

HLA Happenings

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Extension. Thank you to **Colleen Flynn** for her adept planning of all the logistics, including finalizing our comprehensive self-study document.



HLA Receives Positive External Review



Left to Right: Dr. Mengmeng Gu, Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno, Dr. Roch Gaussoin, Dr. Erik Runkle, and Dr. Marvin Pritts.

Congratulations to the entire HLA team for a very positive external review! We are so grateful to our external reviewers, Marvin Pritts, Roch Gaussoin, Mengmeng Gu, Erik Runkle, and Michelle Schroeder-Moreno for spending so much time with us getting to learn all about the amazing work everyone in HLA is doing across our three mission areas - research, teaching and

Congratulations to Nathan Deppe!



Congratulations to **Nathan Deppe** in his new position as Director of Greenhouse and Indoor Ag Facilities!

HLA at the Indiana Small Farm Conference



Ashley Adair, Chris Adair, Moriah Bilenky, Emmanuel Cooper, Celia Corado, Josué Cerritos García, Wenjing Guan, Petrus Langenhoven, Liz Maynard, Steve Meyers, Karen Mitchell, Jean Zavala and Linda Prokopy all attended the Indiana Small Farm Conference, which took place 2/29 and 3/1 last week.

Ashley Adair presented a cover crops demonstration on 2/29 and facilitated the Networking Luncheon on 3/1.

Chris Adair tabled at the Horticulture and Landscape Architecture trade show booth and hosted a Networking Luncheon table on Community Supported Agriculture on 3/1.

Emmanuel Cooper (MS/Meyers' Lab) presented a poster titled "Effect of buckwheat and silage tarps on sweetpotato row-middle weed control."

Wenjing Guan served as a panelist on the topic Protected Culture Selection and Optimization and presented during the Lightning Round Research Updates from Purdue Specialists.

Petrus Langenhoven presented a talk titled "High Tunnel Sweet Pepper Variety Selection Update," two posters in conjunction with Assistant ANR Program Leader Nathan Shoaf on "Impact of Soil Fertility Amendments and Cover Cropping on Soil Health" and "Building Soil Health: Sustainable Management Approaches to Overcome Production Challenges," served on a panel discussion on protected culture selection and optimization, and hosted a Small Farm Research Needs discussion at the Networking Luncheon.

Linda Prokopy hosted a table at the Networking Luncheon on the topic "Climate Change and the Small Farm."

Liz Maynard presented a talk titled "Always Learning Something: Vegetable Trials at Pinney Purdue in 2023" and tabled at the HLA booth on the trade show floor.

Steve Meyers presented during the Lightning Round Research Updates from Purdue Specialists and hosted a table at the Networking Luncheon on the topic "Weeds! - Exploring Sustainable Management Options" alongside Celia Corado and Nathan Shoaf.

Jean Zavala (MS/Torres' Lab) presented a poster titled "The Economics of Biocontrols."

Karen Mitchell tabled at the HLA booth on the trade show floor. Across both days of the conference, the booth made meaningful connections with 68 participants!





Purdue Student Farm Annual General Meeting



Please join us for the **Purdue Student Farm** Annual General Meeting, March 20, 2024, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM in HORT 222.

Purdue University Earned Tree Campus USA Designation for 15th Consecutive Year

For the 15th year running, Purdue University has earned the Tree Campus USA designation within higher education. Campus Arborist Peter Vaughn, Crew Chief Jason Kilgour with the support of the entire Grounds Department, led the initiative in completing the criteria for the designation and the continued work of the Campus Tree Care Plan which fosters healthy trees. Many thanks to Campus Planning, Departments of Horticulture, Forestry and the **Purdue Arboretum** for the various student engagement and project/event support. The collaboration across the many areas of Administrative Operations, University Departments and industry partners makes for a nice team effort!

Wenjing Guan Participated at the High Tunnel Workshop

Wenjing Guan will participate at the [High Tunnel Workshop](#) at OSU South Center, Piketon OH on March 7, for a collaborative project with the Ohio State University on high tunnel strawberry production, supported by NC-SARE.

Purdue Boilermaker Vegetable Season Pass Is Back!



The [Purdue Boilermaker Vegetable Season Pass](#) is back for 2024!

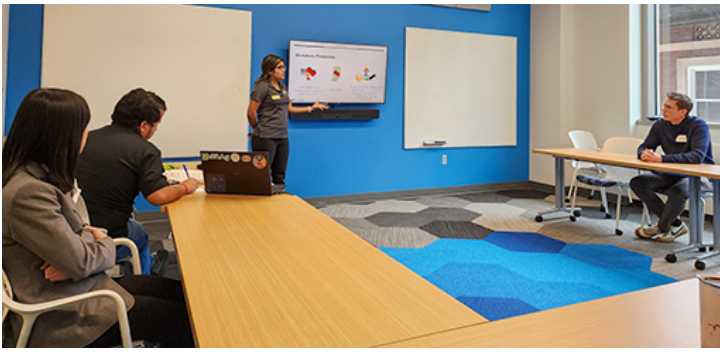
Take a giant leap towards supporting the **Purdue Student Farm**. Sign up for the Boilermaker Vegetable Season Pass to get your box of Purdue-grown vegetables, herbs, and fruits! Once you have signed up, you have the option to pay by check or credit card. See the signup confirmation email for details.

There are two share purchase options for 2024: Weekly & biweekly. Sign up today!

Meyers' Lab Members Presented at ABE Graduate Industry Research Symposium



Emmanuel Cooper and **Jeanine Arana** from the Meyers' lab participated in the 11th Annual ABE Graduate Industry Research Symposium: "Advancing technology: From models to molecules, machines and more".



Emmanuel obtained 3rd place for his 3MT oral presentation and Jeanine obtained 2nd place for her oral presentation!

Congratulations!



HLA Bowling Team

Our team **Good Thyme Gang** played against **Eamus Catuli** Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl for Week 25 of the Purdue Staff and Students league. We won 4 out of the 8 points, keeping our team in 3rd place and inches away from 1st with a two way tie!

In the Women's category: **Alexandra Jewell** placed 1st in scratch game scoring a 205, placed 1st in scratch series scoring a 595, and placed 1st in handicap series with a 733.

Ashley Adair placed 3rd with scratch game scoring a 171, placed 3rd in scratch series scoring a 438, placed 1st with handicap game scoring a 262, and placed 2nd with scratch series scoring a 711.

No placements in the Men's Category.

Only a few weeks left!

We bowl 3 games on Monday nights starting at 6:30pm. All Purdue faculty, staff, students, and retirees are welcome. If you would like to bowl with us for a session during the season, please email **Alexandra Jewell** at jewell4@purdue.edu.

Purdue Hydroponics and Greenhouse Crop Production Webinar Series

Purdue Hydroponics and Greenhouse Crop Production Webinar Series (2024)

Registration is free

Register here for all webinars: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5UHHPj4UtdQ0QK

1. Nutrient Management in Recycling Hydroponic Systems (April 15, noon to 1 pm)
2. Temperature Management (Summer/ Winter) in Greenhouses (May 15, noon to 1 pm)
3. Organic Lettuce Production in Hydroponic Systems (June 12, noon to 1 pm)
4. How to Build an Indoor Hydroponic Production System for Homes and Schools (Aug 21, noon to 1 pm)
5. Fundamentals of Soilless Substrates for Floriculture Crop Production (Sep 18, noon to 1 pm)

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Register for the Purdue Hydroponics and Greenhouse Crop Production Webinar Series.

Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day

SAVE THE DATE

PURDUE SMALL FARM EDUCATION FIELD DAY

JULY 25, 2024
at the Purdue Student Farm

<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/studentfarm/events/>



Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

SAVE THE DATE
Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024
Purdue Meigs Ag Center
9101 S 100 E, Lafayette, IN 47909



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