

CEGSS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

-- August --

School's back, but it's still feeling like summer

As the heat continues to do its worst and Texas summer continues for the next 2-3 months, we welcome back all our Baylor Bears to the BSB (though, who are we kidding? Grad students never leave), and officially welcome the newest cohort of budding biologists. Some quick reminders:

- Graduate Student Orientation is 8/15. While it's primarily for first years, anyone who wants to sneak the free food and free swag can find out more [here](#).
- CMHD students begin rotations, which probably will explain the random new person in your office every few weeks. EEO folks will be starting in their permanent labs.
- Keep your eyes peeled for info on getting involved:
 - *Organizations:* [CEGSS](#), [PyPhD](#), [WISE](#), [WITA](#), [GSA](#)
 - *Writing:* The [Graduate Writing Center](#) puts on "Just Write" sessions and organizes groups. Also, CEGSS organizes biology-specific groups, though anyone can join! Learn more about CEGSS groups [here](#).
- Looking to make some extra spending money? Sign up to be a grad student proctor for **\$28.80/hour**. You can sign up and learn more [here](#).

What to say when you get a 'we need to talk' text...

The anticipation is killing me. The CEGSS calendar is going through a necessary review process before we can order—but we're hoping to do that by the end of the month! We want to get it in your hands no later than September.

One thing to watch out for, though, is the Biology Department Orientation and Lunch—open to all students! We will be discussing many opportunities backed by the Graduate School and the Biology Department, as well as eating great (read: free) food. Swing by E234 on 8/16 12-2pm!

What to say when you've finally been given the master key...

This is a level up. Thanks to the input of many Biology Graduate students (and some from the ENV), CEGSS has created its own holy grail of [handbooks](#). We may be biased, but this handbook puts all others to shame. Not only does it provide clearer logistical information, but it also shares some of the best insider tips to Baylor and Waco overall. Also, this new version includes a very helpful timeline at the end!

SciArt

Last newsletter showcased a great comic from first-year, Ashlynn Boedecker. This month, we thank Dani Crain for submitting her very back-to-school appropriate sculpture.

Still, we want more! We'd love to see more from everyone in the department. Anything that qualifies as SciArt deserves a place to show off, and we'd like to keep up the diversity in our newsletters. Send anything cool our way [here](#).

Cheers,
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CEGSS VP and Secretary

