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2017 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

The 2017 Spring Undergraduate Commencement was held Saturday, May 6, 2017. Our Chemistry and Physics graduates are: Sharon Mosomi Ayioka, Emily Jane Batton, Lonzie Tremayne Hedgepeth, Alexandria Miles Locklear, K'Yana Elise McLean, Sarah Abdulhamid Qambar, Isiah Trenton Smith, Megan N. Stevens, Alejandra Uribe, Wei Wang, and Natasha Wells. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

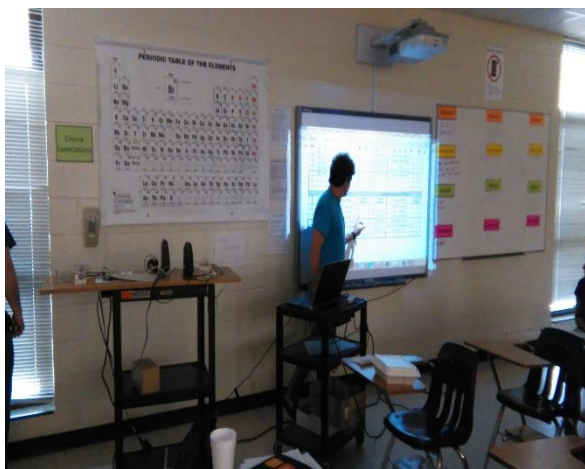


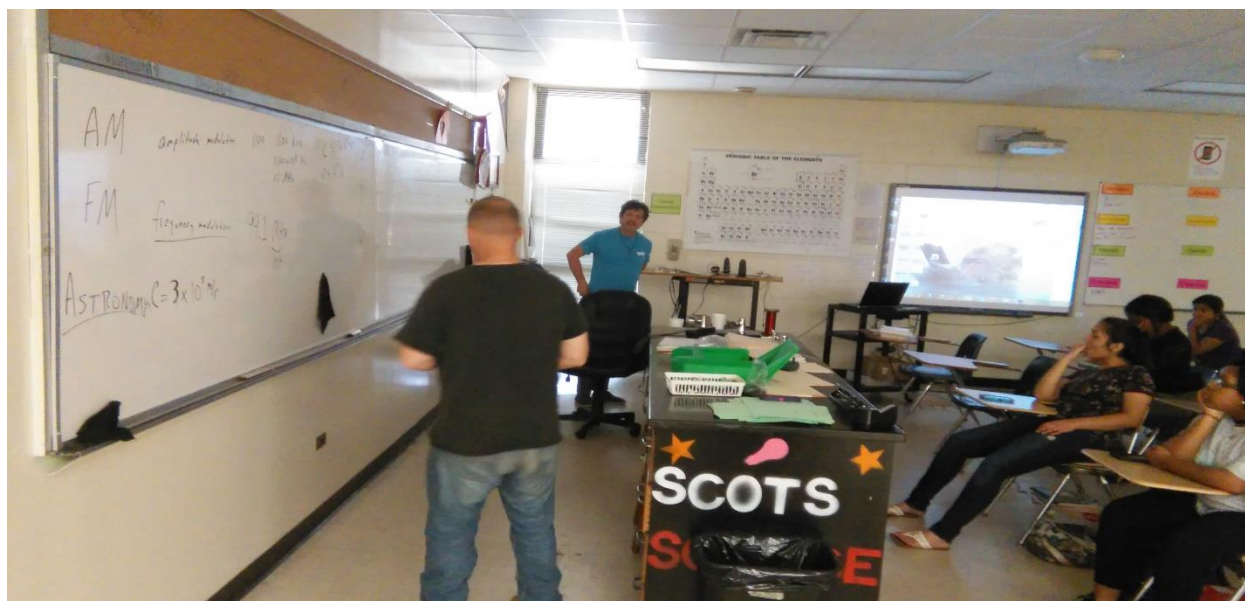
OUTREACH with SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dr. Brandon visited Scotland County High School on May 11, 2017. With the organizing help of Jacob Glenn and the RISE students doing back-to-back classes was the most efficient outreach/recruiting trip. They did one hour class each with Honors Chemistry (25 students), Honors Chemistry (27 students), and then one hour class with the Advanced Placement Chemistry (10 students) - total of 62 students. Thank you, Jacob!

Experiments that the students participated in were: the discussion strategy: a) NC promise (Fall 18); b) applied physics as healthy career choice (problem solvers); c) 3+2 with NCSU for top notch students. Then followed by demos: vibrating string, Chladni plates (resonance), AM laser, Lenz tube, measure speed of sound (within 1% with freeware).

Everyone had a great time. Thank you, Dr. Brandon, for your awesome work!





SATURDAY DAY CAMP

Mrs. Felicia Scott worked with the local students of Robeson County 7th and 8th graders on May 20, 2017, via Project Access Community Engagement through the Southeastern American Indian Studies Program. Her experiments were based on the Law of Conservation of Mass. She incorporated green chemistry within these class experiments.





DR. BEN BAHR NAMED 2017 OLIVER MAX GARDNER AWARD WINNER

Dr. Ben Bahr, the William C. Friday Chair and Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Biochemistry at UNC Pembroke, has been named the 2017 Oliver Max Gardner Award winner by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. The highest honor given by the university, the award recognizes faculty who have “made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race.” As a renowned Alzheimer’s disease researcher and exceptional educator, Dr. Bahr has unquestionably contributed a great deal to the welfare of the human race and is an invaluable treasure of UNCP and the University of North Carolina. Congratulations Dr. Bahr.



PLACEMENT of STUDENTS

The Chemistry and Physics Department would like to congratulate our students on their outstanding success:

Kennedi Stewart	East Carolina University – Dental School
Ashley Arcara	Wingate University – Pharmacy
Megan Stevens	Wingate University – Pharmacy
Mena Issa	Trinity School of Medicine
Alexandria Miles	Wingate University – Pharmacy
Sharon Ayokia	Wingate University – Pharmacy
Emily Batton	Job – Wilmington, NC
Morgan Pait	Wake Forest University – Master’s Program
Wei Wang	China – Graduate School