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Congratulations Heather!



Heather Ricks

On February 1st, Heather Ricks, Academic Advisor for the Online MS in Food Safety program, was promoted to the position of Assistant Director.

Heather continues in her role as student advisor, but has now expanded her responsibilities.

In this new role, Heather will provide assistance to program director, Dr. Melinda Wilkins, with the

Greetings!

Winter will soon be ending, and with changes in the weather come changes for the Online MS in Food Safety program. Here's what's happening within our ivy-covered halls this month...

Your MSU Online MS in Food Safety Team

Executive Education at MSU!

**Now is the time to register for
Creating a Food Safety Culture
May 24-26, 2017**

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This May, the Online Master of Science in Food Safety program will host its third 2 ½ day on-campus executive education program featuring presenter [Frank Yiannas](#), Vice President of Food Safety & Health, Walmart, USA. During the first two days, Frank will lead participants in an interactive exploration of his two books, "Creating a Food Safety Culture" and "Food Safety = Behavior." The final half day will include presentations from

guest lecturers [William "Bill" Marler](#), Managing Partner of Marler Clark LLP PS, and [Keith Bezzant Niblett](#), Assistant Director, Customized and International Executive Development Programs, MSU Eli Broad College of Business. During the program, participants will also have the opportunity to hear

Guest Lecturer [Mike Taylor](#), Independent Consultant, Senior Fellow at Freedman Consulting, LLC, and former Deputy Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), who will be presenting *The Robert Leader Endowed Lecture*.



Frank Yiannas and Sparty

Mark your calendars for this inspiring food safety experience. For complete information, visit our [website](#).

Graduate Reception May 5th

Will you attend?

On Friday, May 5th, students

daily maintenance and supervision of the program, while providing additional support and leadership to her fellow staff members.

"I am really looking forward to the challenges and opportunities I will face in this new leadership role," said Heather. "I value my relationship with the students and alumni and especially with my program colleagues..." For the full story, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Mar 13: US17 Enrollment Opens
- Mar 31: FS17 & SS18 Enrollment Opens
- Apr 28: SS17 Classes End
- May 5: Commencement
- May 9- Food Safety II: Summit
- May 15: US17 Class Begins
- May 24- CFSC, Exec Ed 26:
- May 25: Alumni Connect
- June 1: FS17 Application Deadline

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Spring 2016 Grads

planning to attend MSU's **Spring 2017** graduation ceremony are invited, along with their families and friends, to join the MS in Food Safety staff for a **lunch reception**.

The reception begins at 12:00 noon at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. The Advanced Degree

commencement ceremony will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center, which is adjacent to the Kellogg Center.

"We're expecting a record number of students to attend this spring," says academic advisor Heather Ricks. "Commencement is a great opportunity for students to visit the beautiful MSU campus and meet our staff and fellow students face to face!"

If you plan to attend, **please RSVP** as soon as possible to Heather Ricks at [ricksh@msu.edu](mailto:ricks@msu.edu).

MSFS Launches a New Website!



The Online MS in Food Safety (MSFS) program has launched a new website. It went live on February 8th, following 9 months of planning and development. Heidi Chen, the MSFS program's academic technology coordinator, led the project, working diligently with web designers and fellow staff members to bring the new site online.

"The most important drive for designing a new website" said Heidi, "was to make it responsive, which means it is completely compatible with any platform you use: computers or mobile devices. This is the trend of modern websites, in an effort to give the user their greatest amount of flexibility..." For the full story, [click here](#).

Please take a moment to visit our new website at foodsafety.msu.edu. Why not use the interactive "[Contact Us](#)" feature to tell us what you think?

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