



Happy February!

The sun will be setting at 5:14 pm today and everyone's moods will hopefully be on an upward swing from here on out. As always, if you have any comments or concerns, please fill out our [anonymous Google form](#). Have a great month!

- BSA Social Media Committee

DEPARTMENT NEWS

➤ **IGP and QCB rotations will continue this month.** We welcome all rotating students to the department!

➤ Applications for the **Destination Biochemistry Postdoctoral Scholars** will be due this month, February 15th. Please read more about this opportunity and the details to apply [here](#).

TRAINEE OF THE MONTH Yasuhiro Tateishi

What year are you? I'm about to finish the second-year of my postdoc

Whose lab are you in? The laboratory of F. Peter Guengerich.

What do you like best about the department? They provide lots of opportunities for scientific seminars and socializing events. I think this contributes to fostering curiosity and broadening the horizons of young scientists, including both grad students and postdocs.

What advice do you have for other students? Behave with humility. Carefully conduct your experiments and analyze the data. Always keep your project in the back of your mind. This is the advice that my previous supervisor gave me when I started my research.

What's your favorite experiment to run? Organic synthesis experiments and assays using cytochrome P450s. The funny thing is I always want to do P450 assays when I am doing organic synthesis, and vice versa.

What's your favorite place to go or favorite thing to do in Nashville? I love visiting the beautiful parks around the Nashville area for fishing and taking pictures of wildlife- I am not a great fisherman or photographer, though.



DEPARTMENT EVENTS

- **1st** at 2 pm in LH 202 - Faculty Candidate Seminar: Dr. Sezen Meydan, NIH
- **10th** at noon in LH 512 **note location** - BSA Colloquium: Jessica Taylor
- **14th** at 2-4pm in the Biochemistry Break Room - BSA Sprinkled with Love Wellness Event
- **17th** at noon in LH 214 - Frontiers Lecture: Dr. Amy Lee, Harvard University
- **22nd** at 10am in LH 618 - Coffee and Conversations with Dr. Andrew Folkmann
- **24th** at noon in LH 214- BSA Colloquium: Nicky Eleuteri and Menghan Mei

Congrats to...

- **Katherine Stefanski** (Sanders Lab) for her publication, "[How T118M peripheral myelin protein 22 predisposes humans to Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.](#)"
- **Tata Kavlashvili** (Dewar Lab) for her publication, "[Replication fork uncoupling causes nascent strand degradation and fork reversal.](#)"
- **Monica Bomber** (Hiebert Lab) for her publication, "[Human SMARCA5 is continuously required to maintain nucleosome spacing](#)" and for successfully defending her thesis!
- **Lee Cantrell** (Schey Lab) for his paper, "[Proteome Remodeling of the Eye Lens at 50 Years Identified With Data-Independent Acquisition](#)", which was also featured on Vanderbilt's research news [webpage](#). And on top of all that he also successfully defended his thesis!

As we continue down our PI trivia path this month, we are wondering...



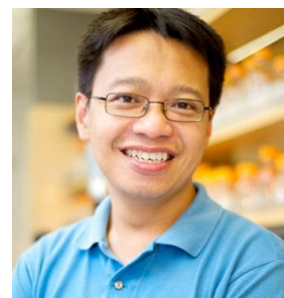
What is Manny Ascano's food and drink related hobby?

- A) brewing beer
- B) baking bread
- C) smoking meats

The results are in!

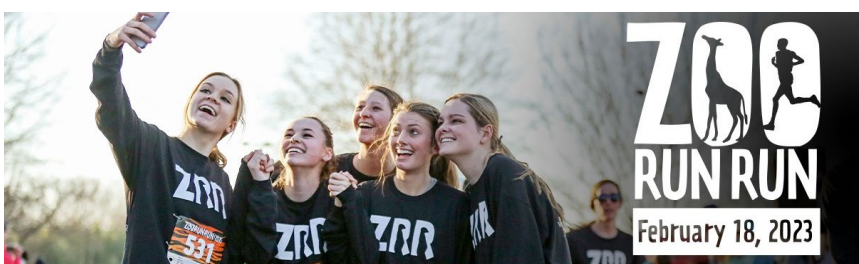
So turns out the department knows Emily rather well. A stunning 58.3% of people correctly guessed that her favorite episode of The Office was "The Secret"! Was it the world's best boss mug that clued you all in?

Also, thank you for settling a personal debate with our bonus question-- while I disagree, marshmallows narrowly beat out whipped cream as a hot chocolate topping with 58.3% of the vote.



IN OTHER NEWS

- [Registration is open](#) for the **1st Annual Research Symposium - Life Sciences Edition** presented by **VIRAL** (Vanderbilt International Researchers Alliance)! It will be held on April 28th. Posters and talks will be chosen from submitted abstracts. The keynote address will be given by Dr. John Kuriyan, Dean of Basic Sciences.



- **Places to go:** Really, February is the month of restaurants. First we have **Hot Chicken Week!** From Jan. 30-Feb. 5th hot chicken entrees at participating restaurants are only \$7! Find the full list of restaurants and what they're serving [here](#). Later this month (from Feb. 20-26) will be **Restaurant Week**. You can find the full list of participating restaurants and events [here](#).
- **Things to do:** The [Nashville Zoo Run](#) will be Feb. 18th from 2-5pm. Tickets are \$40-45 for this 5k race. If sitting is more your style, the **Silent Book Club at Graduate Nashville** is tonight (Feb. 1st) from 6-8pm in the hotel lobby. Co-sponsored by the Bookshop in East Nashville, this event is free admission.
- **People to see:** Lots of people are coming to any one of your resident Nashville venues. Tove Lo and Death Cab for Cutie are going to be at the [Ryman](#). Josh Wolf is going to be at [Zanies](#) the 23rd-25th. A final highlight, Adam Melchor will be at [Brooklyn Bowl](#) on Feb 23rd.



Soda truth was revealed. Dr Pepper only had a doctorate in theoretical Fizz-ics.

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