CANCAS News Notes –November/December 2010

PAST EVENTS

Membership
Membership for individual and groups are available on-line for the 2010-2011 academic year. Be sure to register your school as soon as possible. The deadline for membership forms and dues WAS November 15, 2010. Membership forms are available online (www.cancas.org) and dues can be paid online. Submit your forms as soon as possible. I will need up-to-date contact information so that I can keep you, the membership, informed. Campbell University, Elon University, Meredith College, Mount Olive College, and Tri-Beta at Wake Forest University are now group members. Elizabeth Ann Wilkie from UNC Pembroke is an individual member. Thank You!

The CANCAS Fall Undergraduate Workshop was held at Mount Olive College on November 6, 2010.

Please help me thank Dr. Mickael Cariveau for organizing a successful workshop!

This year’s workshop was focused on career preparation. We had presentations on graduate school preparation and applications and jobs in biotechnology, a job and graduate school panel highlighting Mount Olive alumnae in various career choices such as dental and medical school, graduate school, and biotechnology, and mock interviews. Student participants also had the opportunity of having their resumes/CVs reviewed by a professional service prior to the workshop.

Students and faculty attended from the following schools: Campbell University, East Carolina University, Guilford College, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Meredith College, Mount Olive College, UNC Pembroke, and UNC Wilmington. A CANCAS Business Meeting was held during the workshop’s luncheon and students were encouraged to elect CANCAS campus liaisons.

CURRENT EVENTS

Campus Liaison
The CANCAS Student Officers are recruiting student campus liaisons from CANCAS member institutions. Campus liaisons will be responsible for encouraging participation of their student bodies and organizations with CANCAS. They will stay in touch with CANCAS through News Notes, Facebook and attendance at the Fall Workshop and NCAS Annual Meeting, and recruit new student members from their home institution. If a student is interested in becoming a Campus Liaison please have them contact me (Erin Lindquist, erinlind@meredith.edu) and encourage him/her to attend the NCAS Annual Meetings at Elon University March 25-26, 2011.

Facebook
If you wish to join the CANCAS Facebook, just type in CANCAS after you create an
account and select “join” group. The information will be updated and keep you posted on current events.

**Tattoo Design Contest**

All CANCAS members are invited to submit their temporary tattoo design to be selected and used as NCAS promotional material for the Astronomy Days event in May 2011. The winning design will be posted on the CANCAS website. Thousands of people attend the Astronomy Days event at the North Carolina Museum of Science in Raleigh each year. Please submit your design electronically to Erin Lindquist (erinlind@meredith.edu).

**Genome Consortium for Active Teaching (GCAT)**

GCAT is pleased to announce its second annual synthetic biology workshop. This is a FREE workshop for faculty working primarily with undergraduates in the USA. All travel, housing, food and lab expenses are paid for by GCAT.


The workshop runs June 16 - 18, 2011 with participants expected to arrive on June 15. The workshop and free housing will be at Missouri Western State University. Applications are to be submitted by interdisciplinary teams with one faculty member and one faculty member from another department. Applications are now available online.


**FUTURE EVENTS**

The **CANCAS/NCAS Annual Meeting** will be held at Elon University in Elon, NC from March 25-26, 2011. The Annual Meeting is an excellent venue for undergraduates and graduate students to present posters and presentations. New CANCAS Officers will be elected during the CANCAS Business Meeting on March 26 at the meetings. More information will be available in early 2011.

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If you have any ideas for CANCAS and what they could do for you, feel free to contact the above officers.

**FINAL NOTES**
Suggestions & Comments can be directed to Dr. Erin Lindquist <erinlind@meredith.edu>. Let me know if you have any news that you would like included in the monthly News Notes or suggestions to improve the series. If you notice errors in any of the news, please let me know so that I can send out a correction or fix it for the next month. Thanks!

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