Attention All Students: Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year when we are planning for our upcoming Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Recruitment Visits. We are requesting your help in serving as an interview escort/campus tour leader Friday morning from 8:45 am-1:00 pm (includes free lunch) and/or Friday afternoon from 2:30-3:30 pm and 5:30-8:30 pm (includes free dinner).

Please respond to ibgp@osumc.edu to let us know if you are available and interested in helping on the following dates:

Friday, January 18
Friday, February 15
Friday, March 8

Please let us hear from you by Wednesday, December 12. We look forward to your response; we cannot run the recruiting visits without the help of current students. And, students are always such good ambassadors for our Program. Thank you in advance for serving!
Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Student Retreat Recap

The Annual Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Student Retreat was held on Wednesday, December 5 and more than 100 students, faculty, and staff members attended. Dr. Joanna Groden and Dr. Jeff Parvin, Co-Directors, began the day with the official welcome and led introductions. Next, Dr. Muthu Periasamy, Professor and Chair, Department of Physiology and Cell Biology gave a presentation. Following Dr. Periasamy, there were student presentations for the Travel Award Competition from Houda Alachkar, Kyle Beckwith, Devyn Gillette, and Cristina Jaime-Ramirez. The day continued with a presentation from Jeffery D. Molkentin, Ph.D., Professor, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Molecular Cardiovascular Biology. Following a wonderful catered lunch by City BBQ, Larry Gilbert, Ph.D., (Consultant to non-profits and biotechnology companies on rare, neglected, and genetic diseases & Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Indiana University School of Medicine) spoke about Career Opportunities in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Finally, four more Travel Award Competitors spoke including: Sara Johnson, Dominique Limoli, Sankalp Malhotra, and Jessica Napolitano. Following the final presentations, Sankalp Malhotra was selected as the 1st Place winner and Jessica Napolitano was selected as the 2nd Place winner. Thanks to all that came and made the retreat a success!

Student Travel Award Competition Winners

Congratulations to Sankalp Malhotra, Incoming Class of 2011, who was selected as the 1st Place winner, and Jessica Napolitano, Incoming Class of 2009, who was selected as the 2nd Place winner, in the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Student Travel Award Competition at last week’s Retreat. Both Sankalp and Jessica will receive a $1,000 travel award and on top of this Sankalp will receive a $250 cash award from Procter & Gamble. Kyle Beckwith, Incoming Class of 2012, and Devyn Gillette, Incoming Class of 2010, were named as Honorable Mention speakers.

Kelly Regan Receives Top Award at AMA Research Symposium

Of the more than 600 abstracts that were submitted for consideration this year, Kelly Regan, a first year MSTP student, was the overall winner in the clinical outcomes and health care improvement category for her research titled, "Expression-anchored Gene Ontology Signature Predicts Clinical Outcome in Lung Adenocarcinoma Patients" during a research symposium at the American Medical Association’s Interim Meeting.

Candidacy Exam Information

The Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program office wanted to remind students preparing for their Candidacy exam that there is a section with helpful information about Candidacy Exams on the program website. This can be found by looking at the Current Students tab under "Candidacy Exam" or by clicking here.
Medical Center News and Events

Postdoctoral cancer research opportunities deadline Dec. 14

The Pelotonia Fellowship Program is still accepting applications for postdoctoral cancer research fellowships. The deadline to apply is Friday (12/14). Two-year fellowships are available for postdoctoral fellows, regardless of nationality, to do cancer research in any field of study. Contact Jeffrey.Mason@osumc.edu or read more at cancer.osu.edu/go/pelotoniafellowship

Complete Annual Requirements for Medical Center

Don't forget to get your annual flu shot and complete the HIPAA CBL. This is required of all employees, including all faculty, staff and paid students of the College of Medicine and the Office of Health Sciences.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the HIPAA Privacy & Security CBL as soon as possible. If you have questions about the HIPAA CBL or your compliance status, please contact the Privacy Office directly via email.

To check if you are compliant on both of these requirements, visit the Influenza / HIPAA CBL Compliance Site

Computer access will be taken away from those who do not complete both of these requirements by December 31, 2012.

College of Medicine Orchestra: December 11

Join us for the first annual concert of the new College of Medicine Orchestra. The COM Orchestra began with the 2012 academic year and through weekly rehearsals and the talent of many medical students and faculty are now an integral part of the Music in Medicine project. The new orchestra is led by Laura Hill from the OSU School of Music and organized through the efforts of Katharine Collier and Corey Coles. The concert will be held December 11 in 160 Meiling Hall.

Other News and Events

Course Offering: BMI 5730: Introduction to Bioinformatics

BMI 5730: Introduction to Bioinformatics will be offered in Spring 2013 on Wednesday and Friday from 2:20 - 3:40 PM. This course introduces students to a wide variety of topics in bioinformatics, including: sequence analyses, transcriptome analysis (microarray and RNA-seq), proteomics, regulatory networks, and SNP analysis; as well as advanced topics, including: next generation sequencing, biomedical network mining, and omics data integration with a translational focus on diseases. For more information see the course flyer here.
Tropical Salsa Nights Beginning December 14

Ohio Salsa is starting a Tropical Salsa Night which will include dancing to the hot beats of Caribbean music. The event will be held every Friday starting on December 14, 2012 at the event house operated by Shane’s Gourmet Catering at 447 East Livingston Avenue in downtown Columbus. The doors will open at 8:30pm, start at 9:00pm with a Salsa Dance Class taught by Carlos Rubio (OSU Alumni and founder/owner of the Salsamante Dance Academy). After the class finishes at 10:00pm they will open the dance floor for the best Salsa Dance Party in Columbus featuring DJ Danny D "El Cubano" with over 30 years experience, as well as DJ Picante "El Salsero From The Jersey Shore."

Admission is a mere $10 for those who come for the class, and $5 after 10:00pm. There is plenty of FREE Parking. This is an exciting opportunity for students to get out and interact in a fun and safe environment.

For More Information Visit the Facebook Event Page or Watch the YouTube video

Fun Fact

Candy Cane Facts

Over 1.76 billion candy canes are made each year and the biggest candy cane ever made was 36 feet 7 inches. Read more Candy Cane facts here.