**Student Updates:**

- **Congratulations Are In Order……**
  - **Patrick Lansdon:** Received an award for a poster “most outstanding” entry for the Carver College of Medicine Health Sciences Research Week poster competition. Patrick received a monetary award and recognition at the awards reception.

  Sasha Tereshchenko: Received the Best Rotation Talk Award, which is given to a Neuroscience graduate student who gives the best rotation talk at the end of their first year. “Best” is defined as the presentation per se (including the quality of the slides, presentation style, etc), not the data per se.

  - **Vicky Muller Ewald:** Received the Best Elevator Talk Award, which is selected on peer review and implemented via a Likert-scale rating completed by students immediately after the seminar.

  *The Neuroscience Awards Committee would like to reiterate there were many, many students that did a fantastic job with their rotation talks and elevator talks, and that there were many high performers in each category. All students should be congratulated!*

- **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**
  - **Frontiers in Pediatric Research Seminar Series:** “Of Mice & Men: Precision Pathways in Pediatrics” Presenter: Stephen H. Tsang, MD PhD, Associate Professor in Pathology & Cell Biology, Graduate Program in Neurobiology & Behavior Institute of Human Nutrition, Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center Columbia University
    - May 9, 2016 (Monday) at 12:00pm East Room (Room 8008 RCP—Elevator F to 8th Floor)

  - **DeLTA Center Colloquium:** “New concepts in motor control” Presenter: Daniel Margoliash, PhD, Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy & Psychology, University of Chicago.
    - May 9, 2016 (Monday) at 3:30 PM  W401 John Pappajohn Business Building (PBB).

- **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 Membership** - Please contact the Program Office to make an appointment for paying your 2016 SfN Student Membership dues.

**Faculty Updates:**

- **Neuroscience Spring Faculty Meeting** - SAVE THE DATE - May 18, 2016 (Wednesday) at 4pm in 2141-2 RCP

**Program Office Reminders:**

- **Individual development plans and Student Progress Reports**
  - More information
  ~ 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 June 17 and due by July 15

- **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