Welcome Letter from the Director

By Larry Schlesinger, MD

On behalf of the MSTP Leadership Team, I would like to welcome all incoming students to the Ohio State MSTP family. We are very pleased that you have chosen Ohio State to further your education.

I would also like to introduce myself to any Alumni of the program whom I have never met. I have been at The Ohio State University since 2002. I earned a BA in Biology from Cornell University, MD from Rutgers Medical School, residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan and clinical and research fellowships in Infectious Diseases at UCLA. I joined the faculty at the University of Iowa in 1991 where I rose from Assistant Professor to Professor of Medicine. Currently I am the Samuel Saslaw Professor of Medicine, first Chair of the Department of Microbial Infection and Immunity, and founding Director of the OSU Center for Microbial Interface Biology, an interdisciplinary campus-wide program that focuses on infectious diseases of major concern to human health. I place great emphasis on education and mentoring, particularly in clinical and translational research, and I have been committed to building strong interdisciplinary academic programs. I became director of the OSU Medical Scientist Program (MD PhD granting) in 2008 and was awarded Ohio State’s first ever NIH-funded MSTP in 2011.

One of my many goals as the MSTP Director is to increase the engagement of our program Alumni. We would love to hear from you and acknowledge your successes on our website and in our MSTP Newsletter. Strengthening our Alumni network not only builds community, but it also creates a pool of knowledge from which our current students can seek feedback and advice. Please contact the MSTP program (mdphd@osumc.edu) to share your updates.

Our Program Manager, Ashley Bertran, and I recently returned from the AAMC GREAT Group MD/PhD Section meeting in Bethesda, MD where we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the MSTP nationally. It was an exciting meeting for us, as we each presented information on our MSTP and the National trends in MD/PhD Education.

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Go Bucks!

Larry

2014 MSTP SUMMER RETREAT
By Jillian Liu

The annual MSTP summer retreat took place June 20-21, 2014, and like always, this event was an enjoyable and rewarding time spent among friends and colleagues. The first night of the retreat allowed current MSTP students to welcome the incoming first-years at the beautiful Franklin Park Conservatory. MSTP students also had the chance to reconnect with their classmates, learning of each other’s successes and progress over the past year. The highlight of the evening came with the 6th annual competition for the coveted Larry Award. The theme for this year’s contest was “Science Fiction and Fantasy,” and included surprise performances by none other than our own MSTP leadership: Lawrence Kirschner, Larry Schlesinger, and Ashley Bertran.

During the second day of the retreat, students were treated to guest lectures by Ashley Fernandes MD, PhD and Natosha Gatson, MD, PhD entitled “Bioethics and the Physician Scientist” and “…People Will Never Forget How You Made Them Feel,” respectively. Students also had a chance to contribute in the annual MSTP program review, giving their opinions on the state of the program and future directions worth considering. Finally, the retreat culminated with the awarding of The Larry Award, where Youjin Cho provided quite the upset, as she became the first ever first-year MSTP student to take home the Larry Award.

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Jillian Liu: Can you tell me what brought you to the OSU MSTP? Hometown, college, etc?

Brian Becknell, MD PhD: Well that’s pretty easy. I’m from Columbus, Ohio and my fiancée at the time, now wife, also grew up in Columbus. So a lot of the reasons I chose Columbus were a bit more personal. Another really strong reason, though, when I was interviewing at various programs was that Mike Caligiuri met with me, and I met a number of MD/PhD students who were in his lab and I just felt really invigorated about the opportunity to work with him, specifically. So he was very much a reason that I decided to come to OSU.

JL: What are your clinical and scientific interests?

DrB: I am very interested in why certain children get febrile urinary tract infections, and how that serves as a risk factor for chronic kidney disease in the pediatric population. I’d like to identify patients who are highly at risk for UTIs and develop steps to prevent UTIs and prevent the renal scarring that occurs in children after a UTI.

JL: What is your favorite part of being a physician-scientist?

DrB: It’s really hard to name any one thing. I like a number of aspects of my job: I like the opportunity to investigate interesting questions or problems in the lab and to bring discoveries in the lab to bear on patient care, and I like the chance to educate the next generation of trainees and physician-scientists and serve as a bridge between what’s going on on the clinical side and the research side. I guess the latter would be my most favorite thing – trying to bridge the gap.

JL: How do you feel getting a dual degree prepared you for your career?

DrB: I think doing an MD/PhD was the only path for me, because I knew that I wanted to run a lab and be a principal investigator, and I also wanted to take care of patients. So I think it was the only real way in which those goals could be accomplished.

JL: Can you describe your typical workweek?

DrB: A typical workweek for me varies a little bit. If I’m on service in the hospital, I’m entirely devoted to being in the hospital, taking care of patients. That’s generally from 7am until 6pm, and then being on call from home after that. But a typical workweek is a combination of about 80% of the time being in the lab or in my office – reading and writing papers or grants, reviewing papers – and 20% of the time being in clinic and taking care of acute patient issues. Sometimes there is a little bit of teaching thrown in, but not that much.

Do you have any advice for MSTP students who are just starting?

DrB: I think that the MSTP journey is certainly a long one, and it’s one where you have to pace yourself. One piece of advice is not to burn out too early. Identify what your passion is as far as research and chase after that, and allow yourself to follow that passion in a way that’s not restrained by time, because you have the time. Your time is protected to obtain all the training you feel you need. And don’t lose sight of the goal. Once you identify a goal, because you have to be kind of tunnel-visioned and focused to be successful, you don’t see the forest in the trees and you can lose the whole reason why you are in the thick of it. The ways to offset that problem are to participate in everything that MSTP has to offer – gatherings for MSTP students, lecture series – and engaging, even informally, with people who are MD/PhDs and who are great mentors.

JL: How about advice for our students who are about to join the real world?

DrB: Most MSTP students are graduating the program and joining residency, and at that time they are generally going to be very clinically-focused. It’s a whole different journey in a lot of ways than the traditional journey of being in the lab. The advice would be “don’t forget where you came from, don’t forget your roots, and leverage your experience and your age (because frankly you’re quite a bit older than most of the others trainees) so that you can really bring all of that experience and fund of knowledge to bear on as you take care of patients. Try to identify the problems that are relevant to clinical medicine that you can better study in the lab or through translational research.”

JL: Any other thoughts?

DrB: I think that the Ohio State MSTP has come a very long way. It started as an MD/PhD program and then gained MSTP status, and seems to be recruiting students from all around the country. So I think it’s a real testimony to the strength of leadership and institutional commitment from the medical school, and I feel very optimistic and excited about the directions that MD/PhD students will take through Ohio State.

Student Awards and Achievements

- Kyle Beckwith and Steven Scoville received a 2014 Graduate Pelotonia Fellowship
- Jillian Liu was awarded first place in the graduate division of the 2014 Ann W. and Emanuel D. Rudolph Student Book Collecting Awards
- Sankalp Malhotra received an ID consortium award at Nationwide Children’s
- Nima Milanij-Nejad was awarded first place in the Margaret T. Nishikawara Scholar Awards for Outstanding Ph.D. & M.D./Ph.D. Students
- Kelly Regan presented a poster entitled “Knowledge-based Combination Therapy Discovery in Melanoma” at the National Library of Medicine Trainee conference in Pittsburgh on June 17th
- Kelly Regan, Zachary Hing, Jillian Liu, and Nat Murphy were elected as the 2014-2015 MSSO Officers
- Travis Sharkey-Toppen and Henry Chang submissions’ were accepted and will be presented at this year’s American Heart Association’s Scientific Sessions

Congratulations, students!
By Jillian Liu

On April 24\textsuperscript{nd}, 2014, the American Physician Scientists Association kicked off its 10\textsuperscript{th} annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. This meeting, which is held in conjunction with the American Academy of Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Investigators, provides trainees with opportunities for networking with established physician-scientists as well as their peers. This year, attendees had the chance to hear from Nobel laureates Brian Kobilka and Peter Agre, among other distinguished speakers.

OSU MSTP students in attendance included Kate Hartmann (Events Panel member), Anisley Valenciaga (Meeting Committee member), and Ellen Lubbers.

By Jason Siu

This summer, I had the opportunity to attend the National MD/PhD Conference in Denver, Colorado. Compared to the APSA conference in Chicago, this event is organized by the 3\textsuperscript{rd}-year MSTP students at Denver but held in Keystone with the talks emphasizing more basic science research. Up in the mountains with clear skies and temperatures in the low 70s, the three-day event consisted of career panels, poster sessions, and breakout sessions covering a variety of topics, including, but not limited to, oral presentation techniques, grant-writing, and how to approach bioinformatics. In conjunction with the incredible meals and endless supply of coffee, there were talks by 5 distinguished speakers, two of whom were Nobel laureates. My favorite by far was Dr. Susumu Tonegawa, who was awarded the prize for his work on antibody diversity, but for his lecture he spoke about his new research directions involving the creation of false memories or engrams in mice. As always, there are social events after the end of each evening’s talks, and although I was not able to make most of them due to programming assignments, I managed to attend trivia night. For most people, Sunday mornings are usually reserved for outdoor activities. If you are crazy enough, you may even dare to hike the 14-er. I, however, had the privilege of riding to the airport with my college friend and another speaker, Dr. Lee Michael Kaplan, whom I talked to about his research on obesity and gut microbiota while learning more about his Christmas vacations in Oklahoma. After the conference ends, if you ever find the chance for free time I would highly recommend exploring Denver or nearby Boulder for the hiking and biking or local food and beer.

Pelotonia

The 6\textsuperscript{th} annual Pelotonia biking fundraiser event just wrapped up on August 8-10\textsuperscript{th}. Pelotonia has become quite successful, becoming the largest single biking event in the country in addition to raising over $73 million dollars that have been used to fund cancer research here at The Ohio State University. Specifically, the money raised is used to recruit faculty, sponsor undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral fellowships, and to purchase new research technologies to improve the research capacities of OSU. In fact several MSTP students have been fortunate to obtain these highly competitive fellowships for their own cancer-related projects. Collectively, this event has added to the growing success of OSU as a nationally recognized cancer institute.

Beyond these benchmark achievements Pelotonia represents much more than the money raised and the event itself. Pelotonia unites scientists, physicians, and most importantly the community with a common goal to end cancer. This commonality is most apparent when you hear the resounding cheers from the entire Granville community as you ride through, and seeing the families in the middle of a desolate country road waiting and clapping for each passing rider with a nearby posted sign thanking riders for their efforts which they hope will help a family member or friend suffering from cancer. As a researcher-in-training, I personally enjoy this connection between the community and myself as it inspires my own research and clinical endeavors.

This year we had many MSTP participants including those pictured below and Ed Briercheck.

Each participant rode varying lengths from 25 to 180 miles and individually raised money to support this great cause. Additional information about the event and donating can be found here: www.pelotonia.org.

MSTP Pelotonia riders from left to right: Lawrence Kirschner MD PhD, Aaron Victor, Stephen Bergin, Steven Scoville, Andrew Stiff, Muhtadi Islam, and Kyle Beckwith.
Welcome Entering Class of 2014!

Seemaab Ali
Life motto: Hear them out. 
Favorite superhero: Squirrel Girl

I was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, but my family moved often for my parents’ various research positions. We eventually settled in Little Rock, Arkansas, which I now call my hometown. In high school I became interested in questions surrounding the mind: what is it, where does it come from, and how does it work? I attended Yale University for undergrad, majoring in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and focusing in Neurobiology. There I spent a lot of my time thinking – about topics ranging from deeply important to completely trivial – and discussing with my classmates and peers. I did a lot of growing, and I started grappling with who I was and what I wanted out of life. I've come to OSU in order to train in neuroscience research, which is one of the most self-actualizing pursuits for me. The research that I have done thus far has primarily been in basic neurobiology and cellular/molecular biology. I am hoping to have greater exposure to clinically relevant research areas in neuroscience as well as cognitive and computational research while here at OSU. Outside of research and medicine, I love to relax and talk with friends. I spend a lot of time with video games, thinking about game mechanics and design. I also like to explore the lore and fandoms of fictional worlds, and to extract whatever relevant things I can about our own world. I think there’s so much out there left for me to learn, and just maybe there’s a bit that I can share with my peers. I hope to grow and learn a lot in my time here at OSU.

Russell Ault
Life motto: Fear not, doubt not, only believe. 
Favorite superhero: Batman

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and attended Yale University, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. From my childhood I have always wanted to become a doctor, and my experiences in my freshman year of college planted the seed of thinking to pursue MD/PhD training. During my time at Yale I conducted research to identify novel antimalarial compounds from tropical endophytic fungi and bacteria, and I later studied the functionality of upstream open reading frames in the human genome, using bioinformatics and machine learning. My malaria research stemmed from a trip to the Ecuadorian Amazon, where fellow students and I collected plants with known ethnobotanical properties to study the secondary metabolites of their endophytes in the laboratory. I wrote my senior thesis on the development of the RTS,S/AS malaria vaccine currently in Phase 3 clinical trials. From my undergraduate studies in parasitology, the history of infectious diseases, immunology and computer science, my scientific dream is to contribute to global health by helping to develop the next generation of vaccines and therapies for complex pathogens that continue to afflict the developing world. During my interviews I was drawn to OSU by the charisma, energy and warmth of the faculty, as well as by its relative strength in infectious disease research. I am a passionate learner inside and outside of medicine, and some of my hobbies include reading world literature, journal writing and family history research, including teaching others how to learn about their family. I am also very involved in my church and served for two years as a Latter-day Saint missionary near Los Angeles, California.

Youjin Cho
Life motto: Don’t worry, be happy. 
Favorite superhero: Avatar Aang

I was born in Seoul, South Korea and moved to Ithaca, NY when I was 12 years old. I attended Cornell University, where I received my B.S. degree in Biological & Environmental Engineering with the concentration in Biomedical Engineering. I always knew I had a passion in the field of medicine but it wasn’t until after I had research experience as a high school student in Chemical Engineering Lab under Dr. Matthew DeLisa at Cornell University for two years that I knew I had a passion for scientific research as well. To further pursue my interest in research, I joined a Biomedical Engineering Lab under Dr. Claudia Fischbach-Teschl in 2010 where I studied the effect of microenvironment on brain tumor tumorigenesis using tissue-engineering methods. Working in this lab for four years as an undergraduate, I was able to become an independent thinker and researcher. As a result I was able to contribute to different research projects in
the lab and one of the projects that I was involved in has been published as a manuscript in Cancer Research in December 2013 in which I was the second author. Through the research experiences I had, I knew that I wanted to do a dual degree in MD/PhD to bridge the gap between the laboratory setting and clinical setting to get a better understanding in studying the complex nature of cancer. I am really grateful that I am part of the MST program at The Ohio State University where there are lots of friendly students and faculty members, and research opportunities in Biomedical Engineering and Cancer. Outside of school, I like drawing, cooking, singing, playing instruments (guitar, piano, drums) and playing sports.

Brian Hansen
Life motto: Stay hungry. Stay foolish.
Favorite superhero: Dr. Manhattan
I was born in Utsunomiya, Japan but shortly after moved to Dublin, Ohio. I loved growing up in central Ohio so much that I stayed local and eventually got a bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Cultural Anthropology from The Ohio State University. I have always loved science but started my undergraduate career ignorant of the joys of research. After spending two years in a lab studying the cancer microenvironment, I moved to a new lab studying the electrophysiology of the heart. My research in cardiac electrophysiology has given me the great opportunity to present my research at international conferences such as Gordon Research Conferences, Heart Rhythm, and American Heart Association. Finally, Dr. Vadim Fedorov pushed me into the dual degree program here at the OSU MSTD. I strive to eventually become a cardiac electrophysiologist. To keep me sane during this long process, I love being outdoors, going to concerts, and spending time with family and friends.

Alexander Hare
Life motto: Think before you act.
Favorite superhero: Spider-Man
I was born in Iowa City, IA. I moved to several states before moving to Kentucky, where I attended the University of Kentucky, getting my Bachelor's in Math and Science with a minor in Computer Science in 2014. During those years, I completed several research projects, including a research project in bioinformatics, aligning the genome of C. scatologenes, 2 projects in mathematical modeling, where I tested models of wound healing and population growth, and neurobiology, where I attempted to categorize dopamine and glutamate release events in the brain during addictive events with Dr. Joshua Beckmann. My breadth of experiences with bioinformatics, modeling and neurobiology gave me perspective on my research interests, which started off quite diverse and have since narrowed. I consider my mathematical interest as having developed a useful skill set which I can apply to my other pursuits. However, I still appreciate the field and it is one of my principal hobbies, along with soccer. The positive research experiences I have had, in concert with my clinical interests, solidified my vision of pursuing a MD/PhD, a decision which has ultimately led me here, to OSU, where I look forward to honing and applying my skills.

Alex Hartlage
Life motto: Don't hassle me. I'm local.
Favorite superhero: The Tick
I was born and raised in West Chester, OH, a suburb of Cincinnati, which, today, is well known for its highly popular IKEA store. After graduating high school, I moved to Columbus, OH and obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biochemistry and a minor in Evolutionary Studies from The Ohio State University. As an undergrad, I spent two years working in a research laboratory, studying the complex interactions between cancer and the human immune system, specifically the role of Natural Killer (NK) cells in tumor cell recognition and targeting. My project, which culminated into an Honors Thesis, strengthened my understanding of disease processes and fueled my desire to pursue a combined MD/PhD degree from OSU. Outside of the lab, I enjoy cheering on our beloved Buckeyes, camping, watching classic Horror movies, and spending time with my friends and family. I am very excited to be a part of the MSTP family and look forward to starting my career as a medical scientist!
Lisa Heisterberg
Life motto: Keep moving forward.
Favorite superhero: Superman

I grew up in Casa Grande, Arizona and attended the University of Arizona in Tucson. At the U of A I decided to major in Biology and minor in Chemistry. I have had an interest in medicine since a young age, and during both high school and college I sought out opportunities to volunteer in hospitals and participate in medical related programs. While I seemed to always be compelled to work towards medical school, I did not realize I also had an interest in research until college. Once I began working in a lab, I found that I really enjoyed research and wanted research to play a role in my future career. I was not sure if I would be able to be involved in both medicine and research, but when I learned of MD/PhD programs I knew that the physician-scientist path was what I wanted to do. My personal and lab experiences made me interested in the field of neuroscience and influenced me to become a part of the NGSP. I also have an interest in neuroimmunology, which is one of the reasons I thought OSU would be a good fit for me. I am really looking forward to growing as a scientist and as a physician over my next several years at OSU. In my spare time, I enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities, running, reading, and hanging out with friends. I plan to explore Columbus and the surrounding areas as much as I can during my time here.

Ansel Nalin
Life motto: Always in pursuit.
Favorite superhero: The Flash

I grew up in Carmel, Indiana and attended the University of Notre Dame, from which I graduated in 2014 with a degree in chemistry and a minor in theology. During my undergraduate studies, I began research in synthetic organic chemistry, with an emphasis on synthesizing biologically active natural products. I also conducted research in immunology with a focus on pediatric diseases and allergic conditions. These positive experiences inspired me to pursue a career in translational research. I chose to enter an MD/PhD program for its integrated clinical and research training of future physician scientists. I am looking forward to exploring new research areas at Ohio State, especially in cancer immunology. I am also interested in the process of investigating new therapeutic targets for drug development. When choosing Ohio State for my continued education, I was impressed with the clinical opportunities that would complement my research interests. I am excited to join the academic community at Ohio State and contribute to the MSTP throughout the upcoming years. During my time outside of the lab, I enjoy exercising and playing sports. As an avid distance runner, I compete with the OSU Running Club and train throughout the year for various races and endurance events. I also enjoy playing the piano, writing sports blog articles, learning strategy board games, and trying to finally get my golf handicap under eighteen.

Gracia Ng
Life motto: Try and see hope and beauty in everything.
Favorite superhero: Iron Man

I was born in Singapore, and my family moved around a few times before settling down in Cincinnati, Ohio. I graduated from Xavier University with a degree in Biology and a double minor in Chemistry and Mathematics. During my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to conduct research at the University of Cincinnati’s Ophthalmology Department. My initial interests were solely in research, but through my experiences in the lab, I developed a passion for medicine. My mentor continuously challenged me to think about the clinical implications of my research and to look beyond the lab bench. My shadowing experiences further affirmed my passion to go into medicine; I truly enjoyed working with patients and found the interactions to be extremely rewarding. I knew that an MD/PhD program would allow me to pursue both my research and medical interests. At OSU, I hope to conduct research in cancer immunology. With all of its great resources, brilliant faculty, and welcoming community, I knew OSU would prepare me well for a future as a physician scientist and would be a great place to call home. In my free time, I enjoy baking, playing the piano and guitar, hiking, rock climbing, and exploring different places.
Andrew Stiff
Life motto: Luck favors the well prepared.
Favorite superhero: Darkwing Duck
I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and decided to stay close to home as an undergraduate by attending the University of Pittsburgh. As an undergraduate I majored in evolutionary biology and conducted research aimed at understanding anthropogenic impacts on evolutionary dynamics. It wasn’t until after I graduated and moved to Oklahoma for work that I discovered I wanted to go into medicine. While living in Oklahoma I began to volunteer at the Manos Juntas free clinic in Oklahoma City serving an underserved population of city. Through this experience I saw first hand the wonderful ability of medicine to impact the lives of people. Eventually I landed at Ohio State and soon found that my previous interest in research and future career as a physician would have ample opportunity to grow together with the numerous research opportunities available at OSU. Shortly after starting medical school I began to work in a lab investigating the potential for serum microRNA to serve as a prognostic biomarker in multiple myeloma. This gave me a great first experience conducting research in biomedical science and molecular biology. This led me to pursue a Pelotonia Fellowship and eventually to apply to the MSTP as an advanced training applicant. My current research interests are focused on the field of cancer immunology, and in particular mechanisms of immune suppression within the tumor microenvironment such as myeloid derived suppressor cells and therapeutic approaches to enhance anti-tumor immune responses. In my spare time I enjoy checking out the local music scene and hanging out with friends or family. When I have more time I love to get out and hike or go fly-fishing.

This summer, the SUCCESS (Summer Undergraduate Course Creating Excellence in Scientific Study) program welcomed its third group of students to Columbus. Eighteen undergraduates from as far away as Guam came to OSU to participate in the nine-week research course. This program seeks to provide an enriching research experience to the students through journal clubs, biomedical science courses, and professional development seminars in addition to research in some of Ohio State’s top labs. According to Allison Meadows, a SUCCESS student who worked in Dr. Peter Mohler’s lab, the program achieved this goal. She said, “I learned a lot about how to ask scientific questions and how different people and experiments contribute to one goal.” For her, the program was invaluable, as it “really solidified [her] goals for the future.”

The program also showed the students a bit of what the Columbus area and the MSTP program has to offer, by giving them opportunities to interact with MSTP and graduate students during outings to the OSU football stadium, the Columbus Zoo, a Crew game, Jeni’s Ice Cream, and Hocking Hills State Park.

To conclude the program, the students presented their summer research at a Thursday night poster session and Friday morning oral presentation attended by friends, family, faculty, lab mates and mentors. Their accomplishments in just nine weeks were impressive!

Congratulations to all the 2014 SUCCESS students. We hope to see you at OSU in the future!
White Coat Sponsorship Program

It is a time-honored tradition that incoming medical students are welcomed into the medical community by receiving their White Coat. The College of Medicine solicits donations from alumni to provide each student with a coat. (giveto.osu.edu/whitecoat)

The MSTP invites alumni to donate a coat specifically to an incoming MD/PhD student to initiate a mentorship relationship. Upon receiving his or her white coat, the student writes a note or makes a phone call to say thank you, and we hope this enables Ohio State MD/PhDs to connect with one another and strengthen our training community. Prior to making a donation through the College of Medicine’s website please contact mdphd@osumc.edu to ensure your coat matches to an MSTP student. In addition to the White Coat Sponsorship Program, the MSTP offers several other options for support for many of its programs. Contact mdphd@osumc.edu for more information.

This year, OSU MSTP alumni, Chadwick Wright, MD PhD and Richard Wardrop, MD PhD, sponsored all white coats for the entering MSTP class of 2014. Thank you Drs. Wright and Wardrop!

Student Publications


Upcoming Dates

MSTP recruitment session 1: October 23-25, 2014
MSTP recruitment session 2: November 20-22, 2014
MSTP recruitment session 3: January 15-17, 2015
MSTP recruitment session 4: February 12-14, 2015
MSTP Winter Retreat: March, 2015
Research Day: April 15-16, 2015