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Dear SCIENCE students,

With fall in full swing, there’s excitement in the air! And it’s not just because of the changing weather. It’s also because we’re excited about the upcoming events and activities that are happening in the College of Science. This month, the Department of Mathematical Sciences has officially transformed into the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences. This is a reflection of its growing size and reputation. The College of Science's Department of Mathematical Sciences has been renamed to the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences. This is a testament to the College's commitment to excellence in research and education. Here’s a look at some of the highlights:

- **Three Minute Thesis Competition**: The Three Minute Thesis Competition is an annual event where graduate students and Ph.D. candidates present their research in three minutes. The competition is split into graduate students and Ph.D. candidates, so you don’t have to be a graduate student to participate. Each contestant must condense their research into a brief, engaging presentation for a non-specialist audience, using a single PowerPoint presentation slide with no additional animation, videos, sounds, or costumes. The goal is to effectively communicate the significance and novelty of their research in just three minutes.

- **Three SCIENCE faculty honored with prestigious NSF CAREER awards**: Three of our faculty members have been honored with prestigious NSF CAREER awards. These awards are given to early-career faculty who have the potential to make significant contributions to research and education. Congratulations to Dr. Alice Johnson, Dr. Brian Lee, and Dr. Emily Martinez.

- **Department of Mathematical Sciences becomes School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences**: The Department of Mathematical Sciences has been renamed to the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences. This change reflects the College’s commitment to fostering a strong and vibrant research environment in these fields. The School now encompasses all aspects of mathematical and statistical sciences, from pure mathematics to applied statistics to computational science.

- **Center for Human Genetics receives $1.87M grant**: The Center for Human Genetics has received a $1.87 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to advance research aimed at significantly increasing our fundamental understanding of the complex roles molecular variations play in human disease. Drs. Robert Anholt and Trudy Mackay of Clemson University’s Center for Human Genetics have received the grant. The Center will use the funds to support research aimed at understanding the genetic basis of complex traits and diseases.

We hope you join us for these exciting events and activities. As always, we encourage you to stay engaged with the College of Science and to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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