



## WHAT A BUSY SUMMER!

Hi, all!

Summer at the GGC Education Division used to be quiet, calm and a time to both catch up and to develop new projects. In the last couple of years, our schedule has become much busier, and we are thankful for these opportunities.

Let me tell you about a few of this summer's events.

### TEACHERS' COURSE

We had a great time with our teachers who enrolled in this year's online course and in-person workshop. The title of the course was *It's more than just the genes* and the focus for us was different: topics included global health, human variation, population genetics, gene structure and function, and environmental influencers on health. We included new labs and activities, including virtual reality (right) which coordinated with and enhanced each topic.

New this year is that we offered the workshop both on the GGC campus and also off-site. Trident Technical College in North Charleston was so gracious in allowing us to use their lab facilities. Our teachers in the Lowcountry could attend the course and workshop and be close to home. It worked well, and we'll see what happens in the future.



### HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

Our students were great this year! We had lively discussions, engaging lab activities, and the students seemed genuinely interested. The students were able to tour the GGC's Aquaculture Facility and learn about the zebrafish studies. In addition, students toured the Clemson Center for Human Genetics (CCHG), a building on the GGC campus. Here they were able to do a little hands-on with *Drosophila*, the CCHG's animal model, and learn more about the use and importance of animal models in research. Of note, our wonderful camp t-shirts were printed by adults with autism at our partner organization, Project HOPE Foundation in Greenville!



### OUR TEAM

The year was full and rewarding. In 2018-2019 school year, we worked with more than 12,500 students and traveled to 34 counties. These numbers wouldn't be possible without your interest and support. Thank you for helping us grow, and please continue to introduce our programs to new teachers and schools to share in this learning experience. The goal is to encourage students to enter careers in the life sciences and for all to become confident in the field of genetics in order to make good health care decisions in the future.



Sadly, we said farewell to Hannah Balentine and Brooke Scott this summer, but are happy to say that they both entered the teaching profession in local schools. We'll be adding new staff members and look forward to your meeting them this year!

*Looking forward to seeing you again in the coming weeks and months,*

*Leta*

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