Congratulations to the MSTP Graduates....

♦ **Sam Day**—Preliminary Medicine, University of Arizona; Radiation Oncology, University of Washington

♦ **Jennifer Ikle**—Pediatrics, St. Louis Children’s Hospital, Washington University

♦ **Justine Migdall-Wilson**—Pediatrics, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, CA

♦ **Tyler Robin**—Preliminary Medicine, Rush University Medical Center; Radiation Oncology—University of Colorado School of Medicine

Please [RSVP](#) for Graduation Dinner (alumni welcome to attend)

**Awards and Recognitions....**

♦ **Chris Cummings** received the peer mentor award from the Graduate School.

♦ **Kiran Dyamenahalli** was named the Outstanding Graduate Student for the Department of Bioengineering. There’s a CEAS awards ceremony on May 16th.

♦ **Jonathon Parker** was recently invited by the Radiation Medicine department at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) to give Grand Rounds. The title of his talk was: "Moving Towards Anti-Invasive Therapy for Glioblastoma: Ex vivo Study of Cell Migration in Living Tumor Tissue". He also will be traveling to Washington, DC at the end of May for the annual meeting of the American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

♦ **Balaji Sridhar** was the recipient of the Excellence Award for Outstanding Service to the university by an individual for the 2013-2014.

♦ **Kathy Farrow, MSTP '99**, has been named Director of the Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Program at Northwestern University and Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. She welcomes any visits from interviewing current MSTP students or MSTP alumni when visiting Chicago!
Congratulations to the MSTP students who completed their Thesis Defense...

Tara Carlisle—Neuroscience PhD Program
Connexin 35b modulates spontaneous calcium transients in the developing zebrafish spinal cord

Caleb Kelly—Immunology PhD Program
Host-microbe interactions and epithelial immunity in the distal gut

Jungwon Genevieve Park—Biochemistry PhD Program
Development and application of genetically encoded FRET sensors to study the role of zinc in biology

Ben St. Clair—Immunology PhD Program
Aggregated species of Ig elicit CD4+ activation and IgG humoral responses

Save the Date
May 16th is the deadline for oral presentations, travel awards, and discounted registration!
http://tinyurl.com/mdphdconference

The 29th National MD/PhD Student Conference
July 18-20 2014
Keystone, Colorado
Recent MSTP Publications....


O’Bleness*, M, Searles* VB, Dickens, CM, Astling D, Albracht, D, Mak CYA, Lai YYY, et al. Sequence and assembly of the DUF1220-rich 1q21 region using a haploid human genome. *BMC Genomics* (in press) *These authors contributed equally to this manuscript

Recruiting Update....

348 applications were received.
52 applicants interviewed.
23 offers
9 Current Accepted

Thank you all for your help and participation in this years recruitment.
Kalen Dionne and his wife, Lai Kuan welcomed Avilyn Jie Dionne on April 3rd, weighing 6 lbs, 9oz.

Justin Migdall-Wilson was married to Ori Maller on Friday, May 2.

Amanda and Jonathan Kurche (2012) welcomed Miss Evelyn Kurche! Evelyn was born April 29th at 8:18 am, weighing 6 lbs 8 oz, and was 19” long.

Hannah Scarborough and her husband Tripp Jones welcomed Maxwell Eason Jones on April 29th at 1:58 am, weighing 7 lbs, 7 oz, and was 19 inches long.

Rhys Allen Norman was born 15 12:29 pm on March 7th weighing 7 lbs, 4 oz, and was 20.25” long to Heather, (2012) Anthony and Dominic Norman.