

# WIU School of Agriculture to host Open House Friday, March 23

The Western Illinois University School of Agriculture will host its annual spring open house for prospective students and their parents from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the University Livestock Center, 2265 Wigwam Hollow Rd.

School of Agriculture faculty and current students will be on hand at the open house to answer questions and to lead tours of the WIU-Macomb campus, the University Farm and WIU's agriculture facilities.

The event and lunch are free and attendees will be entered into a drawing for two \$200 scholarships.

"Attending the School of Agriculture Open House is the best way for those interested in studying agriculture to learn about our program," said WIU Agriculture Instructor Janna Knupp. "Having the oppor-

tunity to visit with faculty, students and alumni, as well as tour the University Farm, gives future students an inside perspective of the opportunities available at WIU."

WIU student Leah Hembrough, a junior agriculture major from Winchester, IL, said she came to WIU after completing community college, and the open house offered a "great networking experience."

"It allowed me to visit with the clubs and organizations inside the School of Agriculture," she said. "Several students were helping with the open house that day, and I have now become friends with them. I also really enjoyed hearing from the student panel, as they shared their stories and experiences here at WIU. After attending the ag open house, I was reassured WIU was going to be my home for the next two years."

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The WIU School of Agriculture has a student group called the Ag Vocators, which participates in recruitment events and visits local high school classrooms. One of those Ag Vocators is Elizabeth Miller, a senior agriculture major from Vermont, IL. She said the spring open house allows potential students to experience life within the WIU School of Agriculture.

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The Spring 2018 Ag Open House schedule includes:

- 9-9:45 a.m. – Registration and student

fair

- 9:45-9:50 a.m. – Welcome by WIU Agriculture Vocators

- 9:50-10 a.m. – Welcome by WIU School of Agriculture Director Andrew Baker

- 10-10:10 a.m. – Welcome from WIU Office of Admissions Director Seth Miner

- 10:10-10:20 a.m. – Alumni guest Mallory Espenscheid, sales manager at Walton Webcasting, who is a 2016 graduate of WIU

- 10:20-11:20 a.m. – Farm tour

- 11:30-noon – Agriculture student panel

- Noon-1 p.m. – Lunch with faculty at the Livestock Center

- 1:30 p.m. – Depart Livestock Center for optional walking tour of campus

Those who complete an undergraduate admissions application during the open house will have the \$30 fee waived.

All participants should park at the WIU Livestock Center (located at 2201 Wigwam Hollow Rd.)



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