Bringing Christmas to Children in Need!

Every year, GPC sponsors Christmas gifts for children. This year, we want to encourage donations so that we can sponsor gifts for at least one child on behalf of the Biochemistry Department. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate! If you wish to help us, please contact Jared Ellingsen.

Upcoming Social Events:

- **Friday** @ 5:00pm - Friday Fun at Heidelberg.
- **Thursday Nov. 8th** – Science on Wheels at Maries County.
- **Tuesday Nov. 13th @5:30pm** – Friendsgiving Dinner at Schweitzer Bridge

We need your input for MU Biochemistry Merchandise

Would you like to purchase some cool Biochemistry swag? Do you have any preferred type of apparel, like t-shirts or hats? Do you have any ideas for designs for the apparel? If so, contact us! We want to hear from you!

Please email Shannon King at shk4k8@email.missouri.edu by Nov. 14th.

November Birthday Corner 🎂

- Nov. 10th – Paige Gruenke
- Nov. 15th – Kwaku Tawiah
- Nov. 17th – Austin Prater

Happy Birthday! Joyeux Anniversaire! ¡Feliz cumpleaños!
Cate Seidu, successfully passed her Comprehensive Exam! Great job, Cate! Keep up the good work!

Shannon King, recently gave a talk in Baltimore at the annual ASA CSSA meeting during the Global Plant Councils workshop on Enhancing Global Collaborations in Crop Science. The talk was about recent science communication efforts on a trip to China and the importance of global collaboration and science communication for graduate students.

Allie Bogner has added a new member to her family! Meet her fur-child, Duchess!

Quote of the week:

*Imagination is more important than knowledge.* - Albert Einstein

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Learn about pre-doctoral NIH fellowships and to get tips on how to prepare them. This should also be of interest to those who might consider NIH post-doc applications as well. If interested contact Dr. Charlotte Phillips.

Reach out! Currently, several 2nd and 3rd year students are preparing to take their Qualifying Exam/Comprehensive Exam. As a 2nd or 3rd year student, don’t be afraid to reach out to older students for help/feedback, and if you’re more advanced in your graduate degree, this is a great time to share your experience/knowledge with younger students! Let’s support and encourage one another!

Upcoming Social Events:

Tuesday Oct. 30th - GPC Halloween Party! 7pm-till closing at the Heidelberg Roof.
Friday @ 5:00pm - Friday Fun at Heidelberg.
Thursday Nov. 8th – Science on Wheels at Maries County.

October Birthday Corner 🎂

Oct. 16th – Mandy Paz
Oct. 22nd – Mark Schroeder

Happy Birthday! Joyeaux Anniversaire! ¡Feliz cumpleaños!
Dr. Erica LaMontagne obtained a job as Research Scientist II in Elemental Enzymes! Congratulations!! We know you’ll do great things!

Some of our very own biochemistry graduate students had the opportunity to communicate their science at Callaway County as part of Science on Wheels. Kevin Muñoz, Allie Bogner, and Jordyn Lucas, thank you for sharing your work with the community!

Quote of the week:
A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life. — Charles Darwin
Upcoming Social Events:

Saturday Oct. 20th- pumpkin patch/corn maze/apple picking event! We will leave Columbia at 12:30pm (people can meet up on campus to carpool).

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Austin Prater and Rebekah Holtsclaw got engaged on Oct. 1st. Congratulations guys, we’re so happy for you two!

Samantha and Mark Schroeder united their lives in matrimony this past Saturday, Oct. 6th. Cheers! We wish you a lifetime of love and happiness!

Erica LaMontagne successfully defended her dissertation last week. Hats off for Dr. LaMontagne!

Quote of the week:
“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” — Marie Curie

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Science on Wheels

Is a program looking for speakers who can give ~5 minute talks about their science and facilitate a follow-up discussion. They travel to rural areas (within a 1 hour driving distance of Columbia) and only ask speakers to attend/speak at 1 session of their choosing. It’s a great science communication experience!
Interested? Contact David Porciani at porcianid@missouri.edu

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Upcoming Social Events:

Every Friday @ 5:00pm - Friday Fun at Heidelberg
Thursday Sept. 20th @ 6:00pm – GPC Welcome Party at Logboat Brewing

September Birthday Corner

Sept. 15th – Allie Bogner

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Shannon King was featured in the “Inside Mizzou Podcast,” congrats! Check it out on the link below:


Dr. Kimberly Jasmer-McDonald, a Mizzou alumna and current postdoc. In Dr. Petris’ lab recently received a 2-year $50,000 research grant from the Sjögren’s Syndrome Foundation. Congratulations!

Jared Ellingsen was selected as GPC representative. Cheers Jared, we believe in you!

Paige Gruenke and Seth Staller from the Burke Lab. have successfully completed their Comprehensive Exams! Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

Quote of the week:

Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.

― Carl Sagan

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New GPC Representative!
During our meeting this Wednesday we will choose our new GPC (Graduate Professional Council) representative. Our nominees are: Jarred Ellingsen & Bryce Page
Make sure to come by to hear their goals as potential reps!

Upcoming Social Events:
Wednesday Aug. 29th @ 5:00pm - BGSO Meeting (dinner will be provided) at Schlundt Annex 205
Friday Aug. 31st @ 5:00pm - Friday Fun at Heidelberg
Thursday Sept. 6th @ 6:00pm - GPC Welcome Party at Logboat Brewing
Friday Sept. 7th @ 5:00pm - Friday Fun at Heidelberg

August-September Birthday Corner
Aug. 28th – Kevin Muñoz
Sept. 15th – Allie Bogner
Happy Birthday! Joyeux Anniversaire! ¡Feliz cumpleaños!
Kelly Mason received the Charles Gherke Award this past Friday. Congratulations Kelly!

Dr. Beamer’s lab recently published two papers that you can find in the links below. The work was spearheaded by Kyle Stiers.

https://www.cell.com/structure/fulltext/S0969-2126(18)30251-X

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S007668791830137X#f0035

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“it is strange that only extraordinary men make the discoveries, which later appear so easy and simple.”

-Georg C. Lichtenberg

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Welcome our new 1st Years!

We are delighted to have Alani Antoine-Mitchell, Tyler Ball, Kelly Mason, Samuel Nkrumah, Haritha Shanker Dhanikonda, and Mark Silveria join our department!

If you see them around make sure to introduce yourselves and make them feel at home!

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Upcoming Social Events:

Tuesday Aug. 14th @11:30am- Welcome Luncheon
@ 1:30-3:30pm - Poster Session
@4:30pm – Dinner at the bridge

Friday Aug. 17th @10:45 – Coffee break at the bridge

August Birthday Corner

28th – Kevin Munoz
Happy Birthday! Joyeux Anniversaire! ¡Feliz cumpleaños!
Allie Bogner has received the T32 grant. Kuddos Allie! Keep up the good work!

Dr. Vinit Shanbhag graduated last month and recently received the Phi Kappa Phi Dissertation Fellowship and became a fellow for the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Postdoctoral Scholars Programs! Way to go, Vinit!

Bryce Page received the R25 Fellowship. Congratulations Bryce! ¡Muy bien!

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