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SBS graduate students **Sarah Anderson, Marcus Hooker, Molly Perchlik** and **Alex Williams** were judges at the Sunnyside Elementary School Science Fair (Pullman) during WSU Spring Break. The kids appreciate “real” scientists taking an interest in their projects, and they like the comments judges provide. Parents often comment that they provide talking points for the dinner table.

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**Ryan Boyd and Allison Kolbe**, PhD Candidates, received the NASA Space Grant Fellowship in Science and Engineering from the Washington National Space Grant Consortium. [http://www.wsgc.wsu.edu/grad/](http://www.wsgc.wsu.edu/grad/)

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**News from the Dybdahl Lab:**

- **Jackie Schultz**, SBS, ’14, received a College of Arts and Science Minigrant ($1400) to collaborate with **Dr. Mark Dybdahl** on a project titled, "Ploidy versus parasitic infection in a New Zealand freshwater snail."

- **Erica Kistner**, M.S. (2011) and **Mark Dybdahl** recently had a manuscript accepted for publication by Biological Invasions. This is the second published paper from Erica's Masters thesis research.

- Kistner, E.J. and **M.F. Dybdahl**. *In press*. Analogous variation in the shell morphology between sympatric native and invasive aquatic snails. *Biological Invasions*.

- While on sabbatical leave in Switzerland, **Dr. Mark Dybdahl** presented a seminar to the Evolutionary Biology group at the University of Basel on January 7, 2014, entitled: "The molecular basis of host-parasite coevolution: a synthesis of theoretical models and immune mechanisms"

- **Dr. Mark Dybdahl**, associate professor in SBS, is on sabbatic leave to the Swiss Federal Technical Institute (ETH) in Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Dybdahl is working on research that synthesizes coevolutionary theory and molecular immune mechanisms involved in host-parasite interaction. He is also giving presentations on his research in the Joint General Meeting of the Evolutionary Biology group at ETH and at the EAWAG Aquatic Ecology group in Dubendorf, Switzerland.

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Tina Krauss, Academic Coordinator for Undergraduate Programs, received a scholarship from NACADA to attend their regional conference in Vancouver in March.

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The College of Arts and Sciences’ Ana Maria Rodriguez-Vivaldi (Associate Dean, Student Affairs and Global Education) and Dr. Kathy Beerman are traveling to Guatemala in March, with 25 CAS students (12 from SBS) on a medical mission. The main goal of this particular medical mission is surgical repair of cleft palate/cleft lip, oral surgery (tooth extraction), and maternal-infant care. WSU is one of several universities partnered with the nonprofit organization Hearts in Motion that provides students with the opportunity to work with a team of healthcare professionals abroad. Two SBS and two Foreign Language students were awarded scholarships to go on this trip.

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Sarah Anderson, PhD Candidate, recently won the Ecological Society of America's (ESA) Graduate Student Policy Award. The award pays for travel and provides training to take part in the Biological Ecological Sciences Coalition's Congressional Visits Day. Here is the press release with the details http://www.esa.org/esa/?p=10531.

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News from Dr. Elissa Schwartz:

- Dr. Elissa Schwartz has been invited to present her recent work in a mini-symposium at Texas Tech in April 2014. The title of the presentation will be "Immune control of equine infectious anemia virus infection by CTLs and antibodies." SBS PhD student Karin Harrington is also an author of this work.

- The original research article, "Individual-based computational model used to explain pandemic 2009 H1N1 in rural campus community" by Lydia Miller, Therese Jones, Mindy Morgan, Sergey Lapin and Elissa J. Schwartz was published in the December 2013 issue of the Journal of Biological Systems. You can find the article at http://www.worldscientific.com/doi/abs/10.1142/S0218339013400056.

- The original research article, "Understanding virus–host dynamics following EIAV infection in SCID horses" by Stanca M. Ciupé and Elissa J. Schwartz will be published in the February issue of the Journal of Theoretical Biology. You can find the article at http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022519313005286.
Josh Rosnow, PhD candidate, was recently published in Biomed Central’s journal *BMC Plant Biology* for his article, “Exploring mechanisms linked to differentiation and function of dimorphic chloroplasts in the single cell C4 species Bienertia sinuspersici.” You can find his article online here: [http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2229-14-34.pdf](http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1471-2229-14-34.pdf).

News from Carter Lab:

- **Dr. Patrick Carter** was recently awarded the National Academic Advising Association, Region 8, Faculty Academic Advisor Certificate of Merit. Region 8 includes colleges and universities in British Columbia, Alberta, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington. Additional details can be found on the following link: [http://wsuacada.org/two-wsu-advisors-receive-regional-awards/](http://wsuacada.org/two-wsu-advisors-receive-regional-awards/).

- Three graduate students from the lab of Patrick Carter in the School of Biological Sciences have published results from their research. **Anna Heink** (MS, 2012), **Kristen Irwin** (PhD, expected 2014) and **Kristy Bellinger** (PhD, expected 2015) published their work in late 2013 and early 2014. The citations are:

**Dr. Brian Kemp** was recently published in the *Journal of Archaeological Science* for his article, “Evaluation of Methods that Subdue the Effects of Polymerase Chain Reaction Inhibitors in the Study of Ancient and Degraded DNA.” His coauthors on the article are Cara Monroe, Kathleen G. Judd, Erin Reams and Colin Grier.