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Message from the Dean

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Dear College of Science Community,

I wish to share our on- and off-campus science community footprint, the steps all must take to return to campus safely, and some of the resources available to help us do so.

As you've just learned from Mr. Washington's Safe Return to Campus Message, students are expected to return to campus between Aug. 14-16, 2020. The College of Science has 50 plus mentors whose efforts provided invaluable research experience to high school and undergraduate students. This year, we will also be supporting the Clodomiro Picado Institute for Biohealth Innovation's 13th annual summer research program, College of Science CAPMM, and In-School Partnership Program, a testing milestone in a collaboration with the University of Costa Rica's Clodomiro Picado Institute for Biohealth Innovation.

While many internship programs were cancelled due to the pandemic, ASSIP's student researchers continue to contribute despite the challenges. Student Amber Verstynen discovered a novel method to detect the H5N1 virus using molecular medicine. For her research, she was selected to receive the OSCAR Summer Student Scholarship Virtual Celebration.

Through analysis of VOC profiles, as published in Science by Mika Gröndahl, Christina Goldbaum and Jeremy White, simulation graphics from Rainald Löhner demonstrate what happens to viral particles on the subway. Researchers sniff out virulence factors and formulated an antibody-based therapeutic to neutralize Coronavirus.

We have created a virtual event with trivia, prizes and more. Save the Date: Fourth Annual ScienceConnect August 21, 2020 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The webinars on Inside Science (Our Universe): Roving for Signs of Life on Mars August 18, 2020 | 3:30 to 5 p.m. and What happens to viral particles on the subway August 18, 2020 | 8 to 9:30 p.m. are now available.

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