



Happy August!

Things are starting to ramp back up as we near the fall. Please keep an eye out for new events! As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please fill out our [anonymous Google form](#). Have a great month!

- Lindsey and Kaitlyn



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- New students will be joining us starting on **August 15th**. We look forward to welcoming them!
- Colloquium is back! Starting on **August 12th** colloquium will be at noon on Fridays in the Light Hall auditoriums.
- Graduate students may have noticed those raises in their paycheck this month. Don't spend it all in one place!

DEPARTMENT EVENTS IN AUGUST

- **5th** at 12pm In-Person (LH 214) - Departmental Award Lectures: Alexandria Oviatt (Osheroff lab), Madison Adolph (Cortez/Waterman lab), Pratibha Ghodke (Guenerich lab)
- **12th** at 12pm, In-Person (LH 208) & Zoom-Colloquium: Introductory Seminar
- **26th** at 12pm, In-Person (LH 214) & Zoom-Colloquium: Stacey Satchell

TRAINEE OF THE MONTH

Emma Vontalge

Get to know the newest addition to the Social Media Committee!

What year are you? I'm in my 3rd year.

Whose lab are you in? Dewar

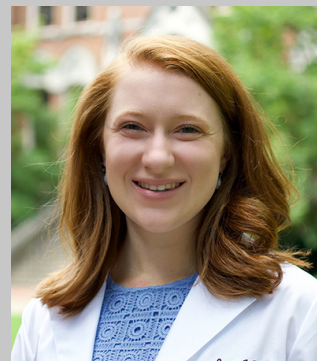
What do you like best about the biochemistry department?

I love that the biochemistry department is very collaborative and values trainees!

What advice do you have for other students? I would tell other students to be proud of your progress. Often we judge our successes on positive results and experiences which is only a fraction of the work we do as trainees.

What's your favorite experiment to run? Probably a replication assay.

What's your favorite place to go or favorite thing to do in Nashville? Barcelona, the food is amazing!



[Click here](#) to nominate a fellow grad student or post doc for Trainee of the Month!



Congrats to...

- **Martin Egli and Yi Ren**, who were awarded Seeding Success Grants. These grants are awarded to support early stages of pioneering research projects.
- **Dr. Romell Gletten**, who successfully defended last month AND had a paper come out this month. You can read it (titled Lens Aquaporin-5 Inserts Into Bovine Fiber Cell Plasma Membranes Via Unconventional Protein Secretion) [here](#).
- **Tyler Hansen**, who's paper "[ATAC-STARR-seq reveals transcription factor-bound activators and silencers across the chromatin accessible human genome](#)" came out last month.
- **Emma Guiberson**, who was awarded the Armstrong Prize by the VICB

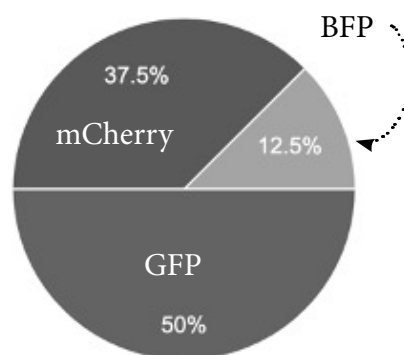
Sign up to present at Colloquium!



As we start the back to school season, we're remembering the thrill that was shopping for back to school supplies ...

What was your favorite school supply to shop for?

- [A](#)) pens
- [B](#)) notebooks
- [C](#)) folders
- [D](#)) other



The results are in!

The classic GFP was the most popular choice with 50% of you saying it was your favorite fluorescent molecule. Coming in second was mCherry with 37.5% and the least popular was BFP, at 12.5%.

IN OTHER NEWS

- There is a primary election in Tennessee on **August 4th**. You can check if you are registered (& find your polling location) [here](#) and get sample ballots [here](#).
- BioRender will be available to all students affiliated with the Basic Sciences for one year through an institutional license. More information will be coming soon!

Check it out!

As always, double check events for their COVID hours and regulations.

Things to do:

- The **First Saturday Art Crawl** is this Saturday (August 6th) from 5-8pm in Downtown Nashville. You can find more information [here](#).
- Its starting to cool down (albeit slightly) and outdoor activities are no longer as miserable. If you're interested in hiking or kayaking, check out [this compilation](#) by Nashville Guru.

Places to go:

- There are four **Nashville Soccer Club** games this month. Get tickets and see who they're playing [here](#).

People to see:

- **Craig Robinson** (of the Office fame) is going to be at Zanies from August 4th-7th. You can get tickets [here](#).

Applying to grad school

Doing grad school



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

We don't have a new DEI blog post this month. However, we hope everyone enjoyed the InclusiviTea event on July 21st. We have added an events page to the Biochemistry DEI website to track these events, you can find it [here](#).

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