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MASON SCIENCE COMMUNITY

Living in Indigenous Times

The Mason Science Community offers programs designed to support incoming students in their transition to college life and their professional development. In this issue, you will find a list of upcoming Bridge Camps and a reminder to sign up for a summer STEM Boot Camp. You will also find information about the Mason SCIENCE Community Preparatory Program (EMDP2) and the Enlisted to Medical Degree Program (EMD). There is also a feature on the Mason Arboretum’s Level II accreditation from ArbNet, the only accreditation for arboretums. Finally, you will find a short version of the June 19, 1865, Emancipation Proclamation, a historical event that is now widely celebrated as Juneteenth.

RESEARCH & DISCOVERY

Mason contributes to discovery of new antiviral drugs

Tetra Bio-Pharma’s drug ARDS-003 can boost antiviral drugs’ ability to decrease viral replication. This is a major threat to wildlife, ecosystems, and public health. In a study published in the journal *Journal of Veterinary Medical Science*, researchers from Mason found that the drug ARDS-003 is effective in boosting antiviral drugs’ ability to decrease viral replication. The study was led by Associate Director of Career Development Elena Alonso Aguirre and ESP student Katherina Wilkins.

IN THE NEWS

What to do about wildlife trafficking?

Illegal wildlife trade study. By Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm. In this issue, you will find a shorter version of the June 19, 1865, Emancipation Proclamation, a historical event that is now widely celebrated as Juneteenth. I offered a shorter version of this blog last week to commemorate the first Juneteenth federal holiday yet passed a bill proposing to make Juneteenth a federal holiday and declared Friday, Juneteenth (June 18) a state holiday. While many states have already made Juneteenth a state holiday, the federal government has yet to recognize it as a federal holiday.

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