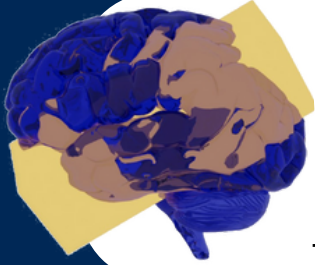
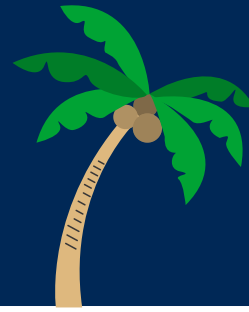


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### MAIN TOPIC THIS WEEK...

Happy summer, and welcome to our new students and faculty! Wishing everyone a fun, relaxing, and productive summer. Don't forget to share your "fun in the sun" moments with us!



### THE LINKS

Neuroscience Program

Master Doc

Slack

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### CANDIDACY EXAM MEETING

Planning to take your Candidacy Exam soon? Join us for the upcoming Candidacy meeting to get all the info you need to feel confident and prepared!



### SAVE THE DATES!

**June 9:** Candidacy Exam Meeting, MSB B612

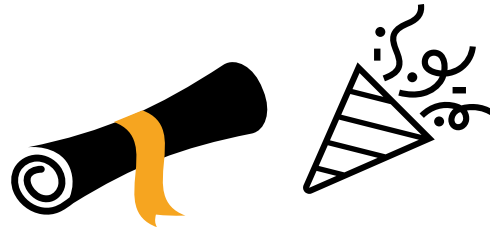
**June 10:** GSEC Ice Cream Social, Webber Plaza

**June 26:** GSBS Graduate Student Research Day (GSRD), Cooley Center

**October 10:** Fall Symposium, IMM (details to come)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT GRADUATES!



## SNAPS



Did someone go above and beyond? Did you get an award? [Fill out this form](#), and we will highlight your snaps, big or small!

Snaps to...



**Maria Rebeca Benavente, MS** (Advisor: Rodrigo Morales, PhD) for defending her Masters Thesis! Incredible work, Rebe!



**Meredith McCarty** (Advisor: Nitin Tandon, MD) for receiving the Dean's Research Scholarship! Congratulations, Meredith!



**Andy Delgado** (Advisor: Andrew Pickering, PhD) for getting accepted to CSHL Drosophila Neurobiology course! Yay, Andy!



**Beatriz Rios** (Advisor: Sheng Zhang, PhD) for completing her candidacy exam! Great job, Beatriz!



# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PROGRAM MEMBERS!

## PhD and MS Students



**Julia Langman**

Advisor: Kevin Lin, PhD  
Hometown: Montville, NJ

Fun fact: Julia loves to go to the gym!



**Archit Gupta**

Advisor: John Byrne, PhD  
Hometown: Delhi, India  
Fun fact: Archit did improv comedy for a few years!



**Tyler Allison**

Advisor: Claudio Soto, PhD  
Hometown: IL → CO → TX  
Fun fact: Tyler loves golf (even though he's terrible at it)!



**Haoyi Yang**

Advisor: Wei Cao, PhD  
Hometown: Zhangjiakou, China  
Fun fact: Haoyi was on TV when she was 2!



**Aylin Ak**

Advisor: Rodney Ritzel, PhD  
Hometown: Germany  
Fun fact: Aylin has lived in 4 different countries!



**Carmen Zavala**

Advisor: Nitin Tandon, MD  
Hometown: Greensburg, IN  
Fun fact: Carmen loves to solo travel!



**Lauren Harris**

Advisor: Longjun Wu, PhD  
Hometown: Houston, TX  
Fun fact: Lauren has a dog named Francis!



**Taylor Brinson**

Advisor: Federica Pisaneschi, PhD  
Hometown: West Monroe, LA  
Fun fact: Taylor has visited 8 countries!

## NEW FACULTY

**Xinzhu Yu** - neuron-astrocyte interactions in health and disease

**Hemanth Mohan** - neural circuit mechanisms of goal-directed behaviors

**Oscar Woolnough** - neural representations underlying our ability to read

