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Family and Friends of Students Enrolled in Animal Sciences 18100:

We are writing to inform you of the in-state animal industry trip that is part of the Animal Sciences 18100 course, "Orientation to Animal Sciences". The objectives of the trip include getting our first-year students off to a running start in our Department and to promote all aspects of animal industries as career opportunities. Stops include corporations such as Indiana Packers, Cargill/Nutrena, Maple Leaf Farms, Midwest Poultry, Western Veterinary Clinic, Pottawatomie Zoo, numerous farms and meet with more than 20 successful Purdue alumni at a networking dinner. There will be a $30 fee for students to attend. In addition to the two day tour, students will receive a free breakfast and dinner.

ANSC 18100 was created to help your student adjust and feel connected to our Department and to increase their success rate this first year. Objectives of the course are to increase interest, connectedness, retention, and enhance career success by introducing students to Animal Sciences faculty, staff and the programs of study in Purdue Animal Sciences. Opportunities students are exposed to outside the classroom include on-campus learning experiences (research, teaching, and extension), internships, and study abroad opportunities. We are also connecting first-year students with successful upperclassmen on a weekly basis in small groups. We will also assist them in assessing their personal interests, values, skills, personality, accomplishments and career goals.

The industry tour is the centerpiece of the seminar course in order to help students learn more about opportunities in the animal sciences industry. We will leave campus at 6:00 a.m. on February 15 and return Saturday, February 16 by 8:00 pm. We will be traveling on the Boilermaker Express coach buses.

During the trips, we expect students to conduct themselves as professionals and as positive ambassadors of Purdue University. A travel itinerary is enclosed for your reference (on back), so we may be contacted almost anywhere on the trip. If you have questions before the trip, please do not hesitate to call Barry Delks (765-496-7234 or 765 414 4041) or Mark Russell (765-494-7677 or 765-490-6875).

Thank you for your support and encouragement for this course. We will do everything we can to give your students the best possible experience and prepare them for a future in the field of animal sciences.

Sincerely,

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