

BioNews – May 2020

The faculty and staff of the Biology Department want to offer a HUGE congratulations to all of our graduating seniors. We are sorry that your senior year ended this way, but we are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished! We hope that many of you will be able to attend the dual graduation festivities in 2021, when we can celebrate with you in person.



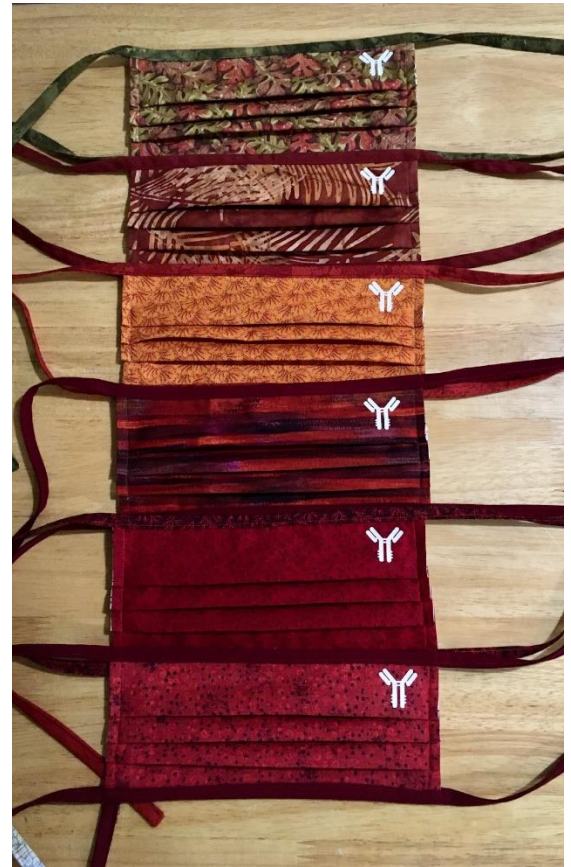
A special kudos to the students who completed a senior honors thesis in Biology: Jac Brooks, Julia Burnett, James Colwell, Patrick Friend, Jenny Gallegos Iraheta, Jacob Gendelman, Emily Hong, Liz Parsons, Allan Phillips, Kyra Raines, and Derek Schneider. Derek Schneider's thesis was selected by the department as the winner of the Oscar Schotté Award for best thesis in Biology. Way to go everyone!



A special thanks to Maureen Manning for sewing these amazing masks for our graduating seniors! One side features a science motif, and the other showcases the antibody icon from our old McGuire Life Sciences building. Thanks Maureen for this timely gift!



Jacob Gendelman models his mask



Other Bio news

As reported in our last BioNews, Prof. Hood and Jae Hoon Cho (from the Hood lab) were co-authors on a recent paper in *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* that developed an R program to generate hexagonal fan design experiments. Their image (below) was selected for the cover photo!



News of Biology alumni

Annie Apffel '17 has accepted a position at the University of Maryland Medical School. She will be enrolled in a five-year dual MD/MS program, so in addition to an MD, she will be taking a gap year between her 3rd and 4th year to get a Master's degree in Clinical Research and Epidemiology.

Joely DeSimone '17 was the lead author on a [new paper](#) published in *Hormones and Behavior* entitled "Developing a Stopover-CORT hypothesis: Corticosterone predicts body composition and refueling rate in gray catbirds during migratory stopover."

Nicole Roberts '18 received a David L. Boren Fellowship for International Study to study social and economic relationships among fishers, traders, and consumers in rural Indonesia for her Master's thesis at the University of Rhode Island.