Dear Earth & Mineral Sciences (EMS) Undergraduate Student,

**GEMS TAILGATE**

A week of networking finishes off with a tailgate for the Penn State vs. Kent State football game. The Graduates of Earth and Mineral Sciences will be hosting a tailgate for undergraduates, faculty, staff, and alumni from the College of EMS. Come out for great food and an awesome opportunity to network!

- **When:** Saturday, September 21st, 2 hours prior to kickoff (TBA)
- **Where:** Porter Gardens at Lubrano Park (outside the baseball stadium)

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ACADMICS

THE EARTH AND MINERAL SCIENCES ACADEMY FOR GLOBAL EXPERIENCES (EMSAGE)

For those of you new to EMS, or new to the UP campus, you're likely wondering: what is EMSAGE and why is there a list of students being honored posted in the Ryan Family Student Center? Simply put, EMSAGE is you! Every undergraduate student in EMS is, by virtue of their enrollment, a member of EMSAGE. You are a member of this academy, hence an Academician. Those of you who strive for excellence in scholarship, service, and experiential learning and global literacy can apply to graduate as an EMSAGE Laureate. This is one of your college's highest honors. Laureates are selected (via an application process) in the semester they intend to graduate.

We urge those seniors who have indicated their intent to graduate in December and who see their own years at Penn State reflected in the open-ended Laureate criteria to apply to be part of the college's cohort of Laureates. Access the EMSAGE Laureate application at http://www.ems.psu.edu/emsage_laureate.

If you wish to learn more about EMSAGE, please plan to attend the informational presentation to be Monday, September 23rd in room 010 Deike Building at 6:00 pm.

Please note that Fall 2013 laureate applications are due no later than NOON Friday, October 25, 2013.

You may also direct questions about EMSAGE to Dean Nels Shirer's office in 14 Deike. We urge all EMS undergraduates not graduating in December to embrace the EMSAGE spirit so that you will feel eligible for Laureate status in your graduation semester. You too are welcome to attend the presentation to learn more.

EMS POSTER EXHIBITION

Are you looking for an opportunity to get some CASH, to build your résumé, and to improve your communication skills? The Ryan Family Student Center is sponsoring the second annual EMS Undergraduate Poster Exhibition designed to help you accomplish the following specific goals:

- Learn how to summarize information and present it in a visually attractive manner;
- Gain more sophistication in your presentation skills by concisely and accurately explaining and defending your work;
- Demonstrate poise and mental agility before faculty and peers;
- Discuss your educational growth and maximize your networking opportunities;
- Become better prepared to participate in the spring University-wide Undergraduate Exhibition and develop a more complete EMSAGE application.

We encourage all EMS students to participate, including freshmen. This opportunity is NOT only for those doing laboratory research. Any experiential learning, creative activity, capstone projects, travel experiences, or educational experience relevant to the study of Earth and Mineral Sciences may serve as the subject of a poster. What you did this summer might provide just what you need to enter this poster competition.

Want to talk over some ideas? Make an appointment with your Giles Writer-In-Residence, Kimberly Del Bright (kdb9@psu.edu). You can also go to our website: http://www.ems.psu.edu/ugposterexhibit
ACADEMICS (CONTINUED)

And plan to come to a poster workshop on **October 9 in Room 8 Deike from 6 to 7 p.m.** Don’t delay. The RFSC will pick up the cost for printing for “early bird” submissions.

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GRE PREPARATION COURSE

If you are considering graduate school, Penn State-UP’s Office of Career Services will be offering its popular (and low-cost) GRE preparation course again on the weekend of November 9-10, 2013 (mark your calendars early). Registration will be available on-line at [https://psu-csm.symplicity.com/events/YohoGRECourses](https://psu-csm.symplicity.com/events/YohoGRECourses). See attached flyer.

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STUDENT COUNCIL / THON

NEXT MEETINGS

- EMS THON – Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00 PM in 012 Walker Building
- EMS Student Council - Wednesday October 2nd, at 6:00 PM in 22 Deike Building

STALL STORIES

The Student Council has recently implemented EMS Stall Stories in Deike and Walker. Keep an eye out for them! If your student organization has anything to add, please e-mail Dakota Smith (dws5270@psu.edu).

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FUTURE PIZZA SALES

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming EMS THON Pizza Sale dates:
- Oct. 2; Oct. 16; Nov. 6; Nov. 20; Dec. 4; Jan. 15; Jan. 29; Feb. 12

Time: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Deike and Walker Building Lobby. Additional information will follow at a later date.

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THON CANNING

It is not too late to join EMS THON in the fight against pediatric cancer!

Email Carly Hinton at emsoverall@psu.edu if you have questions or would like to be added to the email list.

Do you want to make an impact? Do you want to eat a great home cooked meal? Join us!!! The first canning weekend is quickly approaching! Less than two weeks until we depart on an epic journey to make an impact by raising money For The Kids. The first weekend will take place on **September 27th-29th**. Canning weekends are three of the greatest weekends of the year, and you don’t want to miss out! We had signups for canning last night, so if you missed out or have any questions make sure you email our fearless canning chair, Cara.
CLUB MEETINGS

UNIVERSITY PARK UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION (UPUA)

During the week of 9/23 - 9/26, the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) and The Princeton Review will be handing out FREE MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, and GRE practice books in the Galbraith Lounge (HUB 1st Floor) in the HUB between 10am and 4pm. Books are limited and are first come first serve! Princeton Review Representatives will also be on site to answer any questions about graduate school.

Additionally, the UPUA has partnered with the Princeton Review for the 2013-2014 academic year to offer subsidized graduate school test preparation courses to Penn State students. Students can save between $200 and $700 from the retail price for Live and Live Online GRE, MCAT, LSAT, and GMAT courses through www.princetonreview.com/partner/psu.

Any questions can be directed to Taylor Hall-Masiello, UPUA Executive Director of Academic Affairs, at tmh5283@gmail.com or 314 HUB.

Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/568160683248132/?fref=ts

CAREERS, JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, ETC.

GAIN HANDS-ON WORK EXPERIENCE

- Federal work study awards or exceptions
- Service learning with children
- Work in schools, community non-profits & nature centers
- All majors, all years, all campuses
- Open enrollment every semester
- World campus students and distance learners welcome

AMERICA READS @ PENN STATE Sites: psu.edu/americareads ARteam@psu.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS

Nothing reported at press time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PRINTING POLICY IN THE RFSC: (REPEAT) This semester we are continuing to allow unlimited printing by EMS undergraduate students on our two printers. We are pleased to continue granting this privilege to our students, but we must caution all students to respect this resource. In past semesters, a few students have abused this privilege by printing excessive numbers of pages, which has driven up the costs considerably. If this excessive printing continues, then we may need to change our policy in future semesters.

Beginning this semester, we will be monitoring each individual’s usage to identify those who are printing an
unusually large number of pages; the wise student will be thoughtful and judicious and off the overage radar.

Please do your part throughout the semester to ensure continued free and unlimited printing for everyone.

Thanks to all and have a great fall semester!

Our hours are 8:00AM to 8:00PM Monday - Thursday, 8:00AM - 5:00PM on Friday.

Find the Student Center on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=103366709698590&ref=ts

Sign up!

Your EMS Student Center Staff: Jeff, Stacy, James, Liz, Tim, Del, Martha, Nels, Linda (Dillon and Jeff our work study students)