Dear CANCAS Members:

I hope that all of you are having a great start to the academic year. The Executive Committee of the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science has been hard at work this year planning all of the upcoming events, and we are all excited to see things coming together. I am pleased to announce that this year's Fall Research Workshop will be held at The North Carolina Museum of Natural Science & North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC on October 4, 2008. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to cordially invite and encourage everyone who belongs to, or is interested in our organization to attend.

There are several very good speakers scheduled for this year's Fall Research Workshop. Topics to be covered this year include Scientific Illustration, biotechnology, methods to communicate research effectively, and the importance of undergraduate research. I am very excited about all of the topics that are being covered this year, and am looking forward to hearing from these speakers. Besides these presentations, there will also be a luncheon, and a CANCAS Board Meeting held during the event.

The CANCAS Executive Committee is always working on projects that we hope will benefit our members, and the scientific community as a whole. This year CANCAS is trying to raise awareness of our organization so that we can provide better opportunities for undergraduate research, and scientific networking. Our key networking tool is the CANCAS website. Our website contains useful information on past events and future events. It also contains information on our membership, and grants. The link for the website is provided at the bottom of this letter. CANCAS also hosts a Facebook group to keep our members in contact with each other. I would like to invite anyone who is interested to make the most of both of these resources.

Last Year CANCAS did a wonderful job with all of its projects. I hope that this year's events will be as successful and educational as all those that preceded it. I look forward to seeing all of our current CANCAS members, and hopefully some new faces both the Fall Workshop, and this year's annual NCAS meeting. Until I see you all at the Fall Workshop, I would like to wish everyone good luck with this new academic year.

Sincerely,

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