

Brody Women Faculty Committee

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Happy New Year!

We belong to professional organizations because of the concept of “give and take”. Membership in a professional organization increases your network, enhances workplace satisfaction, gives you access to career resources, and may even broaden your knowledge. As a member, you bring your professional skills, knowledge, and wisdom to that organization, which depends on the synergism of its members.

What has the BWFC given recently? Did you know that BSOM does not have a diversity statement? This statement is our commitment to inclusivity embodied by the term “diversity” and gives us the power to evaluate our progress to this commitment in our student body, our staff, and our faculty. Members of the BWFC have been working with the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the VCDI and the Office of Diversity Affairs to create, refine, and enact our diversity statement.

What have you given to the BWFC recently? If you can’t answer that, attend one of our meetings! We are nothing without our members. YOU are the only one who can make us successful in meeting our mission.

Go Red for Women

In honor of the 10th Annual National Wear Red Day, the BSOM Office of Diversity Affairs and the BWFC are hosting an information table in the Brody Corridor from 12:00pm-2:00pm on **Friday, February 1st**.

Everyone wearing red will receive a Red Dress Pin or awareness sticker.

You will also be eligible to enter a *heart healthy* gift basket!

We also invite all of those wearing red to join us in a group picture that we will submit to the American Heart Association for their America Goes Red Challenge. Meet in the Brody Lobby at 2:30pm on Friday, February 1st.

FaCeS of BrOdY

The FaCeS of BrOdY is a step that the BSOM Office of Diversity Affairs is taking to bring people together to promote diversity awareness, inclusion, and appreciation of differences in our BSOM community. Please take the time to share your story of diversity with the rest of BSOM!

Contact Chanel Arrington (arringtonc@ecu.edu) to obtain an information form and add your face to the FaCeS of BrOdY!

You are invited to attend the

Lake Laupus Land Locked Regatta – A mixer for all BSOM faculty

Monday, February 4th,
5:30-6:30pm
in the Brody Commons
(Old Laupus Library)

Hosted by Dr. Paul
Cunningham and the ECU
Medical and Health Sciences
Foundation

2012-2013 Brody Women Faculty Committee Event Schedule

Program Meeting, 12-1:30pm, 2/20/13, 2W-38
Topic: Negotiation...after you have the job

Business Meeting, 4-5:30pm, 3/19/13, 2W-38

Professional Leadership in Science & Medicine Conference,
12-5:00pm, 4/11/13, ECHI

Topic: Strategies for success in the medical sciences
Speakers: Giselle Corbie-Smith, UNC-CH & Rodney Dietert, Cornell

Final Business Meeting of Year, 12-1:30pm, 5/15/13, 2W-38
Election of new BWFC officers

Kudos to the following BWFC members...

Dr. Danielle Walsh, MD, Pediatric Surgery

The Future Female Doctors group held interest meetings in the fall and is now a formal organization at ECU. Led by student Heather Woolard, the group aims to bring together women exploring careers as physicians for fellowship, mentorship, and community service. As one of their first activities, they are hosting a blood drive on February 7th from 11-5 pm in front of Student Health Services. Heather has shadowed Dr. Danielle Walsh (Pediatric Surgery) as well as Cardiac Surgeons here at ECU to assist in making her career choices. We look forward to building bridges of mentorship and support for women in science from the west campus to the east campus through this and similar efforts.

Dr. Rachel Roper, PhD, Microbiology and Immunology

As an inventor of a patent issued in 2012, Dr. Roper will be recognized at ECU's annual inventor's recognition program on Wednesday April 3rd. Patent # 8,202,521 Issued 6/19/2012, Methods and Compositions for Poxvirus A35R Protein.

Additional events of potential interest to BWFC members...

April 5-21, The North Carolina Science Festival

This two-week celebration of science is the first statewide science festival in the nation! The goal of the festival is to get more North Carolinians engaged in science. Part of the Festival is a program to pair up middle school science teachers and their classes with a practicing scientist, called *Invite a Scientist*. Almost 90 teachers located all over the state have expressed interest in the program. The science festival is looking for people who would like to visit a middle school classroom for one day between February and April of 2013 and act as an ambassador of science. The scientist would share what they were like growing up, how they got interested in science and their current field, all the cool things they get to do as a part of their job, etc. The visit should be informal, hands-on and engaging; not a technical lecture. The festival is not looking for the scientists to necessarily "teach" the classes any specific information, just shine the light on careers and opportunities in science. Middle school has been shown to be an age where students tend to opt in or out of science. With your help, the festival would like to encourage them all to opt in. Please contact Lizzie Igoe at eigoe@email.unc.edu.

April 8-12, Research & Creative Achievement Week (RCAW), Mendenhall Student Center

Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to present their research to fellow students, colleagues, faculty, and the local community in a professional, conference-style setting. We define research as an original systematic investigation and/or original creative activity designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge or culture. If you have a student who is interested in participating in ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week, please have the student complete an abstract submission form and submit it as required. Abstract submissions for 2013 will be accepted until February 1, 2013.

Something to contribute to the newsletter?
Direct materials to Jamie DeWitt at dewittj@ecu.edu.
Thank you!