Columbia Parks and Recreation Director Mike Griggs was honored with the Hospitality Star of the Year Award from the Columbia Hospitality Association for his role in promoting tourism in Columbia. Mike is an alum of Mizzou, where he earned both his Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration, Emphasis in Leisure Service Management, and Master of Science Degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism. From 1994-2012, Mike served as an adjunct professor for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism at Mizzou. Throughout his career, Mike has received many awards including Missouri’s most prestigious state association award in 2004, the (Missouri Park and Recreation Association (MPRA) Fellow Award. (Submitted by Jason Young; Photo by Columbia Parks and Recreation.)
Stephanie Cunningham was awarded the Edward D. and Sally M. Futch Fellowship by Ducks Unlimited Canada. This is a one year fellowship to study movement ecology of Greenland white-fronted geese. Also, Stephanie was selected to join the 2018 Graduate Field Class in Waterfowl Ecology and Management sponsored by the Delta Waterfowl Foundation, which provides a unique opportunity to travel through the Prairie Pothole Region of North America for two weeks in May 2018. (Submitted and photo by Mitch Weegman.)

Rachel Patteson (B.S. Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences; Minors: Geological Sciences and Korean) was honored at the Mark Twain Fellowship Reception. Rachel is one of four graduating seniors selected as a finalist for the Mark Twain Fellowship. The fellowship provides financial support for graduate studies at an institute of higher learning outside of North America. Selection criteria for the Mark Twain Fellowship include academic achievement, leadership, service and character; the award winner will be announced next month. Rachel is also a Fulbright finalist for studies at University College London. Drs. Stephen Anderson and Keith Goyne were present at the event to celebrate Rachel’s achievements to date. Photo: Rachel Patteson (center) with Vice Chancellor and Dean Christopher Daubert (left) and Interim Provost and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Jim Spain (right). (Submitted and photo by Keith Goyne.)


Lisa Webb also presented during the light goose workshop at the same conference: L. Webb. Impacts of light geese and the light goose conservation order on other species during migration/winter.


Stephanie Cunningham gave an oral presentation at the same conference: S. Cunningham, M. Weegman, and B. Ballard. The green wave and migration in Arctic-nesting geese: is mismatch detrimental?
Parks, Recreation and Sport student Devin Kane traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to work on the NCAA social media team for the 2018 NCAA Wrestling Championships. The event was held at the Quicken Loans Arena, home of the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA). She specifically worked on producing strategic content that was displayed on multiple social media platforms to give fans an inside look at the championship and highlight the amazing accomplishments of the student athletes participating. Devin is a 2018-2019 Executive Board member (Digital Media Coordinator) of AWSM, The Association For Women in Sports Media at Mizzou. Here she is pictured with Kayci Mikrut, an NCAA social media strategist. (left, Devin; right, Kayci). Submitted by Jason Young; Photo by Devin Kane.)
Parks, Recreation and Sport faculty Dr. Dana Massengale and Dr. Justin Wartella took over 20 students (Caitlin Newell, Alexis Fiolka, Amanda Beck, Luc Leo, Jordan Davis, Mason Murray, Sydney Stewart, Adam Ziervogel, Jordan Anderson, Anna Polizzi, Savannah Giddings, Michael Duncan, Ryan Alsip, Madeleine McCann, Abbey Czyz, Andrew Guild, Mitchell Kowalski, Jason Otto, Ryan Richards, Nathan Haile, Ryan Farnam, Blake Below, Troy LeCroy) to volunteer for the SEC Men’s Basketball Championship Tournament at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Missouri. In conjunction with the St. Louis Sports Commission, the students volunteered in a variety of different roles, but primarily with the Sunkist Soda SEC FanFare just outside of the stadium. The students gained valuable experience in industry that they can add to their resumes! (Submitted by Jason Young; Photo by Justin Wartella.)

THE WEEK IN SNR WITH DIRECTOR JOSE

Attended the Division Directors and Core Team Meeting
Attended the SNR Faculty Meeting
Met with Assistant Research Professor Candidate Tom Bonnot
Met with NTT Teaching faculty and a CAFNR NTT Committee representative
Attended the CAFNR Research Center Superintendent’s Meeting at South Farm
Continuing the conversation with Dr. John Walker about a joint hire with Biological Sciences
Working with Bob Sharp, Plant Sciences, to facilitate SNR faculty and graduate/post doc students attending a workshop in Beijing, China
Parks, Recreation and Sport student Garrett Krueger (left) is completing his capstone internship with the St. Louis Sports Commission. As an Event Operations and Financial Assistant, Garrett contributed to many major events and banquets in St. Louis including: the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament, SEC Gymnastics Championship, NCAA Gymnastics Championship, NCAA Bowling Championship. Garrett has enjoyed working for an organization that has a positive effect on the city he loves, as well as working alongside three other interns to better the St. Louis community through sports.

Parks, Recreation and Sport student Ryan Olszewski (center) is completing his capstone internship at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida, which serves as the spring training home to the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins. Roger Dean Stadium is also the only stadium complex in the country to host four minor league teams, Jupiter Hammerheads, Palm Beach Cardinals, Gulf Coast Marlins, and the Gulf Coast Cardinals. With spring training in full swing, Ryan is working as a Merchandise Assistant/Intern. He has made many great connections that have made his experience worthwhile and fulfilling.

Parks, Recreation and Sport student Andrew Marsh (right) is completing his capstone internship with Mizzou Athletics, in the Event Management Department. As an Event Lead, Andrew has served as a primary event manager for assigned events and sport competitions. He has also served as a liaison while coordinating logistics and staffing for NCAA competitions and assisted with event operations for intercollegiate athletic events, and concerts. Andrew has enjoyed the opportunity to work behind the scenes in collegiate athletics and enjoys working with so many great people. (Submitted by Jason Young.)
The Parks, Recreation and Sports (PRS) program said goodbye to one of their Internship Coordinators, Ellen Morris (pictured top right), who took a new job as a Manager of Internships and Career Events at Stephen’s College. Together, Ellen and Jason Young have instructed 100-150 students per year in the program’s capstone internship course and pre-internship course; provided career guidance and resources for students by organizing events, field trips, and workshops; and fostered employer relations. They have served as advisors for the student organization SPRTA, Missouri Park and Recreation Association (MPRA) Student and Young Professional Section Mentors, MPRA Conference Student Activities Chairs, MPRA Room Host Committee, MPRA Leisure Educators Section, CAFNR Executive in Residence Committee, and MU Career Services Council. They also are key contributors to various program and school related projects and initiatives, including fundraising, accreditation, recruitment/marketing, and social events. In 2017, Ellen was awarded the MPRA Associate Fellow Award at the annual state conference for her dedication to teaching students in the field of parks and recreation and her efforts in advancing the future of the profession beyond the classroom. Here is a short video made by MPRA honoring Ellen https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_7Ot86T_mk&t=19s. We are sad to have Ellen go, but wish her the best of luck in her new position and congratulate her as she is soon to be a graduate of the Truman School of Public Affairs Master’s program. And as an alum of the Parks, Recreation and Tourism program, Ellen has promised to stay engaged with PRS and SNR in the future! (Submitted by Sonja Wilhelm Stanis; Photos by Jason Young.)