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New Hanover Crime Lab

Dr. Steven Singletary and his students visited the New Hanover Crime Lab in Wilmington, NC on March 2, 2020. The group had a great time and an informative visit with the forensic chemists.



Alumnus, Ph.D. Candidate Marcus Sherman Speaks to RISE Students

Alumnus Marcus Sherman, a bioinformatics Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, spoke with members of UNCP's RISE (Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement) program on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Before his presentation, he held a Q&A session with students regarding his research experience and offered advice about graduate school. Sherman, a 2015 graduate, is a fifth-year student studying structural variation in human genomes. Thank you Dr. Rachel Smith, RISE Program Director.



UNCP to Host FIRST Robotics Competition

Twenty-nine teams of students from local and statewide school districts will compete March 6, March 7, and March 8 at the FIRST Robotics competition.

Read more: <https://www.robsonian.com/news/education/132102/robotics-teams-to-gather-at-first-meet>

Thank you to the following faculty members who served as Judges on March 7th and 8th. It was a lot of work on both days continuously without any stop except for a lunch break for half an hour. The faculty members are as follows: Dr. Ben Killian, Dr. Quinton Rice, Dr. Tom Dooling, Dr. Steven Singletary, and Dr. Siva Mandjiny. Thanks guys, you are awesome.



Dr. Benjamin Killian



Dr. Quinton Rice



Dr. Tom Dooling



Dr. Steven Singletary



Dr. Siva Mandjiny

GAMMA SIGMA EPSILON CHEMISTRY HONORS SOCIETY



The Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honors Society Induction Ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID-19. The ceremony was scheduled to take place at the University Center Annex on April 1, 2020. The students are **Brandon Le, Tiffany Bramblett, Minj Huy Giang, Ashley Reeves, Morgan Casanova, Jocelyn Bullard, Mikayla Williams, Zixian Jiao, and Megan Byrne**. This is our 17th year of the GSE CHS at UNCP with 115 inductees. Congratulations to each of you. Thank you, Dr. Storms, for the preparation of this special event for the department and our students. Thank you, Dr. Meredith Storms, Mrs. Felicia Scott, and Mrs. Hope Bullock for organizing the Gamma Sigma Epsilon Honors Society Induction Ceremony.

Departmental Awards Day Ceremony Cancelled

On behalf of both the Faculty and Staff members, Dr. Siva Mandjiny took the decision to cancel the Academic Awards Day Ceremony at the UC Annex on April 2, 2020.

Thank you Dr. Storms and Mrs. Bullock for all the hard work you put together for this Awards Ceremony and the programs. Also, thank you to the Scholarships Committee members: Drs. Storms, Flowers, Dooling, Brandon, and Rice.

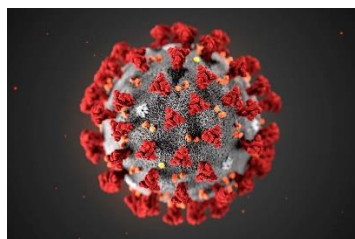
This year's recipients are:

Malerie Leviner	American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior Award
Kaysey Manista	Professional Promise Award
Kaysey Manista	Sonntag Award for Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society
Samantha Cranford	Continuing in Chemistry Award
Kathryn Flax	ACS Sponsored award in Analytical Chemistry
KC Tennant	ACS Sponsored Award in Inorganic Chemistry

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Casey Burroughs	ACS Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award
Elizabeth Stewart	CRC Freshman Chemistry Award
Blanca Trejo-Munoz	Undergraduate Research Award in Chemistry
Evert Garcia-Guzman	Undergraduate Research Award in Physics
Tristan Dwyer	Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student Award
James Graham	Einstein Achievement Award in Physics
Kelvin T. Ortega	"3+2" Student Award
Tyler C. Millwood	Outstanding Department Assistants
Wendy A. West	Outstanding Department Assistants
Tiffany Bramblett	Drs. Cecil and Naomi Lee Conley Endowed Scholarship
Jameson McDonald	Linda D. Oxendine Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Melissa Creech	UNCP Biotechnology Endowed Scholarship
Elizabeth Stewart	Anne Marie Teague Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Terry Chavez	Jose and Dorothy D'Arruda Endowed Scholarship
Evert Garcia-Guzman	Comstock Foundation Pre-Engineering Scholarship



Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Hope everyone is doing well. Be safe during this pandemic.
Take care.