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## HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOODBYE TO 2020!

Hello to our Teachers!

Are you weary? It has been an incredible year that has impacted so many areas of our lives. Certainly the health part of our lives but more specifically for you, the education of our students. You have had to adjust to starting in-person, switching to virtual, and back and forth. It has been equally challenging to the parents and families.



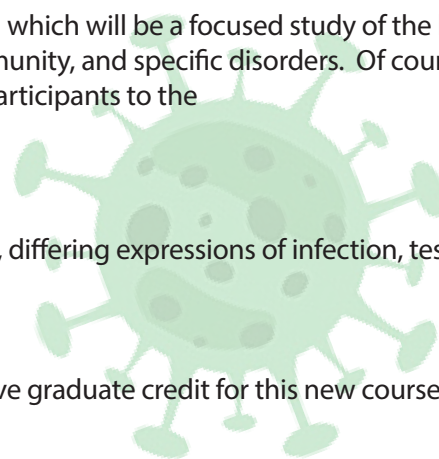
The vaccine is here, and with it comes the hope of returning to a more normal schedule! We definitely miss our Outreach Visits and look forward to seeing you as soon as you can have us on campus. We are ready to go!

### SUMMER 2021

Although uncertainties have been many, we are making plans for 2021 summer programs.

**Teachers' Course:** Bio 612 is titled *The Genetics of the Immune System* which will be a focused study of the human immune system including components, models, normal and altered immunity, and specific disorders. Of course, COVID-19 will be woven throughout the course. Content will introduce participants to the

- Make-up of the human immune system
- Importance of cell surfaces
- Abnormal immunity
- Biology of the COVID-19 virus including transmission, responses, differing expressions of infection, testing approaches, vaccine development, and mechanisms of action.
- Social issues regarding infections, disease and health disparities



Because the topic of Bio 612 changes each year, you will be able to receive graduate credit for this new course, even if you have taken Bio 612 in the past.

As in recent years, the didactic portion of the course will be offered online through Lander University and the hands-on activities will take place through a two-day workshop. Workshop dates are June 21-22 and 24-25. We are hoping to have the later workshop at Trident Technical College, but that is to be determined. If they cannot host this year, then both workshops will be in Greenwood. The cost of \$250 is unchanged from last year and includes the graduate credits, course materials, and workshop lunches. For comparison, to receive three graduate hours alone would cost more than \$1,300! This is a great deal. Please help spread the news with your colleagues, so we can have a robust course!

**Registration is now open. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.GGC.org/Bio612](http://www.GGC.org/Bio612)**

**HS Summer Camp:** We enjoy working with students during the summer and plan to offer this camp again in Greenwood. The dates are July 12-15. If you have interested students and parents, please encourage them to register. Brochures are in development and will be posted on the website and shared with you electronically soon.



Looking forward to seeing you in this new year and hopefully, this summer!

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