Snowball bushes at the Hickman House at the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Farm
DIRECTOR MARKET – SNR ACTIONS

Continuing work on Food Science Leadership Institute (FSLI) objectives and goals
Attended SNR graduation luau
Attended CAFNR graduation
Attended SNR Research Day / SNR Advisory Council Meeting
Met with Missouri Department of Natural Resources and CAFNR Extension Associate Dean Rob Kallenbach concerning MDNR’s association with the Climate Center/MESONET
Met with Mike Dunn, Director of Broadcast Operations for KBIA, about building more of a SNR presence on local media
Served lunch to staff as part of MU Staff Recognition and Appreciation Week
Met with CAFNR leadership concerning future of soils
Monthly meeting with Shawn Poore, CAFNR Executive Director of Advancement
Continued meeting concerning the Institute of Fisheries, Wetlands and Aquatic Sciences

HONORS AND AWARDS

Jeffrey Edwards is the recipient of the Dave Ankney and Sandi Johnson Waterfowl and Wetlands Graduate Research Scholarship. He is a MS student working with Dr. Lisa Webb, Cooperative Professor, on research to evaluate factors that influence Blue-winged Teal habitat selection, movements and survival. This is an international award. Read more about Jeffrey and the award at the link below.

Jodi Whittier, Assistant Research Professor, was elected as a Fellow for the American Fisheries Society. Fellows are “members who have made outstanding or meritorious contributions to the diversity of fields that are included in the American Fisheries Society. Contributions can include, but are not restricted to, efforts in leadership, research, teaching and mentoring, resource management and/or conservation, and outreach/interaction with the public.”
PhD student Hadley Boehm, pictured left receiving her award by American Fisheries Society (AFS) President LeAnne Roulson, was selected as the 2023 Janice Lee Fenske Award winner, which is given to one fisheries student in the 13-state Midwest region. The winner is based on achievement in fisheries academic ability and scholarly achievements, in particular their enthusiasm to protect fisheries resources through management activities, selflessness and motivation to teach others, interest in professional involvement, and integrity, positive attitude, and compassion. Karen Rushing (pictured right) received the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award from President of the Wildlife and Fisheries Graduate Student Organization Elyssa McCulloch (wearing sunglasses). This is an annual award selected by the graduate students based on their support to the graduate students.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS


SNR Research Day was well attended with the keynote given by Dr. Steven J. Cooke “Pathways for Achieving the Sustainable Management and Conservation of Freshwater Biodiversity.” Dr. Cooke is a Canada Research Professor in the Department of Biology and Institute of Environmental and Interdisciplinary Science at Carleton University in the field of fish ecology and conservation physiology. SNR undergraduate students participated in a poster session in collaboration with the Office of Undergraduate Research presenting the results of their semester projects. SNR graduate, post docs, and visiting scholars shared their posters on Friday. Poster winners from both days were: Jake Dalton, Gabe Sante, Haley Steinke, Abby Dickinson, Augusto Huber, Miguel Salceda and Oye Ideki. (Photo submitted by Hadley Boehm.)
Craig Paukert (center) and Jacob Westhoff (right) met with the David Applegate (left), Director of the US Geological Survey when he was in town visiting USGS offices in Missouri. Craig and Jacob gave an overview of the Missouri Cooperative Research Unit and how they work with partners. In addition, Director Applegate got to meet PhD students Corinne Sweeney and Gaby Ruso, and M.S. student Christina Mackey, who are all working in collaboration with USGS Columbia Environmental Research Center (CERC).

PhD student Corinne Sweeney (advisor: Lisa Webb) showing USGS Director David Applegate aquatic invertebrates she is studying. (Photo by Craig Paukert.)

M.S. student Christina Mackey (advisor: Craig Paukert) showing USGS Director David Applegate her research on sound deterrents for Asian carp. (Photo by Craig Paukert.)
SPOTLIGHT ON SNR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Graduate students, post docs, and research staff from SNR volunteered with Missouri River Relief for the “Missouri River Days” program. This year’s program provided experiences on the Missouri River for over 750 4th grade students from Columbia, MO. The incredible place-based field trip was hosted at Cooper’s Landing Campground & Marina. SNR volunteers presented multiple activities for the Meet a Fisheries Biologist Station. Students got up close and personal with live fish and crayfish, learned about fish ecology and some of the equipment and methods used by biologists, and had the opportunity to meet with scientists with a variety of backgrounds. For more information about Missouri River Relief education programs: https://riverrelief.org/programs/river-education/ (Submitted by Emily Tracy-Smith.)

SNR volunteers pictured L to R; Emily Tracy-Smith, Hunter Weidenborner, Wesley Fitzsimmons, Brittany Harried, Aubree Parkinson, Kiah Wright, and Anna Raney.
Faculty and advisors said farewell to seniors at the SNR graduation luau. The event included a scavenger hunt and pass the pineapple, with prize money! After remarks from Director Market, Outstanding Seniors in the school were recognized with a special certificate and graduation cord. Outstanding Seniors were Crystal Rein and Chloe Baker from Environmental Sciences, Skylar Ciccolini from Natural Resource Science and Management, and Kristen Graser from Parks, Recreation, Sport and Tourism. Additionally, attendees completed a senior review to give feedback on their academic experience at Mizzou. That information will be collected by the Academic Programs staff to help with future course scheduling and programming. Congratulations to all the SNR graduating students! (Submitted by Jenna Fusinatto.)
Thirty-eight Parks, Recreation, Sport and Tourism students volunteered at the 2023 NFL Draft Experience, a three-day event, in the Union Station area of Kansas City, Missouri as a part of PRST 2115: Industry Practicum. Students worked various game station, such as a Hail Mary contest, a vertical leap contest, and a 40-yard dash contest, oversaw logistics and offered general assistance to fans at the NFL’s biggest offseason event. The 2023 NFL Draft drew the second-largest crowd in draft history: 312,000 people over the span of three days. As a part of the industry practicum, students also were able to network at a Mizzou Alumni Social hosted at Chicken N Pickle, tour multiple KC Parks facilities and properties, and network while touring HyVee Arena, Arrowhead Stadium, and Kauffman Stadium. (Submitted by Daniel Norman.)

Chris Ebbesmeyer, a junior from Paris, Missouri, watches a fan participate in the hail Mary event. Parks, recreation, sport and tourism alumni have gone on to work for organizations including the Houston Astros, the Walt Disney Co. and several national parks.

Brady Lane, a freshman from St. Charles, Missouri, tosses a football back to a participant at one of the NFL Experience stations. “Running a large-scale event like this requires hundreds of employees, with all hands-on deck, all working together to make sure it runs smoothly and efficiently,” Lane said. “I honed my skills interacting with people and talking to them in a high stress situation, which something I know I can take into my future.”
Sam Gnolfo, a junior from St. Peters, Missouri, holds the vertical-jump testing pole for a young participant. “The NFL Draft is such a top-tier event, and working it is a great deal for a college student like me trying to gain experience in the field,” Gnolfo said. “It shows employers the experience you gained. It was also a huge experience and one I will cherish the rest of my life.”

Gwen DeWaele, a junior from Roselle, Illinois; Maddie Swanson, a junior from Libertyville, Illinois; and Tyler Magdziak, a freshman from Apple Valley, Minnesota; greet a family of Green Bay Packers fans. The trio helped hand out hundreds of shirts to event attendees.

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