



## FALL 2020 - The Year of COVID-19

Dear GGC Teachers,

The following statement appeared in our January 2020 newsletter... **‘We’re excited to begin 2020 and have kicked off the new semester. The team has been on the road since January 8th, and the months ahead look quite full.’** Well, the months ahead were indeed full, but COVID put an end to all of our wonderful plans! What an interesting and challenging time we are in. I know you are concerned about re-opening plans, and we are hoping that all goes well.

GGC Outreach is open and ready to help! As you begin your 2020-21 school year, consider from the following how we might support your teaching:

- Use the **Gene Machine Mobile Lab** for smaller class sizes. Invite the **Helix Express Van** to bring materials into your classroom. You can be assured that we follow all safety guidelines of disinfecting, wearing masks and gloves, and social distancing. We’re probably more stringent than many.
- We have numerous **GGC videos** on lab techniques, specific lab exercises, careers, special topics, etc
- **Let’s Zoom!** We can set up live discussions/presentations and Q & A opportunities for students.

Please let us know how we can be of help. We’re ready to teach, just as you are!

### **In spite of the pandemic, we have kept busy this summer. Here’s what we have been up to!**

1. **Teachers’ Course: Success!** We held our first virtual teachers’ workshop. We enjoyed working with our teachers and appreciate their flexibility this summer.
2. **Summer High School Camp:** We were holding our breath until the last minute to decide whether the July camp would be virtual or on GGC campus. We chose in-person, and I am happy to report that all went very well. We had small groups each of the two weeks and observed all guidelines. The students were great and from all evaluations, learned new things and enjoyed the experience- always our goals!
3. We said **‘good-bye and best wishes’** to instructor, Hannah Leopard, as she begins her teaching career in 7th grade science!



**Take care everyone and be safe! Stay in touch as we miss working with you.**

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