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Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

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“Mechanisms of Neural Crest Migration”

- **Research Awards**—Graduate student Stacy Krueger (Advisor, Dr. Dudgeon) received a \$400 grant from *Sigma Xi* for her thesis project and was nominated for membership in the society • Undergraduate Dona Roonalika Wisidagama (Dr. Malone) was awarded a CSUN Presidential Scholars Scholarship for 2007–08 • Ricardo Rosales (Dr. A. Metzberg) received \$1320 from the CSUN Student Projects Committee to support his MS thesis research
- **Publication**—Graduate students Sahar Sajadi and Pat Rojas, along with their Advisor, Professor Steve Oppenheimer, had a paper accepted for publication *Acta Histochemica* based primarily on Sahar’s MS thesis research
- **Professional Presentations**—The following presented their research at the CSUPERB meeting in Los Angeles: graduate students Jennifer Hedger and Joseph Ireland (Advisor, Dr. Summers), Amy Lindgren and Ruchika Loya (Dr. Malone), Matt Somerville (Dr. de Ballard), and undergraduates Khachik Najaryan and Kim Vaccaro (Dr. Malone); the meeting was also attended by Assistant Professor Gini Vandergon, as well as Karen LeGrand, Jenevieve Polin, and Araceli Vasquez from Dr. Summers’ lab
- **Outreach**—Marine Wetlab Technician Michael Abernathy, Collections Manager Jim Hogue, and Professor Polly Schiffman provided presentations for CSUN’s Mother–Daughter College Preparation Science Day • Dr. Janet Kübler was a member of a team of biologists who presented a workshop: *Biomimicry for the Sustainable Built Environment* to the American Institutes of Architects in San Francisco • Professor Steve Oppenheimer gave an invited address to K–12 administrators at the *Flight Path to the Future Symposium*, where he offered his *New Journal of Student Research Abstracts* as an outlet for youngsters who are conducting scientific research