

# MUPB GSA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

The purpose of this newsletter is to serve as a resource for MPB students to get to know the department better.

## Molecular Physiology & Biophysics Graduate Student Association

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Seminars (9:30am-10:30am, 206 PRB)

February 15<sup>th</sup>- Dr. Maureen Gannon Seminar

March 8<sup>th</sup>- Dr. Alvin Powers Seminar

May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Invited Speaker Rohit Kulkarni

#### Coffee Hour (10:00am-11:00am, MRBIV 8455):

February 23<sup>rd</sup>- Dr. Julio Ayala

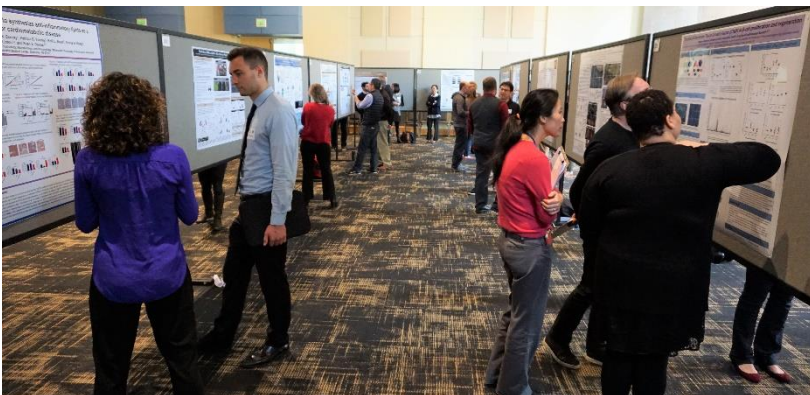
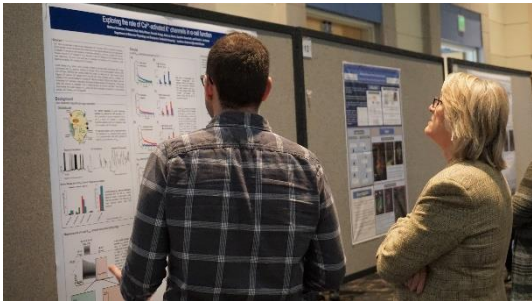
March 16<sup>th</sup>- Dr. Danny Winder

### Diabetes Day

By Sarah Milian

Vanderbilt Diabetes Day is always a popular event among MPB students and faculty. This year was no exception. We heard outstanding lectures from Dr. Martin J. Blaser on “Gut Microbiota and Diabetes,” and from Dr. Sangeeta Kashyap on “Metabolic surgery for Diabetes from Randomized Controlled Clinical Trials.” We also heard from Feasibility Awardees, Dr. Gurjeet Birdee and Dr. Heidi Hamm.

MPB was very successful this year with our very own Danielle Dean and Ian Williams receiving Scholars in Diabetes awards. Also, in the poster awards, MPBers Jason Spaeth and Sarah Milian, won Best Poster in Basic Science Research for Post-Docs and Graduate Students, respectively.



## On your mark, get set, RELAY!

By Sarah Milian

The coveted teapot was once again up for grabs at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual MPB relay race. As usual, the race started with the PI's setting the pace and passing their baton (rolled up publications, graduated cylinders, really whatever a scientist can get their hands on) to their teammates. The dedicated runners gave it their all, while some spectators (such as myself) opted out of running and just sat on the side-lines to enjoy the show. In the end, Wenbiao Chen's team took home the teapot. Wenbiao's team consisted of Matt Dickerson, Molly Altman, Ashley Yao, and Syed Raza.



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## MPB Halloween Party

By Sarah Milian

As always, the Halloween party was a great success. Game of Thrones was a major source of inspiration this year, with the Colbran lab dressing as Khaleesi and her dragons (with Roger making a very entertaining Khaleesi), and the Winder lab dressing as White Walkers. It was a close call, but the Colbran lab won the group costume prize and a very sweet 'Belle' took home the individual prize.



## MPB Holiday Party 2017



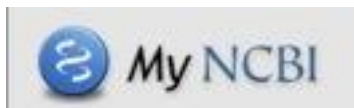
# TOOLS YOU CAN USE!



**Vanderbilt Toastmasters** is a group of mostly Graduate level students and young professionals who get together to practice public speaking and leadership. It's great training for anyone who wants to improve their public speaking or want to get over their fear of talking in front of a crowd.



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## We want to hear from you!

MPB students know how to get things done! Let us know of recent grants, awards and publications so we can feature it in the newsletter. Also, If you would like to contribute to the newsletter just let us know. You can submit articles to [sarah.c.milian@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sarah.c.milian@vanderbilt.edu). It's a great way to improve your writing skills and would look great on your CV. Comments and suggestions are encouraged as well.



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