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OUR News and Events

OUR Blog:

- Nick Battista writes about [his experience](#) mentoring a student in the SMART program.
- SURF 2013 recipient [Grace Tatter](#) discusses oral history, race, and school desegregation.

GRC Blog:

- Watch for new [GRC Blog](#) posts in our next e-newsletter.

OUR News:

- There are still seats left in [IDST194.002: Modes of Inquiry](#). Take advantage of this opportunity to hear from some of UNC's great professors.

OUR People:

- Meet incoming OUR Ambassador [Jay Zhang](#).
- Read [this spotlight](#) on 2012 SURF recipient Kate Grady and learn more about her research on urban apiculture.

Other Events and News:

- In [this video](#) from the [Center for Faculty Excellence](#), GRC faculty member [Jennifer Ho's](#) encourages teaching with a Graduate Research Consultant.
- 2012 SURF recipient and former SURF peer writing advisor Serena Hackerott's [research on lionfish](#) is published in [PLOS](#).
- UNC Undergraduates, if you have not yet responded to the [Student Experience in the Research University survey](#), please complete it by July 31. You could win a gift card or prize.

Meet Jay Zhang '15, a Biostatistics and Quantitative Biology major with a minor in Chemistry

OUR News

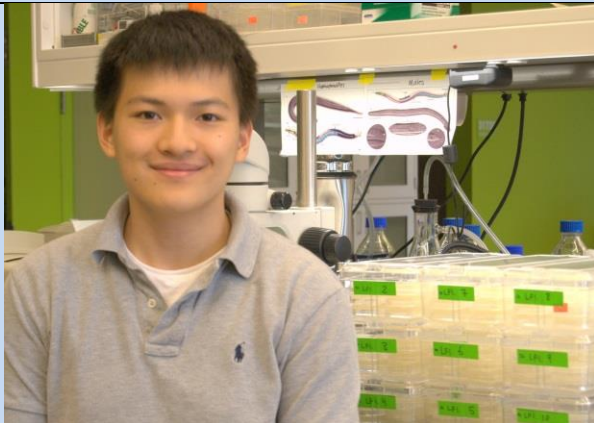
The students in our summer [Science and Math Achievement and Resourcefulness Track Program](#) (SMART) presented their research projects at a closing celebration on July 19, 2013. Check out some of these pictures.



Dr. Nalin Parikh begins the program as Dean Harold Woodard looks on



SMART Principal Investigator Dr. Laura Miller welcomes attendees



I am studying the RNA regulation of asymmetric cell divisions during embryogenesis of the nematode model organism *C. elegans* in the Lieb lab. In a broad sense, I am interested in how the distribution of specific RNA molecules controls the divisions of a single-celled zygote to generate the body pattern and cellular diversity of an adult organism. I am fortunate to have the support of a university with the latest technology in genomics and microscopy. I began my research experience early in my first year at Carolina, so I understand the thrills and challenges of getting started in undergraduate research. I am very eager to hear your research interests and help you take those first steps.



Patrick Hahn presents his research on 2D Particle Tracking for Microscopy

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