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*...and get the latest AgLearn news, updates, and more hot off the press.*

In this issue, AgLearn presents the Ethics Sweepstakes – a dynamic new way to learn ethical conduct. Also find the new Information Security Awareness course and features that include Wellness books and courses, Retirement Planning, LincPass Log in training, and Rosetta Stone courses for your Android or tablet.



### ETHICS TRAINING

On Your Mark,  
Get Set, **GO!**

Off to the races! **The Ethics Sweepstakes 2014** has taken a new twist. In this fun, dynamic training tool, you become the jockey of “Ethical Conduct” in a race to the finish against your arch rival, “Appearances”. Your knowledge of Federal ethics laws and regulations is the path to winning. You need 20 spaces to win the race—answer correctly and you move ahead; choose the wrong answer and it could send you back!

With three levels (easy, moderate, and hard), you control how challenging this game can become. The easy level tests your basic knowledge; the hard level will place you in seemingly impossible situations and see if you know how to ethically resolve them.

**Join the race to the finish today!**

**USE YOUR Smart Card TO LOG IN TO LincPass** **NEW!**

**LincPass Training: Using your Smart Card to Log in,** is a virtual classroom that will show you how to use your Smart Card to log in to your computer with LincPass.

Full compliance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12: Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors (HSPD-12) is extremely important to the USDA. This course is designed as an introduction to some individuals and refresher to others on the HSPD-12 and LincPass. See step-by-step how to do it.

+ **LincPass as USDA's HSPD-12 solution**

+ **Where to go for help**

**Click here to access the course!**

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## PERSONAL FINANCE COURSES

### Planning for Your Retirement

Learn how to choose investments for your savings; which types of investments to use for short-, intermediate- and long-term goals; and how to choose withdrawals to create a tax-efficient cash flow for retirement. You can even develop your own personal financial plan. Some courses in this dynamic financial series include:

- + [Early-Career TSP, Retirement, and Financial Planning for FERS](#)
- + [Mid-Career TSP, Retirement, and Financial Planning for FERS](#)
- + [Mid-Career TSP, Retirement, and Financial Planning for FERS Special](#)
- + [Late-Career TSP, Retirement, and Financial Planning for CSRS Special](#)
- + [Late-Career TSP, Retirement, and Financial Planning for FERS](#)
- + [Late-Career TSP, Retirement, and Financial Planning for FERS Special](#)

You have an entire series of federal financial and retirement planning courses to help you become a better manager of your retirement funds and overall financial planning. Invest wisely and put money and time to work!

*For more than 20 years, Dmason Financial has taught federal financial and retirement planning that can give you financial confidence. Debbie Mason is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional. Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and in the U.S., which it awards to individuals who successfully complete CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.*

## TO YOUR Health

A new year always brings the promise of opportunities to improve yourself! Through AgLearn, you have the means to stick to those new resolutions and help you tackle your self-improvement goals. Need to know what questions to ask when you go to the doctor? Perhaps you are a military family and need ways to cope with the stress. Are you ready to quit smoking or manage other changes in your life? These courses can help:

- + [10 Questions You Must Ask Your Doctor: How to Make Better Decisions about Drugs, Tests and Treatment](#)
- + [Healing Stress in Military Families: Eight Steps to Wellness](#)
- + [Wellness: Stop Smoking](#)
- + [Wellness: Managing Change](#)

Go to [Books24x7](#) to access the entire Well-Being Essentials™ collection!

### Are You Protected?

#### 2014 Information Security Awareness Training

To effectively safeguard your computer against viruses and attacks, you need to understand the threats to your system and ways to avoid being vulnerable to them. Your computer could be at risk for viruses and other malicious code or you might be unsure how to handle sensitive information. In either case, the **Information Security Awareness** course will introduce you to the basics of computer security at USDA.

Mobile ready, this training is required for all USDA employees and contractors to ensure that you know your roles and responsibilities. Once completed, you will receive credit toward end-user Security Awareness and Training, which is also legislatively mandated.

**Take the course today** and protect your computer and its assets.

Rosetta Stone

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Rosetta Stone®, the comprehensive and effective language learning solution, is now easy to access on your tablet or Android device. It combines their award-winning learning methodology with online activities and instruction designed to deliver an enriching language-learning experience. Join the live practice sessions and engaging language games anytime and anywhere you have mobile access.

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