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WELCOME BACK!!

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR, WE ARE EXCITED TO START THE SEMESTER WITH CONTINUED GROWTH AND LEARNING IN OUR AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO TOURED OUR NEW AGRICULTURAL LEARNING CENTER (ALC) AT THE END OF LAST SEMESTER AND THOSE WHO STOPPED BY TO HARVEST FRESH, ORGANIC VEGETABLES FROM OUR HYDROPONICS SYSTEM. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS MAKE THESE HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES POSSIBLE.

DECEMBER CHAPTER MTG. RECAP

OUR DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING WAS ALL ABOUT REFLECTION AND HOLIDAY FUN. STUDENTS KICKED THINGS OFF WITH A "HOLIDAY HIGHS AND LOWS" ICEBREAKER, SHARING THEIR HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES FROM THE FIRST SEMESTER. THE MEETING WRAPPED UP WITH ORNAMENT MAKING, ALONG WITH COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER AS A CHAPTER.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FFA WEEK IS COMING UP FEBRUARY 23–27, AND WE HAVE EXCITING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS PLANNED TO CELEBRATE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON...

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AG MECHANICS 1 SPOTLIGHT

OUR FIRST-YEAR AGRICULTURE MECHANICS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BUSY BUILDING RAISED PLANTERS AS A FUN, HANDS-ON WAY TO LEARN BASIC CARPENTRY SKILLS. THROUGH THIS PROJECT, STUDENTS PRACTICED USING TOOLS AND FASTENERS WHILE WORKING TOGETHER TO TURN PLANS INTO FINISHED PROJECTS.

WINERY CHECK-UP

OUR VINEYARD RECENTLY RECEIVED A SEASONAL CHECK-UP WITH HELP FROM DOFFO WINERY AND A VISITING AGRONOMIST. TOGETHER, THEY TESTED SOIL HEALTH AND NUTRIENT LEVELS TO HELP PREPARE THE VINES FOR WINTER DORMANCY.

OUR VITICULTURE STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE AGRONOMIST, LEARNING WHAT HE WAS DOING, WHY IT MATTERS, AND HOW THESE PRACTICES SUPPORT HEALTHY VINES AND FUTURE HARVESTS.

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AGRICULTURE CLASSES YOU NEED TO JOIN

AG MECHANICS	PLANT & SOIL	ANIMAL & VET
COURSE 1 AG MECH 1 10TH-11TH GRADE	COURSE 1 PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE 9TH-11TH GRADE UC APPROVED D LAB SCIENCE	COURSE 1 ANIMAL SCIENCE 1 9TH-11TH GRADE UC APPROVED D LAB SCIENCE
COURSE 2 AG MECH 2 UC APPROVED G ELECTIVE	COURSE 2 VITICULTURE UC APPROVED G ELECTIVE	COURSE 2 VETERINARY SCIENCE UC APPROVED D LAB SCIENCE
COURSE 3 AG MECH 3 UC APPROVED F FINE ART***		

*CERTIFICATIONS EARNED THROUGH COMPLETION & COLLEGE CREDIT EARNED THROUGH COMPLETION WITH B OR BETTER IN BOTH SEMESTERS

JOIN NOW! CLASSES FILL UP FAST

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GUIDE TO FRUIT TREES & BAREROOT

WINTER IS A GREAT TIME TO PLANT FRUIT TREES, ESPECIALLY BARE-ROOT TREES. PLANTING DURING THIS SEASON ALLOWS ROOTS TO ESTABLISH BEFORE SPRING GROWTH BEGINS.

QUICK TIPS:

- CHOOSE A SUNNY LOCATION WITH WELL-DRAINED SOIL
- DIG A HOLE WIDE ENOUGH TO SPREAD ROOTS COMFORTABLY
- PLANT AT THE PROPER DEPTH (GRAFT UNION ABOVE SOIL)
- WATER THOROUGHLY AFTER PLANTING
- MULCH TO RETAIN MOISTURE AND PROTECT ROOTS

BARE-ROOT TREES ARE DORMANT, AFFORDABLE, AND EASY TO HANDLE, MAKING THEM AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR WINTER PLANTING.

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