Diversity news
Recent and up-coming events plus updates from the CABM Diversity Committee

MISSION STATEMENT
The goal of the CABM Diversity Committee (CDC) is to act as DEIA advocates. Following the lead of University Equity and Inclusion, the CDC seeks to turn ideals into action, making CABM a safe and supportive space.

CALL TO ACTION
The committee is still looking for CABM volunteers to help improve DEIA efforts. If you are interested, please contact diversity@cabm.rutgers.edu or reach out to a current committee member!

Shawn Rumrill and Liisa Veerus from CABM receive the RBHS-IDEA Innovation Grant
Shawn Rumrill (graduate student in the Arnold Lab) and Liisa Veerus (postdoctoral fellow in the Blaser Lab) have been awarded the RBHS-IDEA Innovation Grant ($2,000) for their proposal to organize a Rutgers Conference for Rising Stars in Graduate Research. The goal of the event is to provide underrepresented graduate students who have no prior experience in a scientific conference environment with an authentic conference experience at Rutgers. The event will be organized in fall 2023—stay tuned for updates!

WRITING WORKSHOP
September 15 (Friday)
11.00am-1.30pm (Lunch provided)
CABM, Room #010 (see registration form for hybrid options!)

Register here: https://rb.gy/76ln8
We would like to invite you to register for a writing workshop during which you will learn step-by-step how to write a manuscript (facilitated by the highly-cited Dr. Martin J. Blaser, who is also the author of “Missing Microbes”), followed by an overview of sustainable writing tools and practices (facilitated by the Associate Executive Director of the Writing Program, Dr. Mark DiGiacomo).
4-H STEM Ambassadors Program at CABM

On July 12, CABM hosted eight students from the 4-H STEM Ambassadors Program, which aims to inspire excellent, college-bound New Jersey youth to learn about STEM and become community leaders. The students were mentored by the Blaser and Nanda Labs to investigate the different scales of biology—they learned about mouse biology, visualized bacteria in murine stool under a microscope, and compared stool protein levels in both female and male mice. Thank you to Dr. Liisa Veerus, Margot Shuemaker, and Dr. Vikas Nanda for their assistance and we hope to welcome the STEM Ambassadors back next summer!

CABM DIVERSITY CLIMATE SURVEY

Keep a look out and fill out our short survey!

The purpose of this survey is to gauge the climate of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) at CABM from the experiences and opinions of students, staff, and faculty in order to better direct diversity efforts and resources.

Help us make DEIA efforts that benefit and interest you and the CABM community.

JOIN THE CULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE

The culture sub-committee highlights DEIA events by organizing themed tea times and cultural coffee hours, planning DEIA-centered arts and craft events, and bringing DEIA trainings to CABM. We also hope to provide educational materials at events and in lobby slides to foster an inclusive community at CABM. Please email us if you have ideas or want to get involved!

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JOIN THE MEDIA SUB-COMMITTEE

The media sub-committee is part of the CABM Diversity Committee. We focus on the tasks that involve social media posts, preparation or production of YouTube videos for our DiversityUp channel, and preparing content for this very newsletter!

We also want to support the DEIA-enrichment of CABM through games like crosswords!

If you have ideas or want to help even in a small way, email us!

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