

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# Dr. William Brandon

Dr. Bill Brandon held a workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> for students and the local community. The workshop topics included Apparatus needs for five schools (next project will be optics kits); Grant Strategy; and How to Use the Wave Drivers (supplied through Bauder Fund). The participants were Jennifer Evans (Cape Fear HS); David Gavasci (RCC); Ed Lowe (Lumberton High School); David Few (Pinecrest HS); and Scott Boucher (Hoke County HS). Each instructor received five complete wave driver apparatuses (5x5=25 total), assembly instructions, and lab manual. The student assistants were Brittany Stokes (graduate student), Dana Lamberton (3+2), Mariam Gerges (3+2), and Sandra Huneycutt (applied physics). Great job, Dr. Brandon.

**November** 

2018







### National STEM Day at the Library

In honor of National STEM Day (November 8, 2018), Dr. Meredith Storms and Erin B. Allen launched a STEM club at Scotland County Memorial Library. They kicked off with astronomy related activities since the theme for National Chemistry Week was "Chemistry is out of this world." We had story time as Erin read the book entitled, "There's No Place Like Space: All About the Planets" by Dr. Seuss. Children made popsicle stick planets and made a foldable to learn the order of the planets. They also created a constellation to introduce them to the wonders of the night sky. We had a terrific time with these budding scientists! Hats off for all the work you are doing with the future generation.





#### Dr. William Brandon

Dr. Bill Brandon and students (Mariam Gerges, Sandra Honeycutt, Brittany Stokes, Dana Lamberton, and James Barstrom) attends the NCS-AAPT at NC A&T in Greensboro, NC on November 9 – 10, 2018. Dr. Brandon spoke at the meeting and the students presented posters and a workshop. Special topics were:

Topic: Design and Construction of Inexpensive Wave Driver ApparatusPresenter: Dana LambertonCo-Authors: Mariam Gerges and William Brandon

Topic: Qualitative Characterization of Solar Cells through Electroluminescence AnalysisPresenter: Sandra HuneycuttCo-Authors: Raj Pulugurtha, Janet Tocho, and Abasifreke Ebong

**Topic:** Evaluation of an Inexpensive Wave Driver in a Formal Lab Activities **Presenter:** Brandon William

Topic: Free Wave DriversPresenter: William BrandonCo-Authors: Brittany Stokes, Mariam Gerges, Dana Lamberton, and James Barstrom

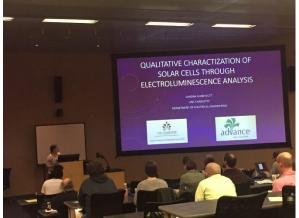




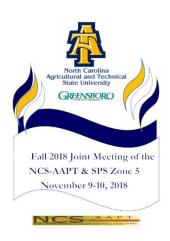












We appreciate all you do for our students. Great job Dr. Brandon!

#### **SNCURCS** Conference

**Conference Name:** The State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS), November 10, 2018 hosted at NC State University **Participant Name:** Joshua Cade, Poster Presentation and Elijah Mebens, Oral Presentation



Thank you, Dr. Holmes and Devang. We appreciate all you do for our students.

### **ABRCMS** Conference



Dr. Rachel Smith attended the ABRCMS Conference with the NIH/NIGMS administrators, and supported RISE Fellows in Indianapolis, IN. The students presented their scientific research at the conference on November 15 – 16, 2018. Thank you, Dr. Smith, for being a part in working with the RISE students.

**Conference Name:** Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), Indianapolis, Indiana, November 14-17, 2018 **Participant Name:** Joshua Cade, Poster Presentation



#### Dr. William Brandon and Dr. Siva Mandjiny

On Friday, November 16, Dr. Brandon and Dr. Mandjiny traveled with students to the department of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at NCSU.





## Dr. Benjamin Killian



Dr. Benjamin Killian represented the department for the Fall Undergraduate Admissions Open House for UNCP students on November 17, 2018. The students experienced student life on our campus, explore their academic options, and met admissions counselors and financial aid experts who will help them throughout their application process. Thank you, Dr. Killian, for being a part of open house and speaking with the students on behalf of our department. Great iob!



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