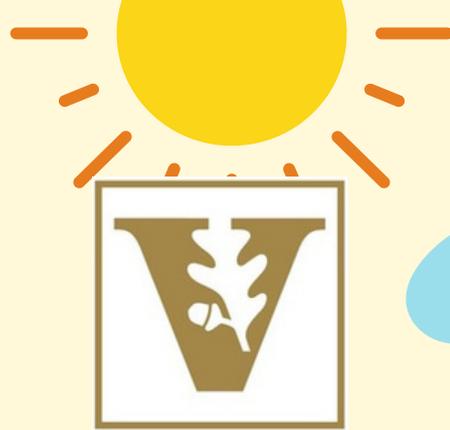


BIOCHEMISTRY POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER AND STUDENT ASSOCIATION



June newsletter

Happy June

“There are two seasons when the leaves are in their glory, their green and perfect youth in June and their ripe old age.”

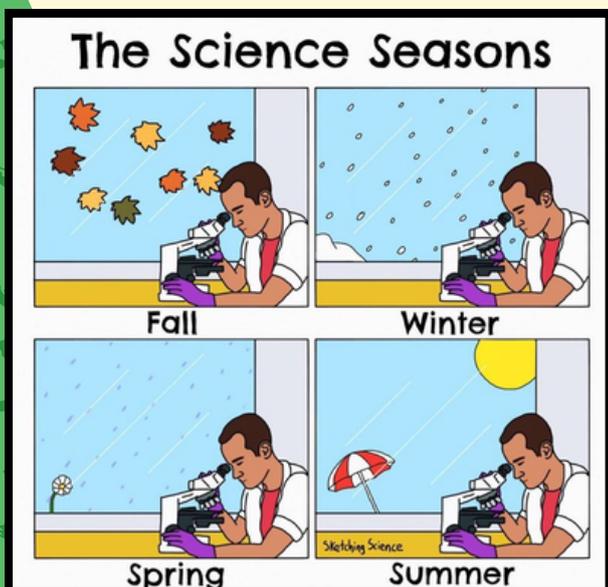
– Henry David Thoreau

Wow May flew by, didn't it? Can't believe it's already June! Hope everyone is ready for the new month! As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please fill out our [anonymous Google form](#).

– Lily & Kevin (BPSA Communications Committee)

News:

- DEI Journal Club is on pause for the summer months. Sessions will resume during the fall 2024 semester.
- ASPIRE events:
 - 11 June 11:00 a.m., 407 LH, ORISE Roadshow Information Session. Registration requested.
 - 11 & 18 June 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 340 LH, CV/Resume Drop In Clinic
- We are looking for new members to serve on the committees of the BPSA as well as nominations for individuals who would wish to serve as the president of the BPSA. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees or as the president, please send an email to bsa.vandy@gmail.com declaring which committee(s) you are interested in joining.



Trainee of the month

Andrea Ascura



- **What year are you?** 2nd year
- **Whose lab are you in?** Manny Ascano
- **What do you like best about the biochemistry department?** I really appreciate the community! Everyone has been very supportive and friendly.
- **What advice do you have for other students?** Simplicity is better than complexity.
- **What's your favorite experiment to run?** VIR-CLASP (VIRal Crosslinking and Solid Phase Purification). It's a challenging but rewarding method that allows us to capture the cellular RNA-binding proteins bound to the genome of an RNA virus.
- **What's your favorite place to go or favorite thing to do in Nashville?** I'm not sure if I can choose just one, but I love going to the different climbing/bouldering gyms. I love trying new coffee shops (Favorites: Dose Coffee and No Free Coffee). I also enjoy going to the different farmers markets, especially the one in 12 South.

Congrats to...

- Samantha Lisy (Ascano Lab) "Characterization of Novel 5'-Capped Cellular Transcripts Bound by Viral RNA Binding Protein IFIT1 Using PAR-dCLIP" has been selected for a 2023-2024 Graduate School Travel Grant and was rewarded \$1000.
- Tatiana Hargrove, Identification of Potent and Selective Inhibitors of Acanthamoeba: Structural Insights into Sterol 14a-Demethylase as a Key Drug Target. Journal of Medicinal Chemistry.
- Menghan Mei (Ren Lab), Inhibition of mRNA nuclear export promotes SARS-CoV-2 pathogenesis. PNAS.

Check this out

- Musicians Corner @ Centennial Park, an annual free concert series with live music, food vendors, and local artisans.
- 14 June 7:30 - 10:30 pm. Brew at the Zoo.
- 22 June 3:30 - 7 p.m., 2024 Nashville Predators Craft Beer Festival @ Bridgestone Arena.