



Biosphere

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in CR 5125)

Dr. Donato Rivas
Tufts University

“Loss of Muscle Mass and Function with Older Age: Causes, Consequences and Prevention”

Summer Research Experiences – Find yours now!

The time to apply for summer research experiences is ***NOW!*** There are many institutions that offer exciting research opportunities over the summer, all over the country and abroad. Visit NSF’s [Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\) website](#) and search opportunities [by subject or state](#). In addition, CSUN is part of the MHIRT consortium (a group of So Cal CSU's that host MARC/RISE programs), which offers paid international research experiences for students in England, Thailand and Argentina. MHIRT students have priority. This program is open to Ph.D, MD/Ph.D or MD-bound students in the USA (note that MD's have the lowest priority). To learn more about these opportunities, visit the [MIHRT website](#) (deadline to apply: **March 3, 2017**).

A plea to lower the cost of higher education

The *Los Angeles Times* published a letter from **Dr. Steve Oppenheimer** advocating for efforts to make college tuition-free. Dr. Oppenheimer made the compelling argument that thousands of students could not have succeeded over the years today, were it not for the free education that he received as an undergrad and that forcing our students to work while in college “*is the sure way to demolish the future of our workforce*”.

End of Week 3 - Last chance to make changes to your class schedule !!

Remember that you will not be able to use self-service to register late, add a class, drop, or change basis of grading **after Friday, February 10, 11:59pm**. Afterwards, your academic schedule is considered official and changes to it will be permitted only in extraordinary circumstances.

Applications are now open for the MARC and RISE Programs

MARC and RISE applications are now available for BA/BS students who are committed to pursuing a Ph.D degree. Please go to EH2128 for more information and to obtain the application forms, or email parthenia.hosch@csun.edu or mariaelena.zavala@csun.edu.

(Applications for incoming graduate students will be available in April)