PROGRAM INFORMATION

!!SENIOORS!! We will have a MANDATORY informational meeting to cover graduation requirements for the major. Based on your availability, the best dates/times to have this meeting are Friday, October 21st at 6pm, and Sunday November 6th at 6pm (meetings will be 1 hour or less). Please make every effort to make one of the two meetings. Email Dr. Gavin directly if you are unable to attend either.

Look for course information for UNP spring classes in next week’s Digest. Dr. Gavin will be attending joint advising sessions with UHP and SciTech advisors in the coming weeks. Come see us!

There will be an info session at 6pm TONIGHT in HHB 524 for students interested in attending NCUR.

Want a chance to flex your creativity? Wish you had better inside resources as a fledgling student? We are excited to announce the creation of a UNP student blog to allow current Neuroscience students a platform to talk about the things that matter most to them! Email uabneuroblog@gmail.com if you are interested in writing for the blog, or to suggest ideas and topics that you would like to see covered. First post coming soon!

Have a friend or classmate that wants to know more about the Undergraduate Neuroscience Program? We encourage all students to attend an open interest meeting about Neuroscience on October 10th at 6pm in Campbell Hall 237. UNP Director Scott Wilson and Neuroscience Advisor Whitney Woodard will be on hand to talk to students about joining the program. Event flyer attached.

ALL UNP Freshmen are required to attend the Office of Undergraduate Research’s Fall 2016 Undergraduate Research Workshop Series “A Map for Success”. Space is limited so RSVP to Gareth Jones ASAP. The next workshop is Wednesday October 5th at 12pm in EB room 133. The topics is Lab Safety – always good to know! Lunch provided with RSVP.

INQUIRO

Are you looking to get published? Inquiro, UAB’s undergraduate research journal is accepting submissions for this year’s edition until October 17th! Don’t think you are qualified? Wrong! If you have enough data to
present a poster you have enough data to be published! *Inquiro* accepts many different submission formats, from research manuscripts to short reports and even senior theses. For more information on the submission formats and other FAQs see the attached flyer, email us at inquiro@uab.edu, or [check out our website](#).

**Student Groups**

Want to give back to the community and build your resume simultaneously? **Building Bridges** is looking for more volunteers! The organization was founded with the purpose of tackling social isolation and loneliness, which the elderly are particularly vulnerable to. They have implemented two programs at Highland Manor, a Section 8 Assisted living facility at Five Points: The Buddy System and the Technology Tutors program. If you are interested in volunteering with Building Bridges, fill out [this interest form](#). Also, check out the official website and Facebook page to learn more!

**Student Opportunities**

The Comprehensive Neuroscience Center (CNC) Annual Retreat will be held Friday, October 7th at The Club. UNP students are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract for the evening poster session. Winning posters will be awarded $100, $50, and $25 dollars for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, respectively. Go [here to view the schedule](#), go [here to register](#) to attend any part of the retreat, and go [here to submit an abstract](#) for the poster session. On the registration form, for “Status”, select “Other” and write in “Undergraduate”. **Abstract submissions are due TODAY**!

**Babysitters wanted!** Please email Dr. Gavin your name, phone number, and regular availability to be included in a local child care providers list for young professionals in the Birmingham area. Students should be responsible, reliable, and have their own transportation. Pay from $12 to $25 dollars an hour.

**Interested in Graduate education?** Join the UAB Graduate School for the [2016 Graduate Program Recruitment Fair](#) on Friday, October 21st at the UAB Campus Rec Center. You will have the chance to network with faculty and staff from programs across the UAB campus. Still trying to figure out if Graduate School is right for you? The representatives will be there to answer all of your questions and determine the program that is perfect for you and will propel you to the next level in your career. Email the Graduate School with questions, or email Thomas Harris to RSVP. Register by October 7th.

**New Frontiers of Pain Research in the 21st Century – October 14-15th.** Attend a two-day conference in the new Hill Student Center to discuss new frontiers in pain research and treatment. The agenda is online. **Registration is open** and abstracts are being accepted. All pain researchers, clinicians and students are welcome.

**Research Opportunities**
Dr. Karen Cropsey, Psy.D, Department of Psychiatry, is seeking an undergraduate research assistant for credit. Go here to view her faculty information, and here to view recent coverage of the lab’s exciting work! Her research lab focuses on substance abuse projects working with criminal justice and other disenfranchised clients. Ongoing NIH and other projects include studies using combination pharmacotherapy and behavioral therapy for the treatment of tobacco use in a criminal justice population, as well as training on recognizing the signs of opioid overdose to administer naloxone. They have a new project that will use computerized brief interventions and an algorithm as a decision aid for providers to treat alcohol use disorders among person living with HIV engaged in treatment for their HIV. The student volunteer would spend their time recruiting for studies, conducting consent and assessments, and data entry. Interested students should email a copy of their CV, completed courses, fall schedule, and a few sentences about why the research interests them to Dr. Cropsey.

Dr. Edward Taub, PhD, Department of Psychology is seeking an undergraduate research assistant for credit. Go here to view his faculty information. He has an opening on a project working with a patient with Tetraplegia. Trainees will learn EMG biofeedback and shaping procedures using Constraint Induced Movement Therapy. Dr. Taub is only looking for highly motivated students that can make a significant contribution to the lab. Interested students should email a copy of their CV, completed courses, fall schedule, and a few sentences about why the research interests them to Dr. Taub.

Dr. Bulent Turan, Department of Psychology is seeking an undergraduate research assistant for credit. Dr. Turan is a social psychologist (and formidable tennis player) who researches the effects of negative social evaluations on biological markers of health and stress. Go here to view his faculty information. The research involves music performance anxiety and includes the collection of saliva for cortisol and other hormone assays. Interested students should email a copy of their CV, completed courses, fall schedule, and a few sentences about why the research interests them to Dr. Turan.

**External Opportunities**

Check out an updated list of summer research opportunities at Washington University in St. Louis. The BP-ENDURE program is specific for Neuroscience, and is designed to engage exceptional individuals interested in science careers in the lab and the classroom at one of the top research institutions in the nation. Participants will engage in an independent research project under the mentorship of faculty at Washington University in St. Louis while also working with outstanding faculty mentors at their home institutions. The goal is for the participant to pursue a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. in the neurosciences or a related field.

**Upcoming Events**

The UAB Research Civitan Club will be holding their annual charity art auction, The Art of Giving, on October 20th, 2016 from 6-9 PM at the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) here on campus. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit local charity Mitchell’s Place. There will be heavy hors d’oeuvres, live music, and great art up for auction! Tickets are $10 dollars for students and $15 for everyone else and includes 2 drink tickets. Go here to purchase your ticket! We also need many student volunteers in order for the event
to succeed. Please go here to sign up to volunteer. Support our local neuroscience initiative to give back to the community! Official event flyer attached.

**UAB to host inaugural Physician Scientist Symposium Nov. 5-6. Register by Oct. 15 to attend** the UAB Physician Scientist Symposium to be held in the Hill Student Center. Students, residents, fellows and junior faculty should submit abstracts by Sept. 15. Registration includes meeting attendance, dinner Saturday and breakfast/lunch Sunday. The agenda and speakers are online. Flyer attached.

Please mark your calendars for the English Department’s fall Alumni Lecture Series guest, Dale Bauer. Her talk, “Brain Aneurysm, Coma, Stroke: An English Professor Speaks about Losing Her Language” will be on October 6th at 3:30 p.m. in the Hill Student Center room 318. Flyer attached for more details.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Congratulation to UNP students selected to attend the National Collegiate Honors Council annual conference next month. Hriday Bhambhvani, Jasmin Revanna, Piyush Borse, Josh Purvis, and Daniel Unger will be travelling to Seattle to present.

Like and follow the UNP on Facebook for more information, events, and neuroscience-related content!

**Students, faculty and staff - want to place information in the digest?** Email your content to Dr. Cristin Gavin by Tuesday night the week of. The digest is finalized on Wednesday mornings, so any submissions received on Wednesday will be included in the digest the following week.