

## Time Flies in Fall Semester

By Danielle Watkins

The MAB timeline was packed with events big and small in the fall 2015. The annual Internship Roundtable was a chance for the returning students to meet with the new recruits. The message: Interns should emphasize learning from the professionals at the host company, and apply early for the internships. Also in September, students joined US Department of Agriculture and Microsoft in a brainstorming session on Big Data in agriculture and what kind of “app” a producer might use.

During October, Jennifer Ann Scasta from the Career Center, Craig L. Boyan from H-E-B, Matthew Cleaver and colleagues from The Wonderful Company, Christopher Narayanan, Mike Koenecke from Ag.Careers.com, led workshops and seminars, some on campus and some by webinar.

Jennifer Ann Scasta from The Career Center spoke to the students about how to put their education to work by answering questions about LinkedIn, explaining how to find a job or an internship, and how to decide between multiple job offers.

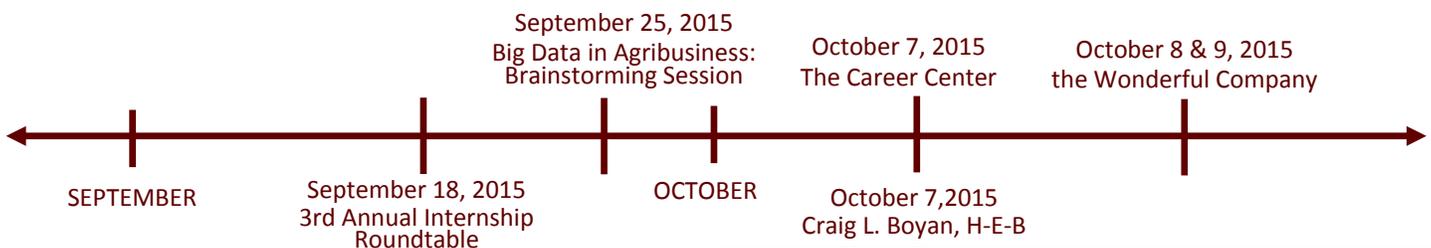
Craig L. Boyan, President and Chief Operating Officer for H-E-B, spoke at the Bush School of Public Policy upon receiving an award on behalf of his company. He commented on competitiveness in food retail and how community involvement shapes H-E-B’s identity and outlook. This provided students with insight to see how the learning in their graduate studies at Texas A&M University can be applied to help a successful business.

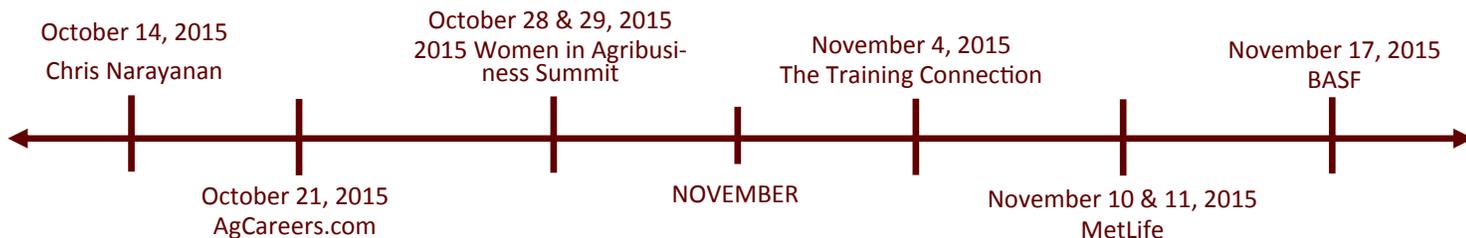
One of the biggest events during the month of October was The Wonderful Company visit. The Wonderful Company’s strategy group hosted a three day recruitment

event which included an info session, Q&A with the Wonderful Strategy Group, and a Networking event. They also scheduled interviews on campus for students interested in full-time and summer internships with their company. Former MAB Matt Cleaver made the most of his return to campus.



Representatives from The Wonderful Company in College Station with students from the MAB and Mays Business School.





Christopher Narayanan '96, Head of Agricultural Commodity Research at Societe Generale, spoke to students about commodities markets. Inspired by his work, there are 14 MABs now signed up for the CME Group's Trading Challenge, a real-time simulation game of futures trading.

Mike Koenecke from AgCareers.com, the leading online job board for agriculture, food and biotechnology, presented a webinar on how to ace today's interview. This helped students prepare for an interview in all aspects of their professional career, from internships to full-time positions.

Students reported to their peers about their experiences at the 2015 Women in Agribusiness Summit. Six MAB students received scholarships from companies sponsoring the Summit to travel to the meetings in Minneapolis.

Melissa Uzzo from The Training Connection led the first-of-its-kind peer mentoring program for MABs. The Training Connection's expertise is in high demand for mentoring programs in industry and government. The day-long seminar and energizer webinar helped the cohorts to blend skills and experiences. Most importantly, we learned that we are not alone



Christopher Narayanan '96, above, speaks to students about commodities markets.



Students and MetLife Ag Investments guest speakers, above, after the MetLife Ag Investments presentation.

in seeking to move forward professionally. Sharing the challenges and success stories of peer mentoring will be top-of-the mind issues in the New Year.

MetLife and BASF representatives hosted workshops on campus as the semester drew to a close. MetLife hosted a networking event, guest speakers, and interviews. These events gave students the chance to network and hear from managers of MetLife on what has changed in agricultural investments. A few students had the chance to compete for internships with MetLife.

BASF hosted a two day event that included a BASF AgBalance Farm Simulation Game and a presentation from Markus Frank about Sustainability in Agriculture. The AgBalance simulation put students in positions of agricultural producers. They selected inputs and production intensity levels for a representative farm to see the tradeoffs in market, financial, and environmental outcomes. MAB students are standing by to hear about the extension of the simulation to production systems in Brazil or Central America.



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## Graduating MABs

The biggest achievement of the semester is Graduation. MABs who graduated on December 18, 2015 are:

- Rodrigo Aceves Paredes
- Yara I.Y. Alatshan
- Natalia Anez Maysen
- Kade W. Beck
- Vincent Joseph Bruzzone
- Joseph Steen Ciesynski
- Julie Anna Clark
- Denton Lee Cothren
- Thiago De Carvalho Pullen Parente
- Lindsey Rhea Dodgen
- Stefany Sharleen Garcia
- Ramses Humberto Gonzalez
- Paul Antonio Guimaraes
- Chien-Yu Huang
- Kendall Diahann Lemm
- Lydia Yaa Yeboah Mante
- Shiheng Pan
- Chelsea Geston Takahashi
- Arjun Shanker
- Codie JoAnne Wright

**Congratulations to the Class of 2015!**



## Announcing a New Tradition: *Enactus* Chapter formed by MAB Students

By Jeffrey Sealy

Would you like to make a difference while sharpening your business skills?

Join Enactus, the newest chapter forming on the Texas A&M campus in the New Year. Enactus is a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world.

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## Futbol Intramurals Tournament

By: Rodrigo Abed

Time flies and without noticing, we have already gone through half of the Fall semester. That means it's time for another edition of the Intramurals Tournament, in which the MAB team is looking for revenge after reaching the finals in the last one.

The incorporation of the first year MAB students Juan Pablo Dalmau, Jorge Torrebiarte, Carlos Torrebiarte and Rodrigo Abed to the team has been a valuable asset for the intentions of winning the championship. Since the announcement of the tournament, the team has been practicing after classes in order to get to know each other and prepare the best formation possible for the first match.

On October 1<sup>st</sup> at exactly 5:45 pm, the MAB team made their debut against Blue Steel. After several weeks of practice it was time to show what we were made of and of course, we didn't disappoint our fans. The final score was 4-0 with spectacular goals from Joseph Ciesynski, Kade Beck and Jorge Torrebiarte (x2). The performance of the team was excellent starting with our goalkeeper, the veteran but young in spirit Alonso Villaran who had several important saves. The combination of a solid defense, a well-balanced midfield and an effective attack gave the MAB team the victory.

Although the result gave the team a lot of confidence, we know that there's still a long way ahead in order to reach the objective. Our next matches are on October 15<sup>th</sup> and on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm in the Rec Center. Due to the high volume of commitments that the Yell Leaders have, they told us that they wouldn't be able to make it to any of our matches, despite being huge fans of the team. That is why we extend an invitation to all of the students and professors of the Department of Agricultural Economics to join us on game day and to support the glorious MAB team.

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## Are you LinkedIn with Aggie MABs?

This summer, the official LinkedIn Group for Aggie MABs was launched. We invite you to share news of your current employment and share job opportunities. In addition, it will serve as a forum for discussion on current issues in the world of agribusiness.

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