



Welcome, Dr. Salin!



Dr. Victoria Salin

The Deans of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Mays Business School are proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Victoria Salin as the new Director of the Master of Agribusiness Program and Chair of the IFA.

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Salin received a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Miami University in

Oxford, Ohio. At the University of Virginia, she earned a Master of Arts in government and foreign affairs followed by position as an editor for private industry as well as Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. Before pursuing a degree in agricultural economics, Dr. Salin also served as an international trade analyst for the U.S. International Trade Commission. In 1996 she received her Ph.D. from Purdue University in agricultural economics with an emphasis in agribusiness finance and international trade.

Dr. Salin is a current Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics here at Texas A&M University. She specializes in agribusiness management and finance. She is on the Board of Directors of the State of Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and is also a

member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the World Food Logistics Organization.

For over 20 years, Dr. Salin has been married to Bill Salin. They have two sons, Aaron and Jared. In her spare time, Dr. Salin enjoys year-round Texas gardening, biking, and baseball.

Juliette Kibodeaux
MAB Student Worker

Blue Bell Lecture Series

March 28th, 2013



Paul E. Schickler

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences had the privilege of welcoming the President of DuPont Pioneer, Mr. Paul E. Schickler, in his lecture, "What's for Dinner?: How the Next Generation Will Feed the World" as a part of the Blue Bell Lecture Series this past March.

"Mr. Schickler is a graduate of Drake University, where he received Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in business administration. DuPont Pioneer is the advanced seed genetics business of DuPont. In this role, which he has held since 2007, he has continued to expand Pioneer's global business by remaining focused on innovation that improves local productivity and profitability of farmers in more than 90 countries. Since joining Pioneer in 1974, Schickler has served in a variety of finance and administrative leadership roles throughout the business, including vice presi-

dent of International Operations from 1999 to 2007." (<https://www.pioneer.com/home/site/us>)

Two of our current MAB students, Tyler McGee and Mark Goering, had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Schickler further at the student session following the lecture.

When asked about what he thought was the most interest part of meeting Mr. Schickler, Tyler said, "I thought his description of how DuPont has sold off almost all of the divisions that it is most well known for (textiles, paints, gunpowder, etc.) to focus on its agriculture offerings was pretty remarkable. It really shows how the company sees the agriculture industry, its future growth potential, and room for exciting research and innovations."

Mark added, "Being from Iowa, it always amazes me how many successful and influential people graduate from Drake University. Mr. Schickler shared about how he was somewhat desperate to find a job at the time and never in his wildest dreams did he imagine that he would end up becoming president of Pioneer Hi-Bred...It was motivating and encouraging to hear how he came from a humble beginning to becoming president of Pioneer. Really gave me hope that maybe someday a guy like myself from rural Iowa could become president of a multi-billion dollar company."



(For more information on Paul Schickler's lecture, please visit <http://today.agrilife.org/2013/03/29/duPont-pioneer-leader-encourages-students-to-spread-the-word-about-agriculture/>.)

graduation



In December of 2012 and this May, the MAB Program said goodbye to 18 students as they received their degrees. We congratulate all of our students on their accomplishment and wish them luck in their future endeavors!

December 2012

Graduates

Jesse Beckett
Feng Chen
William Downtin
Nadia Fahoum
Shin Bae Kim
Xiao Li
Randi Standley
Tamara Tapp
James Wegner
Heng Zhao

May 2013

Graduates

Hui-Chin "Cherry" Chiu
Jordan Meline
Qing Gong
Patrick McMahon
Wael Mudhaffer
Bryan Phillips
Luqun Xie
Lauren Payne

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