



# Biosphere

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Happy New Year !!

Let 2017 bring us good grades, papers and grants.



### Large research grant to support cancer research at CSUN

The laboratory of **Dr. Kelber** will be awarded a SC1 grant from the NIH, bringing \$1.46 M to CSUN over the next 4 years to support their research on non-transcriptional mechanisms of PEAK1 action during TGFbeta-induced EMT in cancer and fibrosis.

### 2016-2017 Thesis Support Awards

**Matthew Dickson** and **Dillon Monroe** received awards from the Office of Graduate Studies to support their thesis work, following a careful review of numerous applications by the Review Committee.

### CSUN research highlight

An article by graduate student **David Quintero** and his advisor, **Dr. Bermudes**, was recently cited in a *Nature Medicine* highlight titled “Living therapeutics: Scientists genetically modify bacteria to deliver drugs”. The *Nature Medicine* piece shone light on

their work exploring the use of *Salmonella* to deliver anti-cancer drugs to tumor cells.

### CSUN among heavyweights at the NIH

**Dr. Steve Oppenheimer** was invited as a member of the Special Emphasis NIH Review Panel for Animal/biological Resource Facilities. Dr. Oppenheimer will join colleagues from many other prestigious universities and research centers, including Stanford University, University of Michigan, University of Southern California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, University of Pennsylvania and John Hopkins University School of Medicine.

### Corrigendum!

The name of **Dr. Peter Edmunds** was involuntarily misspelled in our last issue. We would like to extend Dr. Edmunds a sincere apology for the mistake and use the opportunity to congratulate him once again for becoming the 2017 Jerome Richfield Scholar.