



THE DEAN'S CORNER

This inaugural issue is part of our ongoing improvements to increase communication across programs and thus advance our mission of training the next generations of leaders in their fields. We welcome your feedback and items for the next edition!

– Lorna G. Moore, PhD, Dean

- WFU named affiliate for NSF professional development program
- New Web site under development
- Inaugural National Postdoc Appreciation Day Sept. 24 with special speakers and prizes.

GRAD STUDENT/POSTDOC NEWS

- 6 students awarded William Randolph Hearst Foundation scholarships
- Neuroscience graduate student John Graef spends a week with Nobel Laureates in Lindau, Germany.
- Best Graduate Student Poster prizes won by Yuval Silberman at Research Society on Alcoholism and by Robert Gould at ASPET annual meetings
- Jeanie Biser wins one of three North Carolina Outstanding Student Teacher Awards
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences publication by Andrew Burke, Heather Hatcher and Ravi Singh (Cancer Biology) and Leo Ding (Physics) appears on new treatment for kidney tumors
- Eric Peterson (Physics) wins NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- Aaron Corcoran (Biology) discovers new sonar-jamming capability for bats and nets his first publication in *Science*!
- Julia Barb (English) receives Bashir El-Beshti Prize in Renaissance Studies for her work on early modern women's writing
- Jenifer Jordan (Biomedical Engineering) wins American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship
- Fumi Katsuki (Neurobiology and Anatomy) receives summer scholarship for Neuroinformatics course
- David Soto-Pantoja (Molecular Genetics) and Jyotsana Menon (Physiology/Pharmacology) together with faculty members Patricia Gallagher and Ann Tallant discover new treatment for shrinking lung cancer tumors
- Keith Dowd (Psychology) together with faculty member John Petrocelli publish an article in a top personality and social psychology journal

UPCOMING GRADUATE SCHOOL EVENTS

- PhD weekend Feb 18-19, 2010
- Reynolda campus Faculty Excellence in Research Award at Founders Day
- Grad Student/Postdoc Research Day March 23, 2010
- Richter, Melson Outstanding Master's and Doctoral Student, and Graduate Student Association Faculty Excellence Awards at Hooding and Awards Ceremony.



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Mike Tytell (Neurobiology and Anatomy), Carole Browne (Biology), and Jed Macosko (Physics) win cross-campus grant for examining neuroprotective effect of Hsp70
- Akbar Salam (Chemistry) wins Ollen R Nalley Faculty Fellowship (2009-12)
- Uli Bierbach and Bruce King (Chemistry) and Dany Kim-Shapiro (Physics) win new NIH awards for cancer and blood flow related work
- Leah McCoy (Education) and Angela King (Chemistry) receive new 5-yr NSF teacher training grant
- NC Biotechnology Center awards received by Rebecca Alexander, Willie Hinze and Mark Welker
- Abdou Lachgar (Chemistry) receives new Reynolds Co. research award
- Several faculty participate in special leadership training programs, including Christa Colyer, Lindsay Comstock, Patrica Dos Santos, and Rebecca Alexander
- Mark Lively (Molecular Genetics) begins his term as the 94th president of FASEB
- Sam Gladding and Debbie Newsome (Counseling) published a new edition of their clinical counseling textbook
- Daniel Bourland has been elected a Board Member for the Directors of Academic Medicine Physics programs

NEW PROGRAMS STARTED/APPROVED

- TA training workshop launched, August 2009
- New Bioethics program begins Fall 2009
- MA, MFA programs in Documentary Film approved to start Fall 2010
- New track in Analytic Genetics to begin Fall 2010

“...thanks to you, I’ve achieved a dream 25 years in the making.”

– Racquel Collins-Underwood, Cancer Biology alumna

ALUMNINEWS

- Carla Lema Tome (PhD/MBA) receives MBA award for Academic Excellence, Sept 2009
- Physics alums Anthony Pecorella and Yuir Shtridelman, along with faculty member Jed Macosko (Physics) win MacArthur Foundation award
- Molecular Genetics alumna Felicia Goodrum receives the US government’s “Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists & Engineers”
- Education graduates Mary Barnhardt and Austin James receive prestigious first-year teacher awards
- Program alumnus Todd Atwood wins in Young Investigator prize
- Chemistry alumna Poonam Narula is accepted into the prestigious MIT Sloan Fellows program

