Student Updates:

- **Congratulations Are In Order……**
  Michael Freedberg and Atulya Iyengar: For successfully defending their theses last week!

  Michael Freedberg: was announced as the 2016 winner of the Neuroscience Awards Committee’s Publication Award for his publication “Incidental learning of rewarded associations bolsters learning on an associative task”, which was published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition! Congrats to Mike and thank you to the judges for their assistance!

  Rachel Clark & Frank Jareczek: was announced as 2016 winners of the Neuroscience Awards Committee’s Service Award! Both nominees have demonstrated impressive service to the Neuroscience Program and to the broader community, and the judges found both nominations to be highly meritorious. Congrats to Rachel and Frank and thank you to the judges who assisted with this!

- **Upcoming Dissertation Defense**
  Jacob McGlashon: “Serotonin neurons maintain central mechanisms regulating metabolic homeostasis and are vital to thermogenic activation”
  - May 16 (Monday) at 3pm in Room 2117 MERF

- **Seminar Announcements**
  Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Grand Rounds. “New insights into angiogenesis and hematopoiesis from the zebrafish”
  Presenter: Brant M. Weinstein, PhD, Associate Scientific Director, Division of Developmental Biology, NICHD, NIH
  Organized by: Cancer Genes and Pathways Program
  - May 2 (Monday) at 4:00pm to 5:00pm, in the Medical Alumni Auditorium (E331 GH)

  First Year Rotation Talks
  - May 3 (Tuesday) at 4pm in Room 1459 PBDB - Stacey Peer, Benjamin Decorte, Banu Gumusoglu, Gail Harmata

  Pharmacology Student Workshop: “E-cadherin-mediated Force Transmission—Potential Implications in Cancer Progression”, presented by Christy Heidema, Graduate Student in Dr. Kris DeMali’s Lab
  - May 5 (Thursday) at 12:30pm in Spivey Aud. 2 BSB

  2015-2016 Distinguished Biomedical Scholars Lecturer “The Causes and Consequences of Anueploidy” Angelika Amon, PhD-Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Kathleen and Curtis Marble Professor of Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  - May 5 (Thursday) at 4:00pm to 5:00pm in Prem Sahai Auditorium (1110A MERF)

- **Outreach or Volunteer Opportunities**
  Health Sciences Visit Day
  UIHC is doing their Health Sciences Visit Day on Saturday, June 18. High school seniors with an interest in health sciences and their parents will visit UIHC—this serves as a recruitment tool to attract high school graduates from Iowa at UI. The Neuroscience program will do an activity interacting and engaging with high school seniors from 10:15-11:15am on June 18. If you are interested and available for this outreach event, please contact Gloria Lee. We will teach you how to run the activities.

- **Society for Neuroscience (SfN)**
  Annual Meeting - San Diego - November 12, 2016 (Sunday) through November 16, 2016 (Wednesday)
  Society for Neuroscience 2016 Abstract Submission
  SfN Abstract submission is open and will close at 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 5. Make sure your SfN membership, login, and billing address information are up-to-date prior to submitting. Please contact the Program Office to make an appointment for paying your 2016 SfN Student Membership dues.

- **Scientists’ Survival Skills Series**
  - May 4, 2016 (Wednesday) at 12:30pm to 1:20pm in 1-107 BSB
Faculty Updates:
- Spring Faculty Meeting
  SAVE THE DATE - Neuroscience Spring Faculty Meeting - May 18, 2016 (Wednesday) at 4pm in 2141-2 RCP

Program Office Reminders:
- Individual development plans and Student Progress Reports
  ~ 1st year and 2nd year students are were April 18th
  ~ 3rd year and older students the IDP, Student and Mentor Progress reports will be sent out on Friday, June 17 and due by July 15,
  More information

Photo Booth UI Grad Success is inviting Graduate students to sign up to have a professional photo taken at no charge. Use for websites, publicity, and/or LinkedIn. More information
- June 6, 2016 (Monday) at 12:15pm to 4:15pm in 423 GILH