1. STUDENT COMPETITION FOR ALL EXPENSES PAID VISIT TO THE MCGARRY SYMPOSIUM AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

The faculty at UT Southwestern Medical Center invite you to nominate highly qualified Ph.D. candidates from your institution to be our guests at a postdoctoral recruiting event, October 27-29, 2010. The selected graduate students will attend the McGarry Symposium: Metabolic Control of Complex Systems, have opportunities to interview and dine with Endowed Scholars and other UT Southwestern faculty, and will meet current postdoctoral scholars. Travel and accommodations for the selected students will be provided by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at UT Southwestern.

Nominations should:

- be submitted to SGSPostdocOffice@UTSouthwestern.edu by August 31st, 2010
- only recommend graduate students completing Ph.D. requirements between September 2010 and December 2011
- be submitted by the nominee’s faculty advisor, department/program chair, or Dean
- include a nomination letter from the nominee’s faculty advisor addressing anticipated graduation date and potential for the nominee to direct an independent research project and garner fellowship funding
- include the CV or Biosketch of the nominee
- include an abstract of dissertation research written by the nominee

Selected students and their nominators will be notified by September 15, 2010.

I have attached a brochure about the McGarry Symposium and one about postdoctoral training at UT Southwestern. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. I thank you in advance for sharing this message with your colleagues.

Sincerely,
Deirdre Brekken, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Affairs Office
UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (Please see attachments)

2. DELTACARE DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR 2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR

UMDNJ will once again offer our students, postdoctoral fellows and their dependents the DeltaCare dental insurance plan for 2010-11 academic year. Enrollment in this plan is voluntary; it is not required insurance.
Students and postdoctoral fellows interested in participating in the plan will enroll online, beginning June 7, through University Health Plans (UHP). The online enrollment form, plan benefits and highlights and a list of network dentists can be found by linking to http://www.universityhealthplans.com, and following the links to the UMDNJ dental insurance information.

The premiums will be:
Student Only - $275
Student + 1 dependent - $522
Student + 2 or more dependents - $820

July 15, 2010 is the enrollment deadline for coverage from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011. Deadlines of August 15, 2010 and September 15, 2010 have been established as well for September 1 and October 1 effective dates respectively. Students who enroll after the first deadline of July 15 may not appear on their dentist’s roster until the first week of the effective date, and their dentist will need to call DeltaCare to verify eligibility. The premium will not be prorated for the September and October effective dates. Students with questions regarding the plan or the enrollment process should be referred to UHP via email at info@univhealthplans.com, or telephone at (800) 437-6448.

3. GEORGE STREET BUS STOPS City of New Brunswick - George Street Beautification Project Beginning Monday, June 14, 2010, George Street in New Brunswick will undergo various phases of construction as part of the George Street Beautification Project. June 14, 2010 - All mass transit will be re-routed around George Street between New Street and Albany Street. Therefore, all bus stops along George Street (Patterson stop, Bayard stop and Church stop) will be closed. Instead, all buses going Northbound will make a right at New Street, left on Neilson and left on Albany. All buses headed Southbound will make a left on Albany, right on Neilson and right on New Street. This pattern will remain in place until further notice.

4. ASBMB offers a free year of membership to newly minted Ph.D.s. Just have your graduate program coordinator contact our membership office, and we’ll send an application for a free membership. It’s our way of saying “congratulations!”

5. LUNCH WITH DEAN AMENTA OF RWJMS Please join Dean Peter Amenta for an open discussion on Wednesday June 23rd in Research Tower 2 room 258. Lunch will be provided.

6. UPDATE ON GSBS AT RWJMS EXTERNAL REVIEW. On July 22 and 23rd, the GSBS at RWJMS will be hosting visitors for an external review. Thanks to all students who participated in our surveys in preparation for this event. Students representing our programs will also meet with the external review team for open discussions. We hope if you are asked to meet with the committee you will make yourself available, we want them to hear your thoughts. Any questions contact Dr. Janet Alder alderja@umdnj.edu.