UPDATE FROM DR. AHSAN

This summer and fall, we welcomed six new students, with Fatema Tuz Zahra joining us in the summer, and Andrew Baez, Carl (Joey) Greene, Daniela Rolph, Ahmed Morsy and Guanyu Tao in the fall. They are all very promising students with great potential. We also had to bid farewell to those who recently finished the program and received their doctoral degrees — Kito Barrow and Alejandra Fernandez this spring, and Jahidur Rashid this summer. In May, we celebrated graduation for Vindhya Edpuganti, who finished in the summer of 2015, Sukesh Voruganti and Neel Fofaria, who finished in the fall of 2015, and Alejandra Fernandez, who finished in the spring of 2016. In spring and summer of this year, our students gave 17 presentations at national meetings such as the American Heart Association, the Society of Toxicology, the American Association of Cancer Research, and the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists. Impressively, two of our graduate students were invited to give podium presentations; these two students and several others received travel awards and scholarships for attending scientific meetings and presenting their research. Twelve students presented at Student Research Week in Lubbock, and 31 presented at School of Pharmacy Research Days in Amarillo, where two gave podium presentations B103gm Streu 2 ctilip FADO 356 at 102 tear, our 2 (ock, and nt)]TJ0we5.6(o)] firm



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01/20/2016 — **Shikha** — "Tobacco Smoke and Hyperglycemia Pathophysiology of BBB Damage and Antioxidant Response Pathways"

02/03/2016 — **Kito Barrow**, Doctoral Dissertation Defense — "Prostate cancer intervention by methylseleninic acid: strengthening a case for human translation"

02/10/2016 — **Faleh Alqahtani** — "Microdialysis Technique for Measuring for Measuring [¹³C] Sucrose and Metabolites"

02/10/2016 — **Shyanne Page** — "Modeling the ischemic blood-brain barrier in a dish using human induced pluripotent stem cells"

02/19/2016 — Guest Speaker, Wei Li, Ph.D.,



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The 28th Annual Student Research Week, hosted by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) in Lubbock, was held March 8-11, 2016. The theme this year was "Molecular Basis of Life + Disease", and twelve (12) poster entries from junior and senior basic science researchers were presented by our GPPS students. Keynote Speakers included: Mario Capecchi, Ph.D., who was awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, and Susan Amara, Ph.D., Scientific Director at the National Institute of Mental Health and National Institutes of Health.

GPPS PRESENTERS:

Md. Sanaullah Sajib, Md. Ashraf-Uz-Zaman















