

BIOCHEMISTRY POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



★ HAPPY OCTOBER ★

Hope everyone is having a great start to October! If you have any comments or concerns, please fill out our [anonymous Google form](#). May your Halloween be filled with many treats... and no tricks!

- Lily (BPSA Communications Committee)

★ DEPARTMENT EVENTS ★

- 06 Oct, 202 LH, The Richard Armstrong Mentoring Award Lecture: David Cortez, Vanderbilt University
- 17 Oct, 202 LH, 2:00 pm, Katrin Karbstein, University of Florida, "Quality Control During and After Ribosome Assembly"
- 20 Oct, 202 LH, Emerging Scholars Lecture: Iris Smith, Cleveland Clinic

★ NEWS ★

- Colloquium:
 - 13 Oct: Jessica Collins (Osheroff Lab).
 - 27 Oct: Sam Lisy (Ascano Lab).
- 2-5 Oct. [Fall Career Colloquium 2023](#): Hosted by the Graduate School
- 13 Oct 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Alumni Hall Lounge. Friday Fuel with boba tea from Eat Bubbles!
- BRET Office of Career Development ASPIRE Program:
 - 05 Oct: Biomedical Scientist's Toolkit.
 - 06 Oct: PhD Career Stories: Consulting with Deloitte.
 - 12 Oct: Job Search Series: Getting a Postdoc.
 - Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 340 LH. CV/Resume Drop-In Clinic
- Social Committee:
 - 26 Oct, 4-6 p.m., 407ABCD LH, the return of Whine & Cheese.

★ CONGRATS TO ★

Inaugural 2023 Winner of the **Armstrong Training Enhancement Award**: Kevin McCarty (Guengerich Lab). Funds will enable attendance at KinTek Explorer workshop in Austin, Texas, taught by Dr. Ken Johnson.

- Joseph Deweese (Osheroff lab). [No Time to Relax and Unwind: Exploration of Topoisomerases and a Growing Field of Study.](#)
- Pradeep Pallan (Egli lab). [Conformational Morphing by a DNA Analogue Featuring 7-Deazapurines and 5-Halogenpyrimidines and the Origins of Adenine-Tract Geometry.](#)
- Katherine Stefanski, Geoffrey Li (Sanders lab). [Reply to Record et al. "The role of PMP22 T118M in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease remains unsolved."](#)
- Hillary Layden (Hiebert lab). [Chemical-genetics refines transcription factor regulatory circuits.](#)
- Martin Egli (Egli lab). [Robert Letsinger and the Evolution of Oligonucleotide Synthesis.](#)

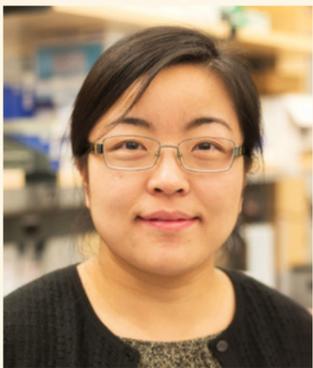


★ CHECK IT OUT ★

- 01-02 Oct, Drake with 21 Savage @ Bridgestone Arena.
- 09 Oct, Lil Yachty - the Field Trip Tour. Marathon Music Works (1402 Clinton St, Nashville, TN).
- 13-15 Oct, The Tennessee Craft Fair @ Centennial Park.
- 20 Oct, Taylor Swift Themed Dance Night @ The Mulehouse in Columbia, TN
- 28 Oct, RunNash 5K, Half Marathon, and Marathon (I will be there).

★ FACULTY TRIVIA ★

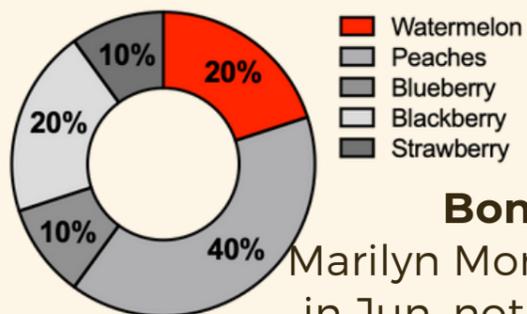
What does Ren Yi (family name/ given name) mean in Chinese?



1. Kindness and righteousness
2. Wisdom and peace
3. Happiness and hardworking
4. Dream and beauty

Last month - It's watermelon!

Which fruit would Doug Kojetin not eat under any circumstances?



Bonus question:

Marilyn Monroe was born in Jun, not Sep, **36.8%** of you got it right!

★ TRAINEE OF THE MONTH ★ TYLER HUTH



What year are you? I am currently in my fourth year of graduate studies.

Whose lab are you in? I am in Dr. Will Wan's lab.

What do you like best about the biochemistry department? I really enjoy the social aspects of the Biochemistry department. It makes it super easy to network and gain insight about new techniques I could apply to my own research.

What advice do you have for other students? I have two pieces of advice that have really helped me during my PhD. 1. "Comparison is the thief of joy." We are all on our own academic journey and I think it's best to stop worrying about what stage everyone else is at. 2. You are not alone, ask for help and build a support network! Mental health is more important than any experiment.

What's your favorite experiment to run? Currently, I love running live-cell imaging experiments. It is super cool to visualize viral protein trafficking and Ebola virus particle assembly in real-time.

What's your favorite place to go or favorite thing to do in Nashville? My favorite thing to do is go for a walk or run around Crockett Park in Brentwood and then head to a tap house to try some new local breweries.

★ THROW BACK TO HAPPY HOUR ★



Mad scientist in the movies



Mad scientist in stock photos



Mad scientist in real life