DEAR UCI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GRADUATE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY,

Sometimes time passes in a blur or we forget to sense our surroundings. This review of non-academic activities from the past few months is an antidote to the blah. We’re also giving a shoutout to our student-led clubs!

Enjoy!
SOM Office of Graduate Studies Team
Leora, Joanne, Diana, Grace

Spring Hike Review

The hike from the Bommer Canyon trailhead on Sunday, April 23 gave students, postdocs, faculty & staff a verdant getaway. Thank you to Dr. Hertel for getting people outside!
Soccer Match Review

Score for the SOM Grad Student, Postdoc & Faculty Soccer Match on Saturday, May 6th! Score on an amazing turnout for the game and BBQ/Potluck. Thanks Ben Clock & Dr. Hertel for organizing!

Here's to another great year!
SOM Student Orgs Shoutouts

SOM DECADE
Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience
To wrap up the academic year, DECADE hosted a very popular resume building workshop with Harinder Singh.

If you are interested in learning more about DECADE, please contact Olga Jaime (ogjaime@uci.edu) and Javi Lepe (jlope2@uci.edu).

OncoSlayers
The OncoSlayers is a team lead by the Cancer Research Institute and comprised of SOM graduate students, postdocs, faculty, staff and researchers. In 2022 we raised over $10K, which is our highest since we started in 2017. All are welcome to join. In September we will have a coffee and bake sale in Sprague Hall! Please keep your eyes open for the flyers for more information and details. Our co-captain Maryam Fallatah, is working with GPS-Stem on an “Art in Science” fundraiser starting in July/August.

We have an informal running club that runs a 5K 1-2 times a week in the evenings. Just sign up on our team page. https://www.anticancerchallenge.org/OncoSlayers.
If you have any questions please email cri@uci.edu.

AWIS
Association for Women in Science
AWIS will be hosting career panels this summer. The career panels will have a number of foci including: computational/bioinformatics, engineering, and bio/chem experimental. These panels hope to introduce students to relevant careers in industry and academia.

For questions and inquiries, please contact Katrina Bartas (kbartas@uci.edu).
QTABS
Queer, Trans, and Allies In Biological Sciences

Save the date! The 2nd annual QTABS Community Symposium will be on June 9th. In other news, QTABS will receive funding from BioSci DEI for a 3rd year of QTABS!

If you are interested in learning more about QTABS, please contact José Morán (moranja@uci.edu) or qtabs@uci.edu.

ReachOutTeachOut

In May, ReachOut TeachOut at UCI held its very first Lab Tour Day in almost 4 years! ROTO brought 100 high schoolers from Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Westminster to the UCI campus, where they met graduate students, postdocs, and faculty members from 14+ STEM departments at UCI. Our visitors also toured labs in the Schools of Medicine, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Engineering. We are incredibly thankful to all of our dedicated volunteers who contributed their time and efforts toward making our event an amazing success! To learn more about our program, please email roto@uci.edu. To subscribe to our newsletter, please fill out this Google Form. For further inquiries and questions, reach out to Annie Trinh at atrinh6@uci.edu.
AGS
Associated Graduate Students

1. AGS Student Council Elections: The 2023-2024 elections took place in April. We still have some School of Medicine specific open seats available. If you are interested in serving on next year's council, please reach out to our Elections Officer at elections@ags.uci.edu.

2. Previous Memorable Events: AGS was active throughout the year and events were incredibly well-received. Here are some highlights:
   a. Anteater Pub Mixers: The pub extended its operating hours from 5pm to 9pm, for grad students to socialize, connect, and eat free food!
   b. Know Your Rights Training: AGS organized a comprehensive training session on Title IX and Disability Rights.
   c. Advocacy in Washington, D.C.: The 2023 AGS lobby corps embarked on a transformative journey where they conducted several meetings with elected officials.

3. Upcoming Events
   a. AGS Inclusive Drag Night: Join us for a night of inclusivity, celebration, and fabulous performances! This highly anticipated event will take place on June 7th at the Bren Events Center. Keep an eye on your email for the invite!

These events and more have provided invaluable opportunities for graduate students to network, unwind, and engage with others. We hope you find these updates exciting and are inspired to participate in the upcoming activities. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. Stay up to date with AGS on our website: www.ags.uci.edu. Here's to another fantastic year with AGS!
REMIND
Research and Education in Memory Impairments & Neurological Disorders

In April, REMIND held 14th Annual Emerging Scientists Symposium. Thank you for everyone that helped make this event possible! This summer, REMIND will be running the Beall Scholar program for the 3rd year which is a 1 week summer program for 11th grade students interested in careers in brain research, gaining, and healthcare. If you are interested in participating in REMIND’s events, please email remind@uci.edu.

Beall Scholar Program

1 week summer program for 11th grade students interested in careers in brain research, gaining, and healthcare.

by Application only:

• 10-15 scholars will be selected
• Interested students must apply by May 1, 2023 with:
  • high school transcripts
  • a letter of recommendation
  • a personal statement

Qualifying high schools can schedule an information session for 11th grade students through April 3, 2023. Email remind@uci.edu for more information.

Apply @ www.MIND.UCI.EDU/BEALL

GPS–STEM
Graduate Professional Success Program– STEM

In 2022–2023, GPS–STEM onboarded Program Director, Joanne Ly, PhD. Recent events included April’s Career Networking Nights with Orange County Regulatory Affairs, Life Beyond the PhD seminars, and re-launch of the 2023 PhD and Postdoc Career Transition Series, wrapping up on Jun 22, 2023. Through summer, GPS–STEM is accepting applications for the 2023 Science Policy and Advocacy Certificate Program. GPS–STEM was accepted into the Professional Development Hub (PDhub) collections for an 8-week Flipped Classroom Career Exploration Workshop Series in Winter 2024. To learn more, visit https://gps-stem.grad.uci.edu/events/.