Happenings in May & June 2012

Dr. Laura Bridgewater attended the annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. This meeting was a part of the larger Experimental Biology Conference which was held in April 2012 in San Diego, California. Graduate students Daniel Olsen and Brandt Nichols attended the conference, as well as five undergraduate students.

Dr. Kim O’Neill travelled to Dublin, Ireland May 20-25, 2012 to present “Inflammation During Carcinogenesis” at the Keystone Symposium.

John Lee and Dr. Richard Robison attended the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) annual meeting held in San Francisco, California held in June 2012.

Faculty Travel

Katie Card is the new MMBio student secretary! She is from Mapleton, Utah and just recently graduated from Maple Mountain High School. Katie loves soccer. She began playing when she was 7 and just recently finished her 3rd varsity season at her high school. She has refereed competition soccer for 4 years. She enjoys reading romance novels, playing the piano, and her favorite treat is Lindt chocolate. Katie hopes to major in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations. We are excited to have her working in our department!

New Secretary

Publications

Dr. Brent Johnson recently had a review article published! The title of his article is “Clathrin-Associated Endocytosis as a Route of Entry into Cells for Paroviruses.” You can find his paper in “Molecular Regulation of Endocytosis” in chapter 8, on pages 183-216.
After more than 3 years as the MMBio Department Student Secretary, Amanda Lake is leaving to serve in the Nevada Las Vegas Mission. Amanda will enter the MTC in August. Replacing Amanda as the Student Secretary is Katie Card, an incoming freshman from Mapleton, Utah. The Department wishes Amanda the best of luck on her mission and welcomes Katie in her new position.

Dr. Sandra Burnett and two Phage Hunters students, Joshua Fisher and Adam Gardner, attended the HHMI Science Education Alliance (SEA) Fourth Annual Symposium June 9-11. Adam presented a poster describing the Mycobacterium phage research performed by the 2011-2012 Phage Hunters titled, "Proposal for A1 Subcluster Division and Evidence of Evolutionary Events in B1 and B4 Subcluster Phage." Adam said, “The conference was awesome. It was great seeing the work that other students from across the nation have been doing, and to hear talks from some of the leading researchers in the field.”

Amanda stands outside what has been her office for the past 3 years, which was festively decorated for her last day with the department.