MMB program celebrates 10 years!

In August of 2003, the former Department of Microbiology launched a novel Professional Science Master degree program: the Master’s of Microbial Biotechnology. The founding system of ideas for the program developed in response to the biotechnology industry’s demand for scientists possessing strong technical aptitude and a broad professional skill set. Our program has since graduated over one hundred students who have transitioned into a wide variety of industry positions!

This past spring, the program’s tenth anniversary was celebrated at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. Speakers included Ginger Dosier, founder and CEO of bioMASON, and Rich West, founder and CEO of baebies, Inc.

We would like to thank current students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the program who attended the celebration, and to all those who have supported the MMB program over the past ten years!

Congrats to our 2014 grads, and welcome to our first-years!

This past spring, we said goodbye to fourteen MMB graduates: Ponni Rajamanickam Carlin, Sabih Farooq, Jennifer Greenstein, Tim Grinder, Jared Jacobson, Kyle Jones, Ryan Le, Mukta Nag, Preema Pherwani, Charlie Queen, Aishwarya Sivakumar, Travis Thayer, Jessica Vasquez, and Christon Wiles. We wish them luck in all their future endeavors!

We welcome thirteen new MMB students this fall: Madeline Cambo, Ginny Daniels, Raul Doyle, David Garcia, Stephen Graham, Jordan Krunich, Ujjawal Manocha, Cortney Paulding, Jeremy Pierce, Harshvardhan Purohit, Daniel Stewart, Chika Nwugo, and Reece Thomas.

New fall case studies

Collaborations with Syngenta, Novozymes, and Microbial Insights offer new case studies this semester. The projects prompt students to offer recommendations regarding technology associated with: high-throughput phenotyping and drought-resistant crop breeding; biofuel management and roles for spent yeast in biofuels and animal feed; and bioremediation.

Alumni, we’d love to hear from you!

Please keep us apprised of your whereabouts and career achievements. Please email Jason Cramer at jmcramer@ncsu.edu with updates regarding location, contact information, and career status.

BioSciences Forum

The 10th Annual Biosciences Forum will be held on Friday, November 7th from 7:30am until noon at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. Registration begins at 7:30am and speakers begin at 8:00am. The first speaker will be Dr. David Pulman, retired President at GlaxoSmithKline out of RTP, North Carolina. Registration is FREE, but required to attend.