

HLA HAPPENINGS

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HLA ALUMNUS DUSTIN POTTS SPOKE TO HORT 11000 STUDENTS

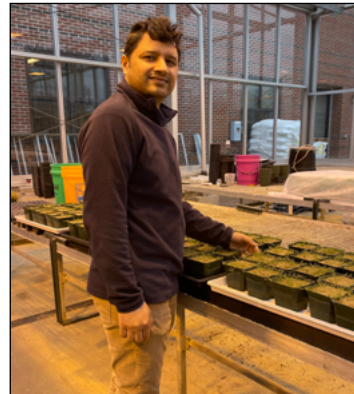


L-R: Dustin Potts, Dr. Mike Dana, April Shepherd (College of Agriculture Senior Director of Development), Robin Tribbett (HLA Student Services Coordinator).

Alumnus **Dustin Potts**, Purdue HLA '09, visited campus

this week to speak to the HORT 11000 Opportunities in Horticulture class. Dustin shared insights from his experiences as a summer college intern through his current role as Plant Breeding Compliance Operations Manager, among other things, for Bayer U.S. – Crop Science (formerly Monsanto).

WELCOME DR. NABA AMGAIN!



Dr. Naba Amgain has recently joined **Dr. Patton's** research program as a postdoctoral associate. Naba was born and raised in Nepal. He moved to the United States for graduate school, where he revived a Master's degree in Horticulture and a Ph.D. in Crop Science from

Oklahoma State University. During his graduate degree he conducted research on warm- and cool-season turfgrasses including water use rate of bermudagrass, cultivation practices impact on soil physical properties of golf course putting greens, and the effect of shade stress on creeping bentgrass. Prior to joining as post-doctoral associate at Purdue University, he worked on the effects of cover crops and land management practices on soil health at the Ohio State University and at the University of Florida. In his free time, he enjoys traveling to new places and hiking.

ARIANA TORRES RECOGNIZED IN COLLEGE OF AG'S "MILLIONAIRE'S CLUB"

Ariana Torres was recognized in the Purdue College of Agriculture "Millionaire's Club" for bringing in, as part of 3 interdisciplinary projects, over \$16 million in 2022. The projects she is part of include 1) USDA-SAS funded Diverse Corn Belt, 2) USAID Peru-HUB to work on the Peruvian jungle, and 3) USDA-SCRI IPM managements for high tunnel production.

CARMEL CHINESE GARDEN CO-ENVISIONING WORKSHOP A SUCCESS



The Carmel Chinese Garden Co-envisioning workshop was successfully conducted on the previous Sunday in Carmel, Indiana. The public engagement process, led by Assistant Professor **Yiwei Huang**, thus far has garnered considerable support from the community. Approximately 70 individuals participated in the workshop in person, while an additional 240 responses were received through an online survey. A total of six Purdue students, five undergraduates and one graduate student, were involved in facilitating the workshop and gained valuable hands-on experience in community engagement.



JEANINE ARANA PLACED FIRST IN COMPETITION AT ABE GRADUATE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM



Jeanine Arana's presentation, "Black soldier fly composting reduced weed seed germination," won first place in the 3MT competition at the 10th Annual Agricultural and Biological Engineering Graduate Industrial Research Symposium "Reshaping the Future through Science and Technology." She competed against students from multiple departments within the Colleges of Agriculture and Engineering at Purdue.



ASHLEY ADAIR PRESENTED AT INDIANA SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

Ashley Adair presented 3 talks at the Indiana Small Farm Conference on Thursday, March 3rd. Her topics included:

- Dry Edible Beans - A Large Grain for the Small Farm?
- Aerial Technology on the Small Farm
- Cover Crop Species Demonstration

ARIANA TORRES PRESENTED AT PURDUE FOOD SCIENCE WEBINAR SERIES

Ariana Torres presented a webinar on social media marketing to the Purdue Food Science Webinar Series: Scaling Up Your Small and Medium Sized Farms.

PURDUE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER PLANT INFO TO GO BOOTH AT THE INDIANA FLOWER AND PATIO SHOW



John Orick, Karen Mitchell, and Pam Fisher have worked to set up the Purdue Extension Master Gardener Plant Info to Go Booth at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show. This year's show will be held March 11-19 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Extension Master Gardener volunteers from across the state will be on hand to answer consumer horticulture questions. New this year to the booth is an interactive lawn weed challenge where show patrons can test their knowledge on common lawn weeds. If you are at the show, please come out to the booth located in Exposition Hall.

HLA GRADUATE STUDENTS ENJOY AN FUN EVENING



Last Friday our HLA Graduate Students took a break from their research for an evening of bowling and pizza.

HLA BOWLING TEAM THIS WEEK

Our team **Split Happens** played against River City Rasca Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl for Week 25 of the Purdue Staff and Students league. We won 6 out of 8 points holding our team at number 1 in the league for the 3rd week in a row!

In the Women's Category, Ashley Adair placed 3rd with handicap game scoring a 251 and placed 2nd with handicap series scoring a 701!

No placements in the Men's category.

We're on a roll! We'll be bowling again after Spring Break!

AG RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION'S MARCH COFFEE AND CONVERSATION FEATURING ASHLEY ADAIR

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

Supporting our Communities through Extension

Featuring Ashley Adair (HORT), Pat Williams (Tippecanoe Co. ANR Educator) and Henry Quesada (CES)

Join us to learn more about Extension and how we support individuals, families, farmers, and communities to improve their lives and livelihoods.

- How does the Extension process work?
- What are the challenges Extension have?
- How do we cooperate and work with counties and state agencies?
- What is the role of county educator and an extension specialist?

March 21 | 10:00-11:00
ABE Atrium/Lobby

COFFEE AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE FIELD DAY



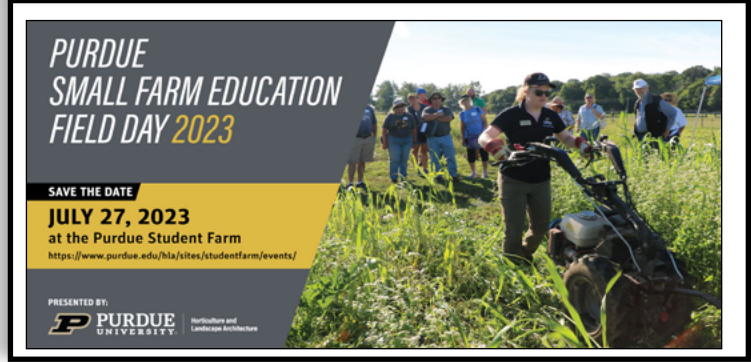
SAVE THE DATE
Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
Purdue Meigs Ag Center
9101 S 100 E, Lafayette, IN 47909

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension

The poster features a collage of images: a hand holding small green vegetables, people working in a field, a yellow flower, a bunch of grapes, and a person standing next to a red tractor.

SAVE THE DATE: PURDUE SMALL FARM EDUCATION FIELD DAY 2023



PURDUE
SMALL FARM EDUCATION
FIELD DAY 2023

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 27, 2023
at the Purdue Student Farm
<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/studentfarm/events/>

PRESENTED BY:
PURDUE UNIVERSITY Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

The poster features a photograph of a group of people in a field, with one person operating a tractor.

Newsletters

- Facts for Fancy Fruits: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu/>
- Vegetable Crops Hotline: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>
- Purdue Landscape Report: <https://www.purduelandscapeporeport.org/>
- Greenhouse and Indoor Production of Speciality Crops: <https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/newsearch.asp?subCatID=425%20&CatID=10>

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