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Senior Audits

Communicating Changes in Academic Plans to UPBM office...

The Center for Academic Support is conducting senior audits earlier than in years past. Senior audits that used to be conducted in January are now done in October. The change will be beneficial, as it will allow students more time to plan the completion of their major requirements accordingly. However, seniors who register for spring courses that are different from their academic plans need to notify the UPBM office of the changes. Should you have questions regarding the new audit procedures please contact the [UPBM administrator](#).

2009 National Conference on Undergraduate Research Notice from the Office of Undergraduate Research

The 2009 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) will take place on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse on April 16-18, 2009. Typically, around 15-20 students from the University of Rochester attend the conference and give presentations on their research. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our strongest students to show off their work and meet other students doing research around the country. This venue is of particular value for students who do not have the opportunity to make a presentation at a professional meeting in their area of research. You can find more information on the conference at <http://www.uwlax.edu/ncur2009/>.

Students, who might be interested in attending NCUR 2009, should visit the College webpage at <http://www.rochester.edu/college/ugresearch/ncur/index.html> for an overview, application information and a timeline of the application process. Although students can submit abstracts and attend on the conference on their own, the Office of Undergraduate Research will organize a trip to La Crosse for group of University of Rochester students and cover the travel expenses for as many of these students as budget constraints allow.

Please note that the deadline for interested students to submit applications to the Office of Undergraduate Research to be part of this group is November 3, 2008.

Faculty vs. Students Volleyball Game

The Effectiveness of Power Colors

On Friday, 10/24, the Society For Undergraduate Biology Students (SUBS) held their first student/faculty volleyball game. According to Ajit Rao, SUBS president, the volleyball game turned out to be lots of fun. Approximately twenty people turned out for the game. There were roughly nine undergrads and eleven faculty and graduate students.

Dawning red apparel, professors Eickbush, Werren, Minckley, Olek, and Glor proved that power colors really do work as they ended up winning best out of 3 games (2-1) against the undergrads. Victory should have come as no surprise since the faculty brought a research article discussing how wearing red is associated with winning.

SUBS have plans to coordinate more volleyball events this year. For information on SUBS membership and activities contact: roc.subs@gmail.com.

UPBM Poster Session 2008

A Success: Visit Photo Gallery

Congratulations and a big Biology thank you to the presenters that helped make this year's UPBM Poster Session on Friday 10/17/08 a success.

This year UPBM teamed up with the Chemistry department to welcome approximately 150 on-goers that consisted of students, faculty, and alumni.

Biology majors presented research from the UR deKiewiet Summer Fellowship Research Program, New York University, Center for Neural Science, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, The Vaccine Research Center at The National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Disease, and the Institute of Bio-organic Chemistry at Forschungszentrum in Juelich-Germany. For more information's on the authors and their research visit: http://www.rochester.edu/college/BIO/UPBM/UPBMPosterSession2008_AuthorsofResearch_CkItOut.pdf.

Biology majors who participated in this year's UPBM Poster Session are:

Joseph Bedont '09, BNS
Matthew Brockway '09 BMG
Octavia Brooks '09 BIO
Peter Dvorak '09, BBC
Anne Eshenour '09, BMG
Christopher Hergott '09, BBC
Colleen Kellenberger, '09, BBC
Myra Mathis '09, BBC
Chelsea McGuire '09, BMB
Kevin Van Bortle '09, BBC
Erick Vostle '10, BIO

To view photos from UPBM Poster Session visit: <http://www.rochester.edu/College/BIO/UPBM/UPBMPosterSession2008.htm>.

Upcoming Events

Calendar Items

November 3, (Monday) 9:00 PM

Charles Drew Pre-Health Society Course Preview Event: <http://sa.rochester.edu/charlesdrew/Education.html>
Goergen 101

November 3 (Monday) 12:00 PM

Donut Talk
Dr. Casey Dunn, Brown University
"From the colony-level development of siphonophores to improved resolution of the animal tree of life: bringing new tools to old questions"
Hutchison 473

November 5 (Wednesday) 12:00 PM – 1:30PM

Advising and Cluster Fair
Wilson Commons May Room

November 10 – 13 (Monday - Wednesday)

Online Registration for Spring 2009 semester begins
11/10 seniors
11/11 juniors
11/12 sophomores
11/13 freshmen

November 10 (Monday) 12:00 PM

Donut Talk
Dr. Michael Rexach, University of California, Santa Cruz
"Gating Macromolecular Diffusion Across the Nuclear Pore Complex"
Hutchison 473

November 17 (Monday) 12:00 PM

Donut Talk
Dr. Matthew Rockman, New York University
"Causes of variation in wild *C. elegans*"
Hutchison 473

November 18 (Tuesday)

Last date to declare S/F option (except for students in their first semester)

November 18 (Tuesday)

Last date students can withdraw from courses

November 24 (Monday) 12:00 PM

Donut Talk
Dr. Thomas Near, Yale University
"Climate change and diversification of Antarctic fishes"
Hutchison 473

November 26 - 28 (Thursday & Friday)

Thanksgiving Break (recess begins at noon on 11/26 and classes resume on Monday, 12/1)

Opportunities

Alaskan Observers, Inc. North Pacific Ground Fish Observer
Positions Available Year-Round:
<http://www.alaskanobservers.com/observer.html>

Albert Einstein Summer Undergraduate Research Program
(SURP): <http://www.aecom.yu.edu/phd/index.asp?surp>

Case Western University Summer Undergraduate Research in Pharmacology (SPUR) Application Deadline 2/15/09: <http://pharmacology.case.edu/education/surp.aspx>

Columbia University/Barnard College Amgen Scholars Summer Research Program Application Deadline 2/1/09: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/biology/ug/amgen/>

Krell Institute DOE Computational Science Graduate Fellowship Application Deadline: 1/14/09 by 5:00 pm CST: <https://www.krellinst.org/doecsgf/application/>

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), [Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities \(INRO\)](#)

Rice University 2009 IBB Summer Undergraduate Internship Programs
Application deadline 2/13/09:
HHMI Program in Bionanotechnology:
http://cohesion.rice.edu/naturalsciences/hhmi/index.cfm?doc_id=10945
REU in Cellular Engineering:
http://cohesion.rice.edu/naturalsciences/nsfreu/index.cfm?doc_id=11338

Wadsworth Center Summer Research Program 2009 in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences
<mailto:http://www.wadsworth.org/educate/molcel.htm>

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