



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello, everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful, wonderful Christmas break. Hard to believe we're starting a new semester and year. I wanted to give a brief update on the Mobile Program and other events.

We will be offering **Bio 614: Contemporary Topics in Genetics**. The course will be through Lander University's Blackboard System May 16-June 20. The culminating piece to the course will be the Teacher Workshop held on the GGC campus in Greenwood. Teachers can choose to attend one of the following workshop dates: June 25-26 or June 28-29.

The course provides three graduate hours that can be transferred into a graduate program or used for re-certification credits. Brochures are ready and will be distributed through Mobile Lab/Van trips to schools, through e-mail, and through SCSELA distribution list. If you do not receive one, please let me know and I'll send directly to you.

## MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

When we welcomed the Helix Express and added it to the Gene Machine program, our hope was that it would allow us to make more trips, work with more schools, and work with class sizes larger than 24.

In reviewing our statistics from the first semester, we are encouraged that these objectives are indeed being achieved. Student Statistics from August –December 2017 indicate that the Mobile Lab/Outreach Program has

- **Made a total of 71 trips throughout the State, serving 4,813 students**
- **Served 319 students who made field trips to the Genetic Education Center**
- **Total student numbers for mobile program and education center = 5,132**

\*As a comparison to 2016-2017 school year, there was a total of **126 trips** made and **6,540** students served statewide. The program is currently on track to well surpass these numbers.



## EVALUATION MEASURES AND FEEDBACK

In efforts to measure effectiveness and benefit of the outreach program, we are asking our teachers to complete brief evaluations of your experience with our program. Thank you to those who have responded. Your feedback is critical to maintaining and/or improving what we offer. Please know we appreciate your comments!

*Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!*

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