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## **Announcements**

I need your help. I'm going to make some marketing materials to welcome new students to the building and would really appreciate if you could send me one or two sentences that I could use as a welcome message. The theme of your message can be anything from how excited you are to meet them to how you'd love to see them in your class / lab (or anything else you'd like to say). Please email these to me at (masonje6@msu.edu).

The Biochemistry Building is in the last phase of transferring their temporary sub-station to the new sub-station located in the basement. The **transfer of power** will take place the week of August 9-13. The phases will be from 4am - 8am Monday through Friday and 5p - 8p Monday & Wednesday. There will be no disruptions during business hours (8am - 5pm). During the shutdown there should be no occupancy in labs.

BMB grad students, don't miss Tuesday's **student "pizza talks."** This week's presenters will be Febri Susanto from the Lundquist lab and Lina Gomez from the Grotewold lab. Breakout rooms are working again, so you will have an opportunity to say hello to some of the new students joining for the first time, or catch up with old friends. Email Jessica (jesslaw@msu.edu) for the Zoom info.

The Anna Louise James (ALJ) Minority Pre-Pharmacy Organization is looking for BMB faculty to participate in an interview event where students can meet with STEM professors who would be willing to have them work in their labs. Not all students coming to the event are interested in Pharmacy School. Some are interested in pursuing a PhD or other higher education directions. **If you are interested in hosting minority students**, please contact Claire (vieille@msu.edu).

Save the date for the **MSU Postdoc Association's Annual Postdoc Summer Picnic**, Saturday August 28 from 12-3 PM. Location TBD. RSVP here!

Whether you are coming from Cambodia or Canada, Africa, Asia or Australia, the EU or South America or Scandinavia, **MSU's WorkLife Office welcomes international colleagues** to the MSU community. They understand how different the details of a new community can be and can help you find banking, real estate, utility companies and commercial resources like local markets and restaurants that offer international foods; help you find faith communities and information on schools and sports to help you get settled smoothly; connect you with information on childcare, eldercare, health and well-being resources. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

## **Recent Publications**

Uhl JD, Sripathi KN, Meir E, Merrill J, Urban-Lurain M, Haudek, KC. Automated Writing Assessments Measure Undergraduate Learning after Completion of a Computer-Based Cellular Respiration Tutorial. *CBE—Life Sciences Education.* June 2021.

Wei Y, Jiang S, Li X, Li J, Dong Y, Shi SQ, Li J, Fang Z. "'Green' Flexible Electronics: Biodegradable and Mechanically Strong Soy Protein-Based Nanocomposite Films for Human Motion Monitoring." *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces.* July 2021.