Congratulations to Esha Dalvie for being Biochemistry's Student of the Month!

What year are you in?
I'm a 5th year!

Whose lab do you work in?
I'm in the Osheroff Lab. We study type II topoisomerases and how they interact with drugs, natural products, and different substrates. My work focuses on the effects of DNA geometry on enzyme activity, particularly during decatenation of DNA.

What do you like best about the Biochemistry department?
I love the camaraderie! Everyone in the department is always willing to help anyone who needs it, and everyone is so friendly that it makes it easy to discuss our work even in passing in the hallway and swap ideas over a quick conversation. The fun chat and banter at our Whine and Cheese hours or trivia sessions show that we all get along great, even outside the lab.

What piece of advice would you give to other students?
Talk to your labmates and colleagues, especially when you find yourself at an unexpected bump in the road. A different or outside perspective can be helpful when trying to think your way around a problem.

What is your favorite place to go in Nashville?
I absolutely love Thistle Farms Café. It's got amazing food and tea and charming decor. I highly recommend it for breakfast or brunch. In addition, the proceeds go towards helping survivors of trafficking and abuse. My friends and I used to go there often pre-pandemic, and we can't wait until we're able to do so again!

Nominate a Biochemistry student that's doing cool science!
Email nicole.d.kendrick@vanderbilt.edu

Recent Student Publications

Mental Health Committee
Mental Wellness: Not sure where to go for mental wellness help at Vanderbilt? This Graduate Student Concern Flowchart provided by the Vanderbilt Graduate School is a great resource that outlines the wide range of wellness options for graduate trainees.
Social Wellness: The heated outdoor tents on the arboretum side of Vanderbilt campus are open to all Vandy students, including graduate students, and allow for socially distant dining. Please keep in mind that the current Vanderbilt policy allows for small socially distant gatherings of up to 8 people.
Physical Wellness: According to the Return to Campus Update from Jan. 20, the David Williams II Recreation and Wellness Center is tentatively scheduled to reopen in early February for students, albeit with limited hours. We will update when we get more info!

Biochemistry Twitter
For updates on events and departmental news, follow the Biochemistry Department twitter @VandyBiochem

COVID-19 and Reopening News
Graduate students, make sure you use the VandySafe App for COVID-19 Self-Monitoring daily before coming to campus. VU is still in Phase 2+. For more information, check out Vanderbilt's Return to Campus page.

Questions? Concerns?
If you have anything that you would like to be addressed by the department, you can submit it anonymously here. This survey is regularly monitored by the BSA.