**Congratulations are in order...**
Victoria Muller Ewald (Lalumiere lab, Psychological & Brain Sciences) who was the winner of the 2018 Data Blitz Award!

**Neuroscience PhD Program Seminar Series**
- April 17, 2018 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR, [CCOM Health Sciences Research Week](#) - topic: The Connected Brain
- April 24, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 101 BBE - 1st year rotation talks: Emily Walsh, Noah Armstrong, Maggie Tish, and Berlin Mendez
- May 1, 2018 (Tuesday) 4:00pm in 1459 PBDB - 1st year rotation talks: Parker Abbott, Ben Rangel, Tim Skog, and Thomas Pak
- May 8, 2018 (Tuesday) NO SEMINAR, Finals Week

**Molecular Medicine Spring 2018 Workshop & Seminar Series**
Special Seminar Presentation - “Intellectual Property in Science”
Presented by: Brett Winborn, PhD - Law student at UI College of Law; Paula DeGrandis, JD, MS - Associate Director of Intellectual Property at UI Research Foundation; Kenneth Karanja, PhD, MS - Licensing Associate at UI Research Foundation
- April 20, 2018 (Friday) at 12-1pm in B111 ML—pizza will be provided

**Department of Biology Seminar Series**
Spring seminar schedule can be found [here](#)

**Health Sciences Research Week—The Connected Brain**
Health Sciences Research Week will be held Monday, April 16 through Thursday, April 19, 2018. Please visit the Research Week [website](#) for updates and specific details.

**University Lecture Committee—opportunity to hear a high profile speaker and strong role model for women in the sciences**
“Climate Change: Keeping the Earth Green, Clean, and Habitable” by Ellen Stofan, Ms. Stofan was recently named as the first female head of the National Air and Space Museum. While the Chief Scientist for NASA, Ellen Stofan helped demolish barriers for women in science while working at the very forefronts of tech. In talks, she argues for greater diversity in the STEM fields, demonstrates why space exploration is crucial for innovation, and shows why studying our nearby planets is key to combating climate change here on Earth. [More information](#) and [event link](#). No tickets are required and the event is open to the public.
- April 17, 2018 (Tuesday) at 7:30pm at the Englert Theatre, downtown Iowa City

**Neuroscience Writing Initiative Fellowship**
Specific to students in the Neuroscience Program, this new initiative is to teach neuroscience students strategies for incorporating stylish and creative writing into their repertoire. See attached overview and application, due April 24.

**2018 UIowa Brainhack**
Meet other brain enthusiasts and collaboration on projects related to the brain in an interactive three-day workshop/hackathon. (No prior programing experience necessary.) [More information](#). Questions—please contact [james-kent@uiowa.edu](mailto:james-kent@uiowa.edu)
- May 3-5, 2018 (Thursday to Saturday) 9am to 5pm

**Iowa Neuroscience Institute (INI) Updates**
~ Check the [INI website](#) for dates and details on their seminar series and journal club

**Molecular Psychiatry Seminar Series**
More details can be found [here](#) of seminar series dates spanning through June 2018

**Cerebellar Interest Group**
Monthly meetings, [dates listed here](#) at 1pm in 1385 PBDB, with lunch from the INI! Please RSVP for lunch to [Krystal Parker, PhD](mailto:Krystal.Parker@uiowa.edu)

**SAVE THE DATE**
~ Faculty: Spring Faculty Meeting in 2141-2 RCP (Neurology Conference Room) on Wednesday, May 9 from 4:00-5:00pm
~ Students & Faculty: Neuroscience Program Spring Picnic at Picayune Creek Farms on Thursday, May 17 from 4:30-7:30pm