Hello all!

I hope that all of you are enjoying your spring semester classes!

As you prepare for midterm exams, remember to use your time management skills, plan for study sessions, and practice self-care! The countdown to Spring Break begins!

-Meaghan

What is included in this Newsletter?

This newsletter will include upcoming conference deadlines, social events, useful workshops, general information that could be pertinent to your field, program ‘reminders,’ and other relevant activities.

Save the Date!

Taste of IBA
April 14, 5-7 PM
Students are encouraged to bring a dish from your childhood to share with other students, IBA staff, and your mentors

Junior Research Presentations
April 26, 1:30-2:45
Please support your fellow students while they present their research!

Senior Graduation
May 10, 4-6PM
Please join us in a graduation celebration for the seniors.
Training Opportunities

ICRU Research Fellows
The ICRU Fellow program encourages the intellectual development of University of Iowa undergraduates by providing financial support for students directly involved in research. The program provides scholarships for students to work as a research fellow on a specific project for one academic year and/or summer under the mentorship of a University of Iowa faculty or P&S Staff member.

Summer Applications DUE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013
Academic Year Applications DUE: Friday, April 12, 2013
http://www.uiowa.edu/~icru/ICRUResearchFellowProgram.shtml

Undergraduate Research Awards

1.) The Office of the Vice President for Research Excellence in Undergraduate Research Awards recognize outstanding accomplishments in scholarly investigation, artistic creation, or performance by an undergraduate student. Recipients are recognized at the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, receive a $1,000 stipend, and travel allowance to attend a conference in their area of study for the next academic year.

2.) ICRU Distinguished Mentor Awards - These awards were created to recognize the outstanding mentoring of undergraduate students in research and creative projects at the University of Iowa. Current University of Iowa students nominate UI faculty or professional and scientific staff who have contributed significantly to the mentoring and overall support of undergraduate research. Application/Nominations for both awards DUE: Friday, March 8, 2013
http://www.uiowa.edu/~icru/awards.shtml

Spring Research Events
Research in the Capitol - This annual event brings undergraduate researchers to the Iowa State Capitol to share their work and posters with Iowa legislators and visitors.

Event Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2013
Applications DUE: Monday, February 18, 2013
http://www.uiowa.edu/~icru/calendar.shtml

Spring Undergraduate Research Festival (SURF) - SURF allows undergraduate students to highlight what research they have accomplished, share their work with others, and gain poster presentation experience.

Event Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Registration DUE: Monday, March 25, 2013
http://www.uiowa.edu/~icru/calendar.shtml
Upcoming Seminars, Workshops, and Conferences of Interest

Great Plains Emerging Infectious Diseases Conferences

April 19-20, 2013

The University of Iowa College of Public Health
Iowa City, Iowa

Keynote Address:
Hsu-Li Distinguished Lectureship in Epidemiology
Dr. Peter Daszak, PhD

President of EcoHealth Alliance, noted disease ecologist, and leader in the field of conservation medicine whose research includes important discoveries toward the identification and prediction of emerging infectious diseases.

PURPOSE: This conference serves to bring together public health professionals, researchers, faculty, and students in microbiology, infectious diseases, and related fields working in the Midwestern and Great Plains states.

FORMAT: Oral and poster research presentations selected from submitted abstracts, as well as breakout sessions, which will be conducted in an “unconference” format. Leaders will not lecture on session topics, but instead will facilitate discussion involving the audience. Breakout session topics will be taken from those suggested by the organizers as well as additional topics suggested and led by conference participants.

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For other seminars specific to your areas of interests, please see:

Biology: http://www.biology.uiowa.edu/seminars.php?date=2012-10-09

Physics: http://www.physics.uiowa.edu/calendar.html

Institute for Clinical and Translational Science: http://icts.uiowa.edu/content/events

Psychology: http://www.psychology.uiowa.edu/events

More information can also be found online: http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/epi/about/hsulaward/
Join us for our IBA Social Events!

Bowling Night was a Blast!
Get involved in the Community

Career Leadership Academy

The Career Leadership Academy is an exciting opportunity for YOU to develop your leadership and professional skills – those same skills that employers have told us they’re looking for in new employees.

The program is comprised of 4 academic credit-bearing courses called “phases” that focus on developing the leadership skills you already have and discovering the ones you’ll need to be successful after graduation. Each phase of the program is filled with seminars, activities, and events designed to give you an edge as a leader in whatever career field you choose.

For more information, visit:
http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/leadershipacademy/

Volunteer Opportunities

The Writing Center at Prairie Point Middle School and 9th Grade Academy is looking for tutors! In the Prairie Point Writing Center, 7th – 9th grade students work on writing assignments while building their ongoing confidence and competency as writers. Tutors help students to understand assignments, focus on their work, and master the idea of writing as a process. If this sounds like a valuable experience for you, visit the Prairie Point web site at https://sites.google.com/site/pp9writing/home and complete the Tutor Application. Please complete the application by March 15 if you wish to volunteer during the Spring 2013 semester.

Want to volunteer at the Crisis Center? Two training sessions are coming up for those who would like to volunteer for the Crisis Center Food Bank and/or the Crisis Intervention Program. If you are interested in applying to take either training, click here to find more information.

Call for Volunteers - Strive for Success needs TUTORS!
Strive for Success (SFS) is a non-profit organization designed and dedicated to helping at-risk youth, grades 3-8, in Iowa City, and surrounding areas succeed in school, life, and society. Our program runs Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-5:30 and Thursdays from 2:30-5:30. We are looking for volunteers to help provide academic support in reading and math.

For more volunteer opportunities, see:
http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/cblp/hotopportunities.html

If you are looking for a volunteer involvement, be sure to also check out the Volunteer Center of Johnson County volunteer matching website or arrange a consultation appointment with the CBLP by calling (319) 335-1023 or by emailing civicengagement@uiowa.edu. We are happy to assist