What’s New in Biochemistry

PERSONNEL NEWS:

Dr. Bruce Knutson joins the department as an Assistant Professor. Bruce was previously at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, WA.

Dr. David Kakhniashvili has joined our department as Director of the institutional Proteomics Core Facility.

Yahireliz Flores Alvarez has joined Wenyi’s lab as an SU work-study student (Student Assistant).

Dr. Remigiusz Arnak has completed his postdoc with Wenyi Feng and is returning to Poland.

NEW GRANTS:

Bruce Knutson was awarded a three-year NIH NCI-K22 career transition award entitled Molecular mechanism of RNA polymerase I transcription and dysregulation in cancer. The first year budget is $211,470.

PUBLICATIONS:


http://www.nature.com/nsmb/journal/v21/n9/full/nsmb.2873.html

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Congratulations to Subhrajit Banerjee who passed his qualifying exam on September 3rd.

PERSONAL NEWS:

Patty Kane’s son, Josh, and Xin Jie Chen’s and Xiaowen Wang’s daughter, Celine, were both named National Merit Semifinalist by the College Board. This recognizes the top students nationwide who have the highest score on their PSATs. Only 28 local students and less than 1% nationally receive this award.
NEWS ABOUT ALUMNI:

Kaylen Lott and Masashi Ohira are engaged!! Masashi completed his PhD in Patty Kane’s lab in 2008 and Kaylen completed her’s in Gino Cingolani’s lab in 2011. They are currently living in Buffalo, NY. In the photo below, Kaylen is showing Mark Schmitt the engagement ring at the Biomedical Science Retreat on September 10th, where Kaylen was the guest alumni speaker.

Blaine Bettinger, who received his PhD degree in 2006 working in David Amberg’s laboratory, is featured in a Science Career article entitled: “Multicultural Relationships: Working Across Industries”. The full article can be found at: http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2014_09_12/science_opms.r1400145