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WELCOME BACK!

I cannot believe that school has started or will soon start for our students and teachers. This has been a very fast summer to me and the days have passed quickly. I hope that all of you enjoyed a great summer.

In late June, we welcomed **Paige Braaten** (right) to our team of instructors. Paige is a graduate of Lipscomb University in Nashville. She is very knowledgeable in our field and fantastic with the students. I'm looking forward to having you meet her!



SEND IN YOUR REQUESTS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!



Teachers, thank you for having us visit with you last year and please **send in your request forms for 2023-2024!** Digital and downloadable forms can be found on our [website](#). We are also excited to introduce three new activities (one for MS and two for HS) developed by our instructor Alyssa Labdon (left) whose training at Clemson was in environmental genetics.

We have aligned all of our activities to the new science standards and you will see this on the [module lists](#).

OTHER UPDATES TO SHARE

- Congrats to **Olivia Nail**, one of our former instructors who is starting medical school at MUSC this month! We hope to see her on one of our Charleston trips!
- GGC had our **first middle school genetics camp** this year. We had 14 campers (right) who were very enthusiastic and eager to do all of the fun activities we had planned.
- We loved working with our teachers during the June **teachers' workshop**. Our focus this year was 'Full Circle' allowing teachers to follow a single patient through the clinic evaluation, laboratory testing and analysis, bioinformatics analysis for variants, and counseling. The goal was to highlight the integration of all GGC divisions in patient care.
- The **high school summer camp** was well attended with students from all around SC and one from Georgia. It's exciting to see the motivation and interest in these young people. Many have specific goals and career interests, and we can all look forward to their bright futures!



Have a great beginning to this new year, and please share our program with colleagues and new teachers to your schools.

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