



Happy July!

It's always slow in the summer so get out and enjoy the weather. 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

➤ **John Kuriyan** has been named the new dean of the School of Medicine Basic Sciences. His appointment will become effective on January 1st, 2023. We look forward to welcoming him as a part of the Vanderbilt community.

➤ We have a new group of BSA officers! This newsletter will continue to be put out by the social media committee (Yours truly-- Kaitlyn and Lindsey) with the help of our new officer **Emma Vontalge**. The other officers are as follows:

Co-Presidents – **Kate Clowes** and **Jessica Collins**

Post-doc Liaison – **Juan Carvajal**

Colloquium Committee – **Yelena Perevalova** and **Ronan Bracken**

Qualifying Exam Committee – **Vincent Yao** and **Mengahan Mei**

Retreat Committee – **Jenny Tran** and **Sara Conwell**

Social Committee – **Nicky Eleuteri** and **Lilia Merbouche**

Wellness Committee – **Jordan Stacey** and **Verda Agan**

Frontiers Search Committee— **Sam Lisy**, **Jessica Collins**, **Jorge Rua Fernandez**, **Lindsey Guerin**, **Sabrina Van Ravenstein**, **Yelena Perevalova**

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



*Congrats to...*

- **Breann Brown**, who was awarded the Best Shadow Mentor at the Basic Sciences first annual Juneteenth recognition event.

- **Will Wan**, who was named a 2022 Pew Scholar in Biomedical Sciences.

- **Alexandra Blee** (Chazin Lab) for her paper "[An active learning framework improves tumor variant interpretation](#)".

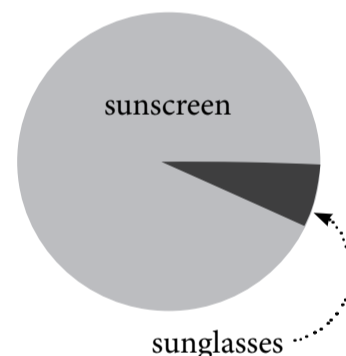
- **Kavi Mehta** (Cortez Lab) for his paper "[CHK1 phosphorylates PRIMPOL to promote replication stress tolerance](#)".



*I've always been jealous of people with beautiful imaging data...*

**What is your favorite fluorescent molecule?**

- [A\) GFP](#)
- [B\) mCherry](#)
- [C\) BFP](#)



**The results are in!**

Apparently this was not a tough choice for many of you. The dermatologists at VUMC would be happy to hear that over 90% would prefer sunscreen over sunglasses on a boat. Around 7% took the less popular option of sunglasses over sunscreen if they could only pick one.

### IN OTHER NEWS

- The Wellness Advisory Council has launched a new website, linked [here](#), to engage the Basic Sciences community about the council's work.

**Check it out!**

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

**Things to do:**

- It's **Burger Week** from July 11th to 17th! There will be \$7 burgers at all participating restaurants this week. You can find the full list of 2022 restaurants [here](#).
- The **Music City Hot Chicken Festival** is going to be at East Park on the 4th of July from 11am to 4pm. You don't need tickets and proceeds will benefit Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms.
- **The Night Market** at the [Nashville Farmers Market](#) gives you the opportunity to shop, eat, and drink after hours. They are open from 6-9pm on the fourth Friday of the month and feature other local artists and businesses.

**Places to go:**

- **Riverfront Park** for the **Let Freedom Sing!** Independence Day event. This event starts at 5pm on Monday, July 4th. For a full list of Nashville events, check out Nashville Guru's compilation [here](#).

My mom: Study so you don't have to wash dishes for a living

Me:



- **Cheekwood** has started its summer series Thursday Night Out. Every Thursday through the end of October they are open with walks through the gardens, lawn games, live music, food, and drinks. [Admission](#) is \$20 for non-members (\$16 for "college students" but give it a try?)

**People to see:**

- **The Nashville Sounds** will be playing home games the week of July 12th and July 26th. You can buy tickets [here](#). If you don't want to buy tickets, you can check out the new **Tailgate Brewery** location in Germantown. Their patio is located right over the fence in the outfield.

### *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)*

This month on the Biochemistry DEI blog, we met with Tyler Hansen, chatting about everything from the woes of coding to the challenges of being a new father. We end our conversation with a discussion about the importance of consistency and agency for academic success. You can read our interview with Tyler using this [link](#). Enjoy!

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