Greetings, BHS students! It’s hard to believe that we are a little more than a month away from the end of the semester. I hope that this has been a successful semester for all of you, and that you have exciting plans for the summer. For those of you planning on summer coursework, remember that some BHS specialization courses are offered both first and second summer sessions. More information on updated course schedules is included below.

This month at the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences:

Bioethics in the News Blog:

We have a freshly posted Bioethics in the News blogpost by Hannah Giunta, a DO/PhD student specializing in bioethics at MSU. Hannah writes about the case of
Joshua Hardy, a seven year-old boy who was diagnosed with kidney cancer when he was only nine months old. Joshua’s parents, backed by a large community of supporters, recently succeeded in getting a private drug manufacturer to launch a new clinical trial in which their son could participate in order to have access to an experimental drug for his condition. In this article, Giunta raises important questions about the often contradictory goals of medical research, and access to experimental drugs. Read the full post here:
http://msubioethics.com/2014/03/20/the-joshua-hardy-case-lessons-yet-to-learn/

Opportunities in Bioethics:

Public Health

Are you interested in pursuing a career in public health? If so, consider attending the Open House hosted by the MSU Program in Public Health. The event will be held on Thursday, March 26, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., in West Fee Hall - 5th Floor lobby. If you cannot attend but would like more information, fill out a request for an information packet at:
http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e90yu5kthsqhtm2b/start

Undergraduate Bioethics Society

After almost three years, the Undergraduate Bioethics Society (UBS) is up and running again! Thanks to the enthusiasm of current executive board members Jordan Krieger, Sarah VanDaele, Megan Ryan, Qingyang Xu, and Tom Mayer, plans for building up the organization are now underway. We encourage all BHS students to join and support UBS! For more information about how to join, please send an email to ubs@msu.edu. You can also read more about UBS and its new leaders on the BHS website at: http://bioethics.msu.edu/about-ubs
If you are interested in attending a UBS meeting, there is one coming up on Monday, March 31, at 1 p.m. in the Main Library. As one of the first UBS-sponsored activities, three of the newly appointed board members will attend the National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference (NUBC) at Loyola University Chicago, April 4-6, 2014.

The theme for this year’s National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference is “Morals and Medicine: The Ethics of Becoming a Health Care Professional.” Student registration is $60 and includes all meals during the conference. For more information, or to register, visit the conference website: http://nubc2014.wordpress.com/. If you are interested in attending, let us know! Contact UBS at the email address above, or the BHS adviser at bhs@msu.edu.

**BHS course updates**

If you are still planning your BHS coursework for this summer, fall, or spring, updated schedules for BHS courses are now posted on our website: http://bioethics.msu.edu/course-schedules. For those of you participating in Summer Study Abroad programs that count for BHS requirements, remember that you must contact the BHS adviser in order to have these courses counted as requirements.

Also, as you plan your courses for the upcoming academic year, here are some things to keep in mind:

1. **PSY 320** (Health Psychology), is being offered this summer, but will **not** be offered in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015. If you are planning on taking this course as part of your BHS requirements, please consider that this course may have limited or no availability until further notice.

2. **SOC 476** (Social Psychology of Health) has also been cancelled until further notice.
3. **ANP 435** (Minority Health Research) is no longer being offered, but has been substituted for ANP 425 (Issues in Medical Anthropology), which will be offered in Fall 2014.