“IT’S SLIME TIME”

On Saturday, January 27th, Mrs. Felicia Scott worked with 13 middle school students (American Indian seventh and eighth grade students enrolled in the Public Schools of Robeson County). Project Access stands for Achieving College Opportunities, Community Engagement, and Student Success. It is an initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Indian Education. Its goal is to improve access to higher education and career preparedness for American Indian youth of Robeson County. The initiative will engage Native youth, their families, and their tribal communities to be active participants in the process. Students will learn about SAT/ACT test taking strategies, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields and career opportunities, healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, community needs and college and career preparedness. Some science experiments took place in the lab. This experiment is call “It’s Slime Time”.

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**FACULTY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

On Tuesday evening, January 30th, the Faculty Appreciation Night was held during the basketball game in the English E. Jones Center. During half time of the women’s game, faculty was recognized for their outstanding teaching. Several students recognized Dr. Siva Mandjiny and Mrs. Felicia Scott for this special event. After the game, finger foods and drinks was served. Congratulations to you both.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Open House at UNCP for students took place on February 17, 2018. The Open House at UNCP means students can experience student life on our campus, explore their academic options, and meet admissions counselors and financial aid experts who will help them throughout their application process. Thank you, Drs. Smith and Killian, for being a part of open house and speaking with the students on behalf of the department. Great job!
The 2018 North Carolina Region 4 Science & Engineering Fair was held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 in the Auxiliary Gym, Jones Health and Physical Education Center on the campus of UNC Pembroke. This year’s science fair was the 37th year that UNCP has hosted the regional fair. There were over 95 projects entered from eleven different counties in the surrounding area. There will be several projects going on to the state level competition. Due to the generous support from a wide variety of sponsors, we were able to award an additional 26 special recognition awards, many with monetary prizes. The department would like to give a special “thank you” to Dr. Roland Stout, Dr. Quinton Rice, and Mrs. Carolyn Oxendine for their remarkable work on our Region 4 Science Fair. Great Job! Also, thank you to the ones who served as judges or other roles: Dr. Bill Brandon, Dr. Tom Dooling, Dr. Steven Singletary, Ms. Sailaja Vallabha, Mr. Devang Upadhyay, and Dr. Meredith Storms.
Chemistry Junior Winners

Engineering Junior Winner

Physics Junior Winners

Senior and Junior Naval Awards
**ROCKET LAUNCHING**
Dr. Jose D’Arruda has shared pictures of the rocket launching on Saturday, February 17th.
To view more pictures, here is the link:  https://photos.app.goo.gl/FVyAsgo5NX0tc5413
Thank you, Dr. D’Arruda. Great job.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS DAY**

The Chemistry and Physics Academic Awards Day Program-2018 was held February 21, 2018 in room SCI 3256. The department had 18 winning students for awards and scholarships. They are Ereny Gerges – AIC Outstanding Senior Award; Shehab Assaedi – Professional Promise Award; Daniel Middleton – Continuing in Chemistry Award and the Anne Marie Teague Memorial Endowed Scholarship; Tristan Sanborn - ACS Sponsored Award in Analytical Chemistry; Erin Barnhardt - ACS Sponsored Award in Inorganic Chemistry and ACS Sponsored Award in Organic Chemistry; Neven Issa – ACS Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award; Brianna Thompson - CRC Freshman Chemistry Award; Xin Dong - Undergraduate Research Award; Killian McDonald - Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student Award; Mariam Gerges - Einstein Achievement Award in Physics; Jamal Cromartie – ‘3+2’ Student Award; Yara Abumohsen - Drs. Cecil & Naomi Lee Conley Scholarship; Brandon Lowery - Linda D. Oxendine Memorial Scholarship and Outstanding Department Assistant Award; Gabrielle Downs - UNCP Biotechnology Scholarship; Sandra D. Huneycutt – Jose & Dorothy D’Arruda Scholarship; Dana Lamberton and Jazmin Pet – NASA Space Grant Scholarship; Dana Lamberton and Jamal Cromartie – Comstock Foundation Pre-Engineering Scholarship; and Jullienne C. Lim – the Outstanding Department Assistant Award. Congratulations, students, on your recognition and award!
To view more pictures, here is the link:  https://photos.app.goo.gl/T9g7zlsSP3XhYKgY2