Graduate School News and Events

IBSO and CGS New Year's Party

A New Year's Party, hosted by IBSO and CGS, will be held this Thursday January 15th in the BRT room.
140 at 2 p.m. Come enjoy free food and the company of your fellow graduate students and professors! There will also be a lottery for various prizes, including homemade desserts and other goodies. If you’d like to participate in the drawing, please bring a donation for the local food bank or an item of winter clothing for the local homeless shelter.

Upcoming Events

MLS Speaker - Dr. Jan van Deursen, January 20th

Tuesday, January 20th

Dr. Christin Burd will be hosting the MLS seminar speaker, Dr. Jan van Deursen. Jan is currently a full Professor at the Mayo Clinic, University of Rochester. Jan’s research is focused on the connection between DNA damage, cancer and senescence. He has specific interests in chromosome instability and the mitotic checkpoint. Recently, he has led several studies investigating the contribution of senescent cells to aging and tissue regeneration (Baker Nature 2011, Baker Nature Cell Biology, 2013). This work received substantial press coverage, suggesting that the removal of senescent/aged cells from old mice will rejuvenate these animals. Jan’s publication record is extensive (>85 publications in total) with additional recent publications in EMBO (Childs 2014), Nature Cell Biology (Nam 2014), and Cell Reports (Baker 2013). Below is a link to his publications:

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=%28van+deursen+jm[Author]%29

If you have interests in cell cycle checkpoints, chromosome instability, cellular senescence, or the role of DNA damage in cancer, you should really meet Jan!

Should you, or one of your trainees, like to meet Jan, please contact Christin Burd (burd.25@osu.edu) by email no later than January 9th, 2014.
years both the SUCCESS students and the grad students (who worked with them) found the experience to be incredibly enjoyable and rewarding. We felt that the OSU graduate students who participated were a tremendous resource that made the program as successful as it turned out.

As we plan for the summer of 2015, we are again soliciting to identify MD-PhD and PhD students who would like to participate in this summer activity. Specifically, we are looking for interested students to take part in planning and assisting in SUCCESS events. In addition to serving as a resource for SUCCESS students, we are looking for current students for the following SUCCESS Committees:

* Journal Club committee: Scheduling a Journal Club Roster, Attend Journal Clubs, Teach the first few classes on the importance of JC (done in grad school often), how to search, how to give the talk, present an example- either yourself or solicit a grad student. This is on Tuesday and Friday Mornings (breakfast provided)

* Orientation committee: Plan a small outing before the students come to Orientation (last year students walked around the short north and went to Jeni's for ice-cream). Take students on campus tour during orientation week. Serve as a resource for the students until they feel comfortable at OSU

* Social Events/Activity committee: Last year grad students planned a visit to the Columbus Zoo, Crew Game, and a trip to Hocking Hills. Past leaders planned and executed a dinner and movie night at the Arena district, a trip to Hocking Hills, Clippers Game, Battleship activity in the RPAC's pool and a trip to COSI. May need to meet on a monthly basis from March until June. This year we will also be incorporating a social media leader (helping out with the SUCCESS Facebook and taking photos of the students in their lab).

Our expectation is that we will have 2 student committee leaders for each, but any interested students can participate and share the work. The SUCCESS Graduate Committee (SGC) has a 9-week time commitment of 2-6 hours per week and sometimes is asked to drive students around because they typically come without a car, however we hope that our Graduate Students will find their time with the SUCCESS Students rewarding and help build their leadership skills that they will need to have to become a future mentor.

SUCCESS committee members are invited to all Major events, (including the welcome Dinner at the Ohio Stadium and the Closing Ceremony at the Union), and other fun goings on during the summer. If you believe this is something you students may be interested please contact Meg Sprague at SUCCESS@osumc.edu

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**The Hayes Graduate Research Forum - In Need of Faculty**

Due to some recent withdrawals, we are now experiencing a shortage of faculty members to serve as presentation judges in the Professional Biological Sciences category at the 29th annual Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum on 20 February 2015. More information regarding the Hayes Forum can be found here: [http://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/](http://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/). If any faculty are interested, they may contact Michael Bowman directly at bowman.979@osu.edu.

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**The Pelotonia Fellowship Program is Accepting Applications**
The Pelotonia Fellowship Program is now accepting applications for Undergraduate, Graduate, Medical, Pharmacy, Dental and Postdoctoral Student fellowships. These fellowships are for cancer related projects in ANY field of study.

We encourage ALL students who are interested in cancer research to apply. To date, 292 fellowships have been awarded to students in many different fields of study including Chemistry, Communications, Dentistry, Engineering, Genetics, Medicine, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Physics, Public Health and Psychology.

Applications are due January 15th, 2015.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, including tips on filling out an application, an information session is being held on December 17th at 3:00 in room 105 Biomedical Research Tower (BRT). Click here to register for this information session: http://researchcalendar.osu.edu/index.php?eID=697.

For an application and additional guidelines, go to http://cancer.osu.edu/go/pelotoniafellowship or e-mail Jeffrey.Mason@osumc.edu.

Feel free to pass this along to your co-workers/lab members/students who may be interested.