Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), one of the world’s leading agricultural processors, has given our College a gift of $1 million to support a dedicated laboratory space designed specifically for student experiential learning.

The ADM Center for Agricultural Development will provide space for valuable student-faculty interactions, enhanced student team learning and capstone design projects.

“We’re proud of our partnership with ADM and the investment they are making in CAFNR and our students,” said Tom Payne, Vice Chancellor and Dean. “This gift will enhance opportunities for experiential learning in the classroom and collaborative research. It also will provide dedicated space for capstone projects and competitive student teams. The space will help ensure that our students are well trained to move into the industry and make significant contributions upon graduation.”

One example of a student project that will benefit from the ADM gift is Torq-N-Tigers, a club that designs and builds a quarter-scale tractor to participate in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers’ national design and tractor-pull competition. The club gives students the opportunity to gain practical experience while developing communication, leadership and teamwork skills.

The new space will be beneficial for students working on senior capstone projects, which are required by MU as part of graduation requirements. These projects are designed and created by students with the aid of faculty. They focus on problem-based learning and are derived from real-world challenges in the industry.

“As the global population continues to grow, the world is looking toward agriculture to create viable, sustainable solutions to some of the world’s most pressing needs – like an abundant food supply and advanced renewable fuels,” said Michael D’Ambrose, ADM Senior Vice President for Human Resources.

“To help our industry meet this challenge, ADM is pleased to invest in the University of Missouri. The ADM Center for Agricultural Development at the University of Missouri will help to develop the next generation of industry leaders.”

Officials expect the ADM Center for Agricultural Development, which will be located in renovated laboratory space in the Agricultural Engineering Building, will be open by the spring of 2014.
Greetings from the Dean

Our CAFNR is an excellent College and an amazing place. Not only are our students high achievers, our talented teaching, research and extension faculty and staff continue to work together to raise CAFNR to new heights of discovery and education. One of the year's highlights was a major gift from Archer Daniels Midland supporting student experiential learning. Nationally, we celebrated 150 years of the land-grant university, established through the Morrill Act signed by President Abraham Lincoln. Your CAFNR was started a bit after that in 1870. And because CAFNR was one of the earliest colleges at MU, we celebrated yet another anniversary in 2012 – 90 years of Agricultural Journalism! Also this year, agricultural news giant, Orion Samuelson, delivered the inaugural Litton Lecture, named for one of Missouri's favorite sons, Jerry Litton.

Thank you all for your trust in our commitment toward a great CAFNR future. We will keep making you proud.

Cheers, [Signature]

Tiger Garden Blooms

The Plant Sciences Division accomplished an important renovation to a classroom lab located adjacent to Tiger Garden, CAFNR's full-service, student-operated floral shop, in the Agriculture Building this summer. The lab will now function as dedicated space for the very popular floral design class as well as give some much needed breathing room to Tiger Garden, as the shop's services and business have grown over the years. (continued on page 6)

FAPRI Works on Farm Bill

The importance of the work done by the Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) cannot be understated regarding the economic health of our nation. Patrick Westhoff, Director of FAPRI, works with talented market and policy experts to determine the future impacts of agricultural policy on producers and ordinary citizens. Currently, monies are being raised to fund the Womack Fund for Excellence in Agricultural Policy so FAPRI will have a secure source of funds not dependent upon the whims of Congress. This fund also honors the long service of former FAPRI director Almer Womack, whose name has been synonymous with agricultural policy research. Following is Pat’s update on farm bill and commodity price issues.

What have been some of the issues FAPRI has analyzed in 2012?

PW: As Congress worked on the farm bill, they’ve asked us what different proposals might mean for farmers, consumers and taxpayers.

Can we expect farm commodity prices to stay high?

PW: It’s often said that the best cure for high prices is high prices. When farm commodity prices rise, farmers try to expand production, and users of U.S. products try to reduce consumption or find cheaper alternatives. The weather will, of course, be key. Just returning to average growing conditions in 2013 would result in a large increase in production that would be likely to cause sharply lower prices than we saw in 2012.

What has been holding up the farm bill?

PW: Any major legislation can be difficult to pass in a presidential election year. There are major disagreements about nutrition programs, regional differences in farm commodity programs and major budget issues like the “fiscal cliff,” and it shouldn’t be surprising that the farm bill did not get done before the election.

Inaugural Litton Lecture welcomes Orion Samuelson

Orion Samuelson, nationally known agribusiness broadcaster from Chicago, gave the inaugural Litton Lecture on Oct. 15. The lecture series is named for Missouri native son, Jerry Litton, who was an alumnus of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and tragically died in an aircraft accident in 1976 just after winning a Democratic primary bid for U.S. Senate.

Samuelson and Litton crossed paths during their careers. “The first time I interviewed Jerry was when he was a national FFA officer,” Samuelson said. “I was truly impressed. That admiration grew as I interviewed him several times after he was elected to Congress. I really felt he was presidential material and his untimely death was a tragedy and loss for America.” Throughout a radio career that has spanned more than five decades, Samuelson said he never met anyone else with Litton’s magnetism.

The lecture series is part of the Jerry Litton Fund for Agricultural Leadership, which was endowed in 2010 by the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation. The foundation supports agricultural, educational and athletic activities in memory of the Jerry Litton family.

The Jerry Litton Fund for Agricultural Leadership will have several components: the Litton Lectureship will bring interesting speakers to campus, the Litton Fellowship will support faculty entrepreneurial activities, the Litton Scholarship will encourage top students to develop their leadership potential, and the Litton Agricultural Leadership Fellowship will help students to gain farm policymaking experience.

At the lecture, the first group of 15 Litton Leadership Scholars were recognized:

• Daniel Barrocker, Cedar Hill
• Brenna Bramer, Gallatin
• Clarissa Brown, Troy
• Kent Shikles, Russellville
• Monica Campe, Canton
• Audrey Ellison, Mount Vernon
• Kaitlin Fick, Pleasant Hill
• Jenny Dann, St. Joseph
• Magoze Hardwick, Salisbury
• Cody Jones, Fulton
• Courtney Leeper, Trenton
• Kelisse Lovelace, Palmyra
• Natasha Minor, Butler
• Kevin Reinerger, Flint Hill
• Kent Shikles, Russellville
• Shannon Yokley, Jefferson City

Each year, deserving CAFNR students are selected to become part of a yearlong leadership development experience that will challenge them to lead while on campus and in their future career fields.
Monticello Society Goes Into the Wild

“A Walk on the Wild Side” was the topic at this year’s Monticello Society Brunch. Josh Millsbaugh talked about how elephants almost never forget, and Matt Gompper gave a presentation on the pre-brunch gathering. Almost no one appreciates shopping with the students more than Bill Crawford, here he and Troy Foster, student emcee, share a joke. Dean Tom Payne presents Monticello Society Brunch.

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Monticello Society Members

Through the Monticello Society, the College acknowledges the generosity of its major benefactors who set a standard for commitment. Membership is available to alumni and friends of CAFNR whose gifts support the College.

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Rex and Mary Campbell are excellent examples of stewardship of resources. Rex has been one of MU’s most highly regarded faculty members, known for his teaching abilities for many years. Students want to get into his classes because they know they will learn from one of the best in the country. Rex continues to teach and states he has a selfish reason — it keeps him mentally alert.

The Campbells have been making gifts for several years to help graduate students in Rural Sociology. But they also are great planners and want to invest in CAFNR’s future. They have included the College in their estate plan to continue student support and add support for faculty.

One of the Campbells’ strong beliefs is that our country is only as good as its educational systems, and helping future generations become skilled leaders is vital. They say they have been extremely fortunate, and want to invest in CAFNR’s future. They have included the College in their estate plan to continue student support and add support for faculty.

This committed couple has a wide array of interests. Mary was a teacher and directed a mail-order bookstore for many years. She has also volunteered in the MU Museum of Art and Archaeology. She has been a gourmet cook for decades and particularly enjoys cooking foods from countries the couple have visited together. The only recipe Rex wasn’t fond of was Norwegian lutefisk; something about the smell, he says. As a certified appraiser of art and antiques, Rex could be on the Antiques Roadshow with his expertise! He served for many years as a Columbia city councilman, and even was mayor pro tem for three years.

Rex wrote a book about leadership which contains the statement, “leadership comes out of the actions of ordinary people who want to achieve a common goal.” That applies to philanthropy as well as to career paths. It’s the hope of the Campbells that other friends of CAFNR will join them in providing enduring support and helping the College achieve even higher levels of excellence.
CAFNR’s annual Scholarship Donor Recognition Luncheon was held Oct. 9. Each year donors to CAFNR scholarship funds enjoy meeting their scholarship recipients. And the students always enjoy “putting a face” with the scholarships they receive.

Betty Gayle Smith enjoys visiting with Audra Russell.

CAFNR Dean Emeritus, Roger Mitchell, with Brent McCauley, CAFNR development officer, who is a CAFNR alum and former recipient of the Roger L. and Joyce L. Mitchell Scholarship.

Fred Martz enjoys a laugh with Jessica Hill.