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Department of Chemistry and Physics

Departmental Newsletter
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New Hires

The 2005-2006 academic year has been one of both change and growth to the department. The year has brought a new department secretary (Julie Apodaca, upper left photo) and a second laboratory manager (Cecelia Locklear, upper right photo). Dr. Cornelia Tirla (lower photo) was hired as a visiting assistant professor; her area of specialization is organic chemistry. In the Fall 2006 semester Dr. Roland Stout will be joining the department; his area of specialization is physical chemistry. We would like to welcome all of these new hires to our department.

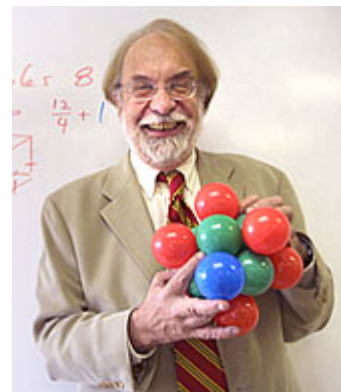


Department Adds Biotechnology Degree

In the Fall 2006 term, the department will begin offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology. The degree is offered in conjunction with the Department of Biology. For further information on this program, contact Dr. Len Holmes, 522-6650.

Dr. John E. Reissner Passes Away

Dr. John E. Reissner passed away on Saturday, April 15 2006. John taught chemistry at UNCP for 30 years and his death is a tremendous loss to the department. He cared for the many students that he taught and enjoyed seeing them learn and appreciate the study of chemistry. He also pursued the study of finance and economics. His warm smile, sharp mind, and keen sense of humor will be sorely missed. The department will truly not be the same without him. Surviving is his wife, Zollene B. Reissner; two children, Steven Reissner and Kate Reissner; sister Eva R. Ewing and husband Martin; two nephews and one niece.



Student Awards

The student awards ceremony was held on April 5, 2006. Let us take the time to congratulate our award winners:

John Murray – American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior Award
James Smith – ACS Sponsored Award in Analytical Chemistry
Eric Duncan – Professional Promise Award
Jamia Gaines-Page – Continuing in Chemistry Award
Hong Tran – Undergraduate Research Award
LaTasha Oxendine – CRC Freshman Chemistry Award
Monty Houser - Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student Award
Thomas McCoy - Einstein Achievement in Physics
Latasha Oxendine and Stephanie Hair – Conley Scholarship Recipients
Jamia Gaines-Paige and Kristen Arnett – Oxendine Scholarship Recipients

Graduates

Due to continued growth at UNCP, the 2005-2006 academic year has given us one of our largest graduating classes. Let us take the time to honor these students for their hard work.

December 2005 Graduates:

Jason Lee Adkins	Shanitta Giles	Brent Martin
Amy Allen	Alisha Howard	Bryan Scott
Leanna carter	Samuel Lemoine	
Latasha Cromwell	Jeremy Lowry	

May 2006 Graduates:

Jason Adkins	Crystal Lanoza	Stephanie Russell
Leanna Carter	Angela Lee	Danny Strickland
Francis Criss	Marquita Lilly	Janet Sanford
Tara Drake	Brandon Locklear	Shannon Starck
Eric Duncan	John Murray	Maureen Sikes
Linda Hafer	Arienne Myers	Robbie Stebbins
Henry Hall	Jasmine Nixon	Hong Tran
Lisa Hayden	Kimberly Oxendine	Jessica Tyler
Alisha Howard	Jennifer Patterson	Heather Walters

Department Social

The department social honoring our graduating seniors was held on Wednesday, April 26. Thanks should be extended to Shanna May Harrelson and Amy Johnson for planning the social, and to everyone who brought something. We had a very good turnout.



Dr. Tirla poses with students Jongmin Park, Ashley Locklear and Henry Hall



Students Kristi Sinclair, Eric Duncan, and Robbie Stebbins



Felicia Scott poses with students Rebecca Arneson and Ashley Wilson



Students Megan Grimsley and Robbie Stebbins



Student Hong Tran Poses for a Shot



Students Eric Smith, Tara Drake, Marquita Lilly, Janet Sanford, and Hong Tran

Gamma Sigma Epsilon Inducts Four New Members

The Spring 2006 induction ceremony was held on Thursday, April 27. Four students were inducted into this prestigious honor society; Brandon Locklear, John Murray, Jessica Ortiz, and Kristi Sinclair.



From left to right; Brandon Locklear, John Murray, Eric Duncan, Janet Sanford, Shannon Starck, Megan Grimsley, Kristi Sinclair, and Jessica Ortiz.



Brandon Locklear and Janet Sanford

A Note to Our Graduates (Present and Past)

If you are a graduate of the UNCP department of chemistry and physics, we want to hear from you! Please contact Amy Johnson (amy.johnson@uncp.edu) or Shanna Harrelson (maysm@uncp.edu) and let us know where you are and what you are doing.