Thank you to Amy Pellegrino and Paula Cohen for organizing a wonderfully successful Pi Day!

Best Overall Pi - Lynn Dong (Blueberry Apple-Rose Pi)

Prettiest Pi - Jen Grenier (Cranberry Pi)

Best Crust - Jen Patterson (Key Lime Pi)

Best Filling - Kristy Richards (Chocolate Pi)

Most Innovative/Controversial - Bob Weiss (Strawberry Margarita Pi)

See page 2 for additional Pi Day photos...
Over the weekend of March 5th-6th, Drs. Robert Weiss and Kristy Richards held the first Social Issues in Community Engagement by Cancer Scientists symposium. The event drew a mixed crowd of students, researchers, cancer survivors, and advocates for lectures and conversations about cancer treatment.

Special thanks to Bob Riter of the Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes for the wonderful pictures.
Join the BMS Technical Science Group in GREENING YOUR LAB to save on energy costs. In December 2015, Dean Warnick launched the CVM Energy Conservation Initiative and encouraged us all to become leaders in energy conservation at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The Cornell Green Lab Certification is a voluntary point-based, self-assessment that labs use to assess their current practices and set sustainability goals. Based on the actions that your lab is taking, you will receive one of the four levels of certification. Make small changes in your lab to earn more points to receive a higher level certification.

For more information and to sign up go to:  
http://www.sustainablecampus.cornell.edu/initiatives/green-your-lab

To view the current energy usage in the VRT go to: 
http://buildingdashboard.net/cornell/#/cornell/vetresearchtower

Our official BMS GREEN LAB KICKOFF will be Thursday, March 17th. Any questions? Contact Erica Sloma (eas343@cornell.edu) or Jane Lee (jcl54@cornell.edu)

Remember, small changes to our energy use can reap huge benefits in energy savings!!

Offices—don’t feel left out! Once the curtain wall project is complete, we will launch the Green Your Office challenge. Go to http://www.sustainablecampus.cornell.edu/initiatives/green-your-office/ to see what small changes you can make now to save energy.

Congratulations to June Xia, a member of the Davisson Laboratory. June was selected as a recipient of the 2016 David S. Bruce Outstanding Undergraduate Abstract award. Along with a small cash award, June received a 2-year complimentary membership to the American Physiological Society and is eligible to compete for the David S. Bruce Excellence in Undergraduate Research Awards.

Congratulations to Joe Neumeyer, an Undergraduate Senior in Dr. Kotlikoff’s lab, for being awarded an Einhorn Discovery Grant as well as funds from the Undergraduate Research Program. Joe’s research project, “Visual Detection Method of Cardiac Differentiation” takes advantage of the calcium indicator sensors developed in the Kotlikoff laboratory and involves successfully differentiating iPS cells to cardiomyocytes. Congratulations Joe!
Jackie Creque joined the department as a temporary Administrative Assistant on March 2nd. She is supporting faculty on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Veterinary Research Tower. She received a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology and Psychology from Queens College and studies Middle Eastern Dance here in Ithaca. She has provided support for many departments around Cornell and is a local landlord.

Sisitha Jayasinghe is originally from Sri Lanka and moved to Melbourne, Australia 10 years ago. He recently completed his PhD at Deakin University where he investigated how excessive adiposity and physical fitness influenced the HPA axis and SAM system responses to psychological stress and food intake in humans. His research focus in the Cummings Lab will be about Bariatric surgery and the risk of cancer development. He loves the outdoors and is a huge fan of rugby union and cricket.

Tera Kent joined the Department of Biomedical Sciences in Dr. Alexander Nikitin’s lab, as a Research Support Specialist, in February. Tera looks forward to contributing to the Stem Cell Program and is the new contact for users of the ScanScopes in the Veterinary Research Tower. Tera began her career at Cornell in 2002, in the Department of Animal Science with Patricia Johnson’s Lab. She later joined Cornell’s Division of Nutritional Sciences in 2006 in Kimberly O’Brien’s Lab, where she studied maternal and neonatal mineral status and placental expression of transporters involved in mineral transfer. Tera received her Bachelor’s degree in Biotechnology from Rochester Institute of Technology. She is also a Girl Scout leader for her 10 year old daughter’s troop, which is a wonderful opportunity to mentor girls interested in STEM fields, and enjoys Belly Dancing, Zentangle, and crocheting.
Carly is a German Shorthaired Pointer adopted from a friend and breeder in Virginia. She is a half sibling to big brother Max. She started obedience training at 8 weeks, bird training at 10 weeks and has already been to her first breed (fun) show! Big plans for this little girl.


While weight loss does contribute to Type 2 diabetes remission, “the thing we are excited about is it’s not just the weight loss,” says Bethany Cummings. “Coming up with methodologies other than weight loss to treat diabetes is critical.” (Credit: iStockphoto)
INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO!

College of Veterinary Medicine - Open House 2016 - April 9
http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/

2nd Annual Center for Reproductive Genomics Symposium - April 14-15
http://reprogenomics.cornell.edu/TopMenu/Events/symposium2016/index.html

Bring a Child to Work Day - April 28
https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/celebrating/bactwd.html

Stem Cell Program Retreat 2016 - May 12
https://www.stemcell.cornell.edu/scp-retreatregistration.cfm

New York State Spring Veterinary Conference - May 13-15
http://www.cvent.com/events/2016-spring-new-york-state-veterinary-conference/event-summary-e5cf3036c3ea40e4a9d4d5e19bb8d0c0.aspx

LINKS OF INTEREST

Do you want the convenience of onsite purchasing from ThermoFisher/Life Technologies? To share what products you are interested in, go to:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mUj83k2KoOVPjLVxovsPDxBeDZGDfkk6Itjw0eZVDo/edit?usp=sharing

Construction of the VRT curtain wall is proceeding ahead of schedule. Keep up to date at:
http://www.vet.cornell.edu/about/project.cfm

SEMINARS

Check out the following websites for our upcoming seminars...

Biomedical Sciences Seminar Series
http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/seminars.cfm

BBS WIP
http://vet.cornell.edu/BBS/CurrentStudents/bbsevents.cfm

Reproductive Physiology/Endocrinology Seminar Series
http://www.vet.cornell.edu/biosci/seminars/ReproEndoSeminarSeries.cfm

Vertebrate Genomics Club (The Verge)
http://www.vertebrategenomics.cornell.edu/GenomicsClub.html