

*Alumni Newsletter*  
*Department of Physiology and Biophysics*  
*University of Illinois at Chicago*  
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We have completed another school year. They seem to go along at a reasonable pace then the last couple of months become a blur.

**Commencement 2014**

We had 5 students participate in the 2014 Commencement

Esther Calderon-Gierszal  
Natalie King (degree through Neuroscience)  
Julie Mouannes  
Tanganyka Wilder  
Sumeyyer Yar (degree through Biochemistry)

Aurora Shehu who previously received her PhD from our Department received her MD at Commencement.

I have posted some pictures at this URL:

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Commencement2014/index.html>

**Students who have defended**

Since the last newsletter 1 student has successfully defended their masters thesis.

April 9, 2014  
Tarunmeet Gujral  
Trafficking of SLC26A3 in intestinal epithelial cells: Effect of enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC) infection  
Advisor: Pradeep K Dudeja

**Student awards**

Two of our students were winners of the 2014-2015 Dean's Scholar Award.

Jada Domingue

Alvin Lin

In addition Jada Domingue won an American Physiological Society, GI and Liver Section Trainee Poster Award at the 2014 Experimental Biology meetings.