What’s New in Biochemistry

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Subhrajit Banerjee has joined Patty Kane’s lab as a Graduate Assistant.

Makandiwa Shoniwa has left her Graduate Assistant position in Patty’s lab to go to medical school here at Upstate.

Cassandra Barnes left her Instructional Support Associate position in Steve Hanes’ lab to join Upstate’s PhD Program beginning in August.

Laura Duclos completed the 2013 SURF program in Wenyi Feng’s lab and is returning to her studies at SUNY Geneseo.

Daniel Sawyer completed the 2013 SURF program in Stewart Loh’s lab and is returning to his studies at Bard College at Simons Rock

Mengyang (Vicky) Li completed the 2013 SURF program in Patty Kane's lab and is returning to her studies at Wheaton College

Kelsey Monteith completed the 2013 SURF program in Michael Cosgrove’s lab and is returning to her studies at SU.

Thuy La completed her Master’s degree in Xin Jie Chen’s lab and is moving back to Ithaca and looking for a job at Cornell.

GRANT INFO:

Yaxin Liu, a graduate student in Xin Jie Chen’s laboratory, holds an American Heart Fellowship that was featured on Upstate’s “With Distinction Blog”: http://blogs.upstate.edu/withdistinction/2013/07/23/upstate-phd-student-wins-heart-association-fellowship/

Stephan Wilkens has been awarded a large NIH shared-equipment grant. The money will be spent on a piece of equipment that will be housed by ESF (because they have the space and technical support personnel for it). The $2,000,000 NIH grant will be used to purchase an 800 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer with cryo probe. There are ~9 major users and as many minor users on the grant - including people from Cornell University, the Boyce Thompson Institute, SUNY Buffalo, the University of Rochester, ESF and Syracuse University.

PUBLICATIONS:

Steve Goodman wrote mini-review article in the May, 2013 issue of Experimental Biology and Medicine (EBM). http://ebm.sagepub.com/content/238/5/509.full

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Steve Goodman opened an SEBM (Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine)/EBM China outreach office at Shanghai JiaoTong University in July. They will be holding the first international SEBM/China Research Conference on October 28th
and 29th in Shanghai. Steve is planning the details of that meeting with colleagues in Shanghai.

Steve Goodman also is going to Georgia Regents University from July 29th through 31st to teach Proteomics to Underrepresented Minority Junior Faculty.

Despite Steve Hanes' best efforts in organizing, recruiting, playing, and coaching; we are sad to report that we lost the GSA trophy to Cell & Developmental Biology and recruits from other departments at the GSA Picnic at Oneida Shores on June 21st by a score of 6-5. Unfortunately, the fluorescent green shirts that Steve purchased for us to wear did not have the desired distractive effect that he was hoping for. One contributing factor was that Maka Shoniwa, Patty's graduate student, played for Cell & Developmental Biology. Needless to say, many traitorous comments were made to Maka during the game especially when she caught a popup foul ball that Penny hit. But she decided to be in the Biochemistry (Loser) Photo taken after the game.

Congratulations to Stephen Shinsky who passed his Qualifying Exam on July 24th, Nicholas Stam who pass his Qualifying Exam on August 7th, Thuy Lu who successfully defended her Master Thesis on August 9th and Makandiwana Shoniwa who defended her Master Thesis on August 21st. Maka is now a medical student here at Upstate.

PERSONAL NEWS:

On June 29, 2013, Tom Duncan's son, Michael, married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Marie Granish. The new Mr. and Mrs. Duncan reside in Liverpool, NY but plan to move south next year, probably to South Carolina, where Tom and Letha grew up. Carolyn is getting teaching experience as a substitute in the Syracuse city district. Mike is an aspiring writer (see tmdwrites.tumblr.com), but is currently working at a food-distribution warehouse to get that 'real-world' experience that struggling writer's need. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

Sandy Jarvis' son, David Jarvis II graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp in South Carolina, on Friday, August 30, 2013. There were 598 Marines from seven platoons who graduated that day - all part of the 2nd Battalion Golf Company. David is one of six from his platoon who earned the Rifle Expert medal (shown on his tan shirt in the pic). He will now travel to Southern California to continue his training.