Welcome to the first issue of The Periodic News, the newsletter for undergraduates in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Thank you to all who participated in the naming of the newsletter. The winning name for the newsletter was submitted by sophomore biochemistry major, Ethan Dimaano. Ethan will receive a $25 Starbucks gift card and a full set of our new Chem/Biochem laptop stickers (below). You will notice that several other suggested names appear as the subtitles of our sections. Students credited for the subtitle names will receive a $5 gift card and the laptop stickers. Information on how others can get stickers will be coming soon.

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In case you missed it....
James Clark brought some holiday cheer to lab coat check-out with his Chemist-tree.

You won’t want to miss....
Galentine’s Paint Night with Biochemistry major and Artist Vivienne Dragun (“24). Details can be found here.
The goal of the newsletter is to streamline all of the information we send out to you in emails, as well as adding a little “extra”. It will be evolving over the next few months as we work to find just the right format and content. Regular features you will find in the newsletter include:

- **Up and Atom**
  - Highlights upcoming events in the department and college
  - Contributing author: Charlie Desnoyers
  - Name suggested by Isalina Colsman

- **Chem Lab Report**
  - Highlights a faculty member in the department
  - Contributing author: Andrew Stiles
  - Name suggested by Tori Gordon-Brown

- **Transition States**
  - Highlights one of our senior Chemistry or Biochemistry majors
  - Contributing author: Ellen Crotzer
  - Name suggested by Marissa Panethiere

- **The Molecular Messenger**
  - Fun or interesting stories from the fields of chemistry/biochemistry
  - Contributing author: Reddy Bernhold
  - Name suggested by Emma Lee

- **Alkynes of Fun**
  - Highlights of past Chem/Biochem club activities, and info on upcoming events.
  - Contributing author: Ian Talty
  - Name suggested by Maggie Rakonick

- **R and S Configuration**
  - Research and Safety information from Dr. Wietstock

- **DGL Digest**
  - Important advising notes and reminders.
  - Name suggested by Dominic Stoner and Evan Wells
DGL DIGEST: Advising Notes and Reminders

**Freshmen:** You are beginning the process of officially declaring your major. Technically I am not your advisor yet, but feel free to reach out with any questions you have in the meantime.

**Sophomores:** Most study abroad offers have been given out. I would love to hear where you are going. Please take a moment to fill in this google form, indicating where and when you will be going. Those attending summer programs are encouraged to fill out the form as well.

**Juniors:** JPW is just around the corner. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 17th. Join us in the Jordan reading room from 11:15 am-1 pm. There will be a brief introduction of the faculty present and then an opportunity for your parents to meet your professors. Jimmy John’s will be served. Don’t forget to share photos for the slide show. Submit here.

**Seniors:** I have completed grad checks. I am happy to say you are all graduating. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18th. The Chemistry and Biochemistry Diploma Ceremony is scheduled for 1 pm in the Downes Ballroom in Corbett Family Hall. We will have a reception before or after. More details to come soon.

**Who’s Who.....**

Ever wonder who to go to with your specific questions/needs? Below is a list of important contacts in the college and department.

**College Level:**
- **Academic Deans:** Dr. Dan Gezelter and Dr. Kathleen Kolberg
  - Eform approvals, academic deficiencies, leaves of absence, etc.
- **UG Affairs Program Coordinator:** Heather Kennedy
  - Appointment scheduling for Academic Deans, registration information and reminders
- **Academic Dean for Study Abroad:** Dr. Arielle Phillips
  - Study abroad application approval, study plan review and approval

**Departmental Level:**
- **Director of UG Studies:** Jon Camden
  - Curriculum reviews, transfer course reviews (non-COS students), perspective students
- **Academic Advisor for CHEM and BCHM Majors:** DeeAnne Goodenough-Lashua
  - Registration and 4-year planning, eform and study abroad approvals, academic concerns
- **Academic Advisor for Chemistry Minor:** Dr. Julie Kessler (primary) and DGL (secondary)
- **UG Research Coordinator:** Dr. Steven Wietstock
  - UG research approvals, safety training
- **UG Program Coordinator:** Micah Spiece
  - Student employment, eform approval (non-majors), departmental announcements