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Will the St. Louis Area and the United States Have a Shortage of Future Leaders and Agricultural Employees?

The agricultural industry will continue to need qualified, enthusiastic, and energetic employees to maintain our nation's status as a world leader in food and fiber production. To see first hand the cream of the crop of our future employees, agriculture industry leaders and representatives will have the opportunity to meet and network with nearly 750 college and university students majoring in agricultural degree programs from across the United States. The Postsecondary Agriculture Student(PAS) organization will be holding their National Conference in St. Louis, March 14-18th. The industry luncheon will feature a welcome from the National PAS Board, the retiring address from Dwight Little - Vice-President of the National PAS Organization, and the signing of a St. Louis Proclamation for National Agriculture Day. **Some members have signed up to be a judge and/or display a company exhibit. Your luncheon fee will be waived if you are a judge for ag career events on Friday from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To volunteer, email – ddittmar@stlouisagclub.org**

Friday, March 17

Industry Luncheon with the Postsecondary Agriculture Student Conference

Sponsored by the National FFA Organization/PAS

11:30 a.m. — Networking Noon — Luncheon & Program

Location: Millennium Hotel(Downtown) - Illinois/Missouri Room(lower level) – Parking is available at the Stadium East Garage – black level. Walk through the underground walkway leading directly to the lower level and convention area.

200 S. 4th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102 (driving directions-last page of the newsletter)

\$20 with advance registration - NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED.

RSVP: E-mail GatewayNAMA@yahoo.com or call **636-449-5040** by Tues, March 14th

AGRIBUSINESS CLUB



During 2006, the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club celebrates an important milestone – 25 years of serving and promoting agriculture in the greater St. Louis area. The club was founded in 1981 by a group of forward-thinking executives who headed St. Louis-based corporations and associations. It was their feeling that an organization was needed to provide a forum for interaction and discussion of important agricultural issues.



Industry Luncheon Guest Speaker...

Dwight Little...Vice President of the National PAS Organization Officer Team, PAS member for 3 years. Currently majoring in agricultural business and accounting at Brigham Young University.

The national PAS organization was organized in March 1979 and was officially founded in March 1980 in Kansas City, Missouri. The membership now totals some 1,115 members from 56 Chapters located in 18 states. It is available to students in agriculture, agribusiness, and natural resources postsecondary programs in approximately 550 institutions in all 50 states. The Motto of PAS is "**Uniting Education and Industry in Agriculture.**" www.nationalpas.org

Upcoming Meeting Dates...

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 - New Business Partnerships

Agricultural companies and universities are combining resources and working together in innovative ways to bring new technologies and products down the pipeline.

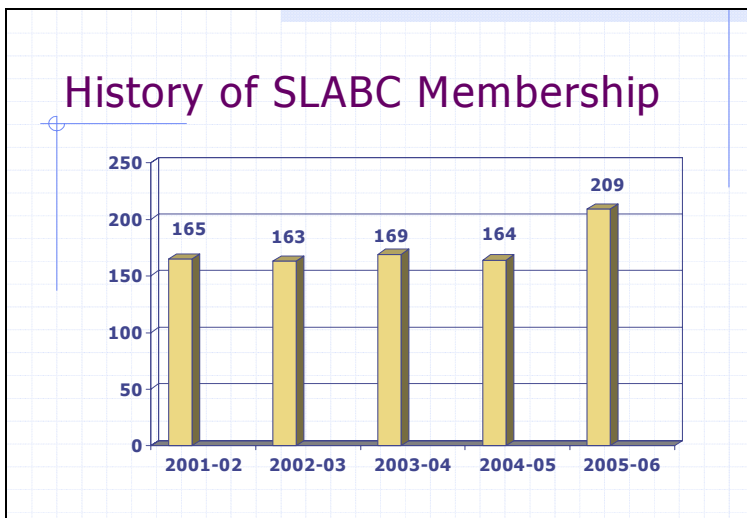
Special Location: Holiday Inn, Collinsville, IL

Tuesday, May 9, 2006 - The "New" Small Farmer

More and more, producers are looking outside the mainstream commodity market for new business opportunities – agri-tourism, agri-entertainment, direct marketing and more. Jane Eckert, founder and president of Eckert Agri-Marketing, will discuss how growers are adapting and exploring new opportunities and niche markets.

Location: Sheraton Westport at 900 Westport Plaza.

Membership Growth in the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club...209 members. Thank you to everyone that participated in the membership drive.



2005-06 Membership Directories have been mailed to everyone that did not receive a copy at the February meeting.



DIRECTIONS

The Millennium Hotel is located at 200 S. 4th Street
Hotel parking is directly across from the hotel in the Stadium East Garage, Black-Level Only

TRAVELING EAST ON I-70

Take the Downtown/Pine Street Exit. Continue four blocks to Spruce Street, turn right. At the first street, make a right onto 4th Street to the hotel entrance.

TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-55

Cross the Poplar Street Bridge and take the first exit, Memorial Drive north. Go left on Market Street and make an *immediate* left to now go south on Memorial Drive (as if making a U-turn). Go a few blocks to Spruce Street, turn right. At the first street, go right on 4th Street to the hotel entrance.

TRAVELING NORTH ON I-55

Take the Downtown exit onto Memorial Drive north. Turn left on Market Street and make an *immediate* left to now go south on Memorial Drive (as if making a U-turn). Go a few blocks to Spruce Street, turn right. At the first street, go right on 4th Street to the hotel entrance.

TRAVELING WEST ON I-64

Cross the Poplar Street Bridge and take the first exit, Memorial Drive north. Turn left on Market Street and make an *immediate* left to now go south on Memorial Drive (as if making a U-turn). Go a few blocks to Spruce Street, turn right. At the first street, go right on 4th Street to the hotel entrance.

TRAVELING EAST ON I-44

Exit on I-55 north and take the Downtown exit onto Memorial Drive north. Turn left on Market Street and make an *immediate* left to now go south on Memorial Drive (as if making a U-turn). Go a few blocks to Spruce Street, turn right. At the first street, go right on 4th Street to the hotel entrance.

TRAVELING EAST ON I-64 (HWY 40)

Take the Broadway exit (last Missouri exit). Go left at the stop sign to 4th Street and turn left. Continue north for two blocks to hotel entrance.