Hello Students –

Hopefully you had time to attend our Holiday Social. As space was an issue this year and we had to have it on a Saturday, we did not get our usual faculty attendance. A very special THANK YOU to Drs. Hey-Kyoung Lee, Jason Trageser and Kisi Bohn for attending.

There will be leftover food from the Social in the Conference Room to help get you ready for finals. Also if you did not have time to attend the event, please come to the Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology office between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to pick-up your new t-shirt.

SENIORS GRADUATING THIS SEMESTER: If you would like to receive this email next semester – please contact Linda White at linda.m.white@jhu.edu.

This will be the last Weekly Email until the beginning of spring semester. Be sure you take some time to relax over break. See you at the end of January.

Happy Studying and Happy Holidays to all!!!

News and Upcoming Events: December 9th – December 15th

**DAVID S. OLTON RESEARCH AWARD**

Bruce, a junior Neuroscience major, works in the lab of Dr. Cynthia Moss. His research is entitled “Neural Mechanisms for Object Discrimination in Big Brown Bats”.

Please join us in Congratulating Bruce!!!

**NEUROSCIENCE AND BEHAVIORAL BIOLOGY HOLIDAY SOCIAL T-SHIRT DESIGN WINNER**

Thank you to all that attended the Annual Neuroscience & Behavioral Biology Holiday Social this past Saturday!!! We hope you had fun and enjoyed yourselves. Pictures from the Social will be online and in the office soon.
If you did not attend the Social, you can stop by the office to pick up your Neuroscience 2018-2019 T-shirt designed by Taskin Forkan. “Just think about it”!!!

We would like to thank Mary Yu, our Neuron, and Kai Inoki, our Blue Footed Booby for working our Photo Booth at the Holiday Social. Nice Job Ladies!!!

As is our tradition, we had a Holiday Social Cookie Decorating Contest at the Social. Thank you to all the participants and to Drs. Lee, Trageser and Bohn for judging this year. Here are this year’s winning cookies....
**COOKIE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS**

**Kiss Count Winner (283 piece)**
Michael Peters at 271

**Raffle Winners**
Oops...forgot to write them down...but, have fun at Starbucks!!!

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I would like to personally thank all of the students who helped bake the Gingerbread cookies for the Holiday Social. We made 22 ½ dozen cookies in the Wolman Kitchen!!!

As promised, here is my now famous Gingerbread cooking recipe (they really are YUMMY!!!). I have had it since graduate school. (Full disclosure – I found it in a holiday magazine – but, I hadn’t learned about good referencing skills yet!!!)

[**Gingerbread Cookie Recipe**](#)

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**THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE MAKERS!!!**
| **FOOD PANTRY** | Established in Spring 2018, the Hopkins Pantry serves to tackle the issue of food insecurity on our campus by providing Blue Jays with another resource.

The Hopkins Pantry is located in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 3003 N. Charles St. Ste. 100, next to the Homewood Apartments.

Currently, the pantry is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-8 PM and Sunday from 3-5 PM during the academic year. If these hours are not convenient for you, please email us to set up an appointment for the pantry to open. Please bring your own bag if possible.

Before coming to the pantry, please fill out the one-time intake survey: [https://goo.gl/forms/yuchC7Bjr3fbioK72](https://goo.gl/forms/yuchC7Bjr3fbioK72) and remember to check out with the pantry volunteer when you are done shopping. |
| **ACADEMIC SUPPORT** | The Office of Academic Support has put together a list of study space locations for this semester which can be used during reading period and finals. Additionally, this semester they are piloting a study break sponsorship program and will be leaving coffee and donuts in specific locations that are being paid for by various departments and being setup by our office.

Please visit the Academic Advising & Support website for information about tutoring services and the supported courses. |
| **STUDYING FOR EXAMS** | You’re ALMOST there……

Here are some things to think about while studying for your exams this week….

**Stressbusters on campus**

Helpful tips for exam week:
- sleep regularly
- eat & drink regularly
- get frequent exercise (even just walking)
- spend time outside during daylight hours
- learn and practice a relaxation technique that suits you
- rest when you rest, study when you study (switch off internet etc)
- socialize |
| **WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE** | The Charm City Care Connection is a community based health resource center committed to expanding the availability of free health care to residents in East Baltimore. This year, the organization is sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive. There are several drop off locations, including in the Neuroscience Program office. Please see this [flyer](#) for acceptable donations. |
| **SUMMER PROVOST UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD** | Summer PURA is open to all JHU undergraduate students (that will not have graduated prior to the summer program start date). The program offers JHU undergraduate students the opportunity to stay in Baltimore during the summer to start or continue a research, creative, or scholarly project in any division, department, or program related to Johns Hopkins.

Summer PURA offers students a $4000 stipend to help offset the expense of staying at JHU over the summer. The program runs for 10 weeks over the summer from June to mid-August. The online application process opens on December 1st. Please visit the [HOUR](#) website for more information. |
| **SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES** | The Bloomberg Distinguished Professors (BDP) Summer Undergraduate Research Program is a research award program offering a $4,000 stipend to help offset expenses related to working with one of the Bloomberg Distinguished Professors on a project of their choosing for 10 weeks over the summer. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2019.

[CIRCUIT](#) (Cohort-based Integrated Research Community for Undergraduate Innovation and Trailblazing) offers a $6,000 stipend for the summer program and $2,000 per semester plus research credit (as allowed) for the academic year following. CIRCUIT offers JHU students an opportunity to participate in cutting-edge research experiences at the JHU Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD. Sophomores, juniors and students from underserved backgrounds in STEM fields are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is January 16, 2019. |
| CONFERENCE ROOM | The Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology Conference Room will be open and stocked all during Intersession. The availability of the Conference Room for the week can be found [HERE](http://krieger.jhu.edu/neuroscience/). We will also be posting a sign on the door when the room is in use. You can also review the Dunning Conference Room user’s policy on the website.  

**Note:** Please be sure to leave the conference room in better shape than you found it. |
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| COMMENT/SUGGESTION BOX | Do you have any comments or suggestions that might make the program better? Would you like to see different snacks in the Conference Room?  

Visit the [comment box](http://krieger.jhu.edu/neuroscience/) link and make your thoughts known anonymously. |

Please refer to the NS website: [http://krieger.jhu.edu/neuroscience/](http://krieger.jhu.edu/neuroscience/) for more information.