Banquet. The virtual event was a collaborative effort between the Purdue Agricultural Council and the Office of Academic Programs.



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### Ag students named Academic All-Big Ten

Eight student-athletes from Purdue University's College of Agriculture earned Academic All-Big Ten recognition during the spring sports season, helping the university reach a record 92 recipients.



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### Unifying senior receives Leadership in Action Award

Johnny "Junior" Cheng came to campus four years ago with a goal to be as active in clubs and organizations as he could be. It couldn't have lead to a better outcome. He was recognized for his leadership skills in the college as well as across the university. Congratulations, Junior!



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## Graduate Student Spotlight

Growing up in the small town of Simpang Renggam in Malaysia, Anbukani “Connie” Muniandy recalls helping her mother in the kitchen, curious about how combining just the right ingredients in the right amounts made things work. Muniandy always knew she would study science, but when she discovered the discipline of food science while searching for undergraduate programs, she found a recipe for academic success.



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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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### ABE alumnus finds entrepreneurial spark in vegan marshmallows

When Ryan Howard was at Purdue, he participated in the Soy Innovation Competition. That experience helped fuel this alum to start his own vegan food business, Chicago Vegan Foods.



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## COMINGS AND GOINGS

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## New Food Science Department Head

Karen Plaut, Purdue University's Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, has appointed Senay Simsek as head of the Department of Food Science.

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## SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT

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Purdue University's newest recipient of the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award embodies everything that Trent showed as he battled cancer and influenced people in multiple ways. Kyle Alberton, Ag Economics student, inspires people with his story and his accomplishments. Kyle has persevered and shows great promise for his future.

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