Dear Students,

It is an exciting time of year as some of you and your friends graduate. We will have events May 19th for GSBS, May 20th with RWJMS and UMDNJ wide commencement May 22. I am sure you join me in congratulating all our graduates, and we look forward to their future accomplishments.

In addition, as I am sure you all know things are well underway for the integration of UMDNJ GSBS and 6 other schools of UMDNJ with Rutgers. Information will continue to be provided via http://ru-umdnjtogether.rutgers.edu/. You can expect information more specific to GSBS students in the future, however, rest assured we are all working together to make this a positive event for our community here in Piscataway New Brunswick. Dr. Kukor Dean of the Rutgers Graduate School New Brunswick, and Dr. Scotto Dean of GSBS are working with many of us within GSBS at RWJMS in this transition.

Best wishes for a wonderful and productive summer.

Terri Kinzy

PS, as always remember, you are required to have one meeting each academic year. Please remember to schedule your annual committee meeting before September. For those students who have finished the Proposition Exam, the exam counts as a committee meeting for that academic year.

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1. A message from your Student Wellness Program: 732-235-5933
“The Student Wellness Program is open during the Summer Months”
As the 2012-2013 academic years gradually moves towards its eventual finale; and the beaconing warmer seasonal temperatures begin to create visions of fun-filled times typically associated with the summer months, I wanted to remind each of you that the Student Wellness Program (SWP) remains open throughout the summer for counseling services. As always, SWP services are free and confidential.

(Please see attachment)

2. EAP Office Change of Address
I wanted to alert you and your GSBS colleagues that your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) office was recently relocated as follows:

Employee Assistance Program
University Behavioral Healthcare
The Walton Building
242 Old New Brunswick Road, 3rd Floor, Suite # 330
Piscataway, NJ 08854
We are actually located less than one-mile from our former site; again, plenty of free and accessible parking is available, and our building is handicap-accessible. We can accommodate GSBS staff who are interested in utilizing our EAP resources Monday to Friday (i.e., day & evening appointments are available). Please feel free to share this new office location with your GSBS peers. Also, if you have any questions pertaining to this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-235-5930 or by e-mail at walkerji@umdnj.edu.

Regards,

James Walker Jr., Ed.D.
Licensed Psychologist
Employee Assistance & Student Wellness Programs
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Phone: 732-235-5930 & 732-235-5933

3. EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES from the New York Academy of Sciences

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (EDT)
Futures in Life Science: Fixing the Post-Doc Dilemma
Location: Marriott Marquis Hotel, 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036
This interactive program will discuss the career landscape facing postdocs interested in moving into industry. This session is open and FREE to all post-docs and advanced graduate students, and includes complimentary attendance to the NYBA 22nd Annual Meeting Gala Reception. This event is a special program of the NYBA 22nd Annual Meeting.

Sponsored by: The New York Biotechnology Association as part of the 22nd annual NYBA meeting

May 6th, 2013, 7pm - 9:30pm
Neuroscience in the Private Sector
After the panel discussion, participants are encouraged to join us for an informal networking session from 8:30pm - 9:30pm at the Rockefeller University Faculty Club.

Panelists:

- Rudy Bellani, PhD, Associate, McKinsey and Company
- Rachel Schindler, MD, Vice President of Clinical Affairs, Alzheimer's Disease, Pfizer
- Timothy Spencer, PhD, Associate Editor, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Publishing Group
- Nicole Sullivan, PhD, Intellectual Property / Patent Lawyer, Troutman Sanders LLP (also formerly with Wyeth)

Moderator:

- Kelley Remole, PhD, Director of Neuroscience Outreach at Columbia University

May 29th, 2013, 7pm - 9:30pm
Neuroscience in the Non-Profit Sector
After the panel discussion, participants are encouraged to join us for an informal networking session from 8:30pm - 9:30pm at the Rockefeller University Faculty Club.

Panelists:

- Diana Shineman, PhD, Scientific Director, Alzheimer Drug Discovery Foundation
- Kelley Remole, PhD, Director of Scientific Outreach at the Mind, Brian, and Behavior Institute, Columbia University
- Annette Gray, PhD, Neuroscience Institute Program Manager, NYU
- Sandya Viswanathan, MSc, Producer, American Museum of Natural History
4. NIH Research Conference for students interested in exploring postdoc opportunities at the NIH

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is actively recruiting candidates to participate in the 8th NIH National Graduate Student Research Conference, to be held October 6-8, 2013 in Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of this event is to recruit outstanding young scientists to postdoctoral positions in the NIH Intramural Research Program (IRP). NIH postdocs train in groups across all NIH Institutes and Centers (http://irp.nih.gov/) and have access to outstanding career and professional development activities through the NIH Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE; www.training.nih.gov). This year the Conference will be held in conjunction with the NIH Research Festival, which highlights recent significant biomedical advances made at the NIH, and Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend Research Festival Sessions.

We are writing to request your assistance in identifying candidates for this event. Please share this e-mail with students in your PhD program. To be eligible students must be enrolled in a PhD program in the U.S. and on schedule to complete their PhD degree requirements between March 2013 and October 2014. The deadline for application is June 15, 2013. Further details of the Conference and the link to the online application can be found at:

2013 National Graduate Student Research Conference<https://www.training.nih.gov/events/recurring/nih_national_graduate_student_research_festival>

Do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions.

Best,

Sharon

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5. GSA Graduate Students and Postdocs: Apply for the DeLill Nasser Award today!

Dear Colleague:

Now is the time for graduate student and postdoctoral members of GSA to apply for DeLill Nasser Travel Awards for Professional Development in Genetics. Awards of $1,000 each will be awarded for travel to national and international meetings or laboratory courses. These meetings and courses should take place between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. (Additional awards will be presented in the fall for meetings and laboratory courses occurring between January 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014.)

A 2012 recipient of the DeLill Nasser Award said that thanks to attending a meeting with the award, "I feel as though I have a much clearer idea of which ‘big-picture’ areas of genetic research appear the most important, and which advantages and disadvantages my current model system has in trying to address these problems of the future...This award granted me a great career opportunity for which I am very thankful.” Don’t let this “great career opportunity” pass by you or your trainees! The deadline for applications is April 5, 2013.

Please publicize this among your colleagues, students and postdocs. Don’t let them miss this chance to receive funding that could make a difference to their research and career.

Best regards,
Beth Ruedi
Director of Education and Professional Development, GSA

6. GSBS "Academic Forms"

Attention All Students:
Please visit the GSBS "Academic Forms" link http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/education/gsbs/current/forms.html and make sure you download the required most current form whenever needed.

Anyone who submits an outdated form will be asked to complete and obtain all required signatures again on the most current form.