

In 2008, the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) will celebrate the sixth National DNA Day. This month, the NHGRI is launching its new DNA Day updating email, "DNA Day Previews". Once a month from now until April, we will send out an email about DNA Day activities and resources, and will also make the information available on the DNA Day website at http://www.genome.gov/Dnaday.

Upcoming Events

The Community of Genetic Educators (COGE)

The Community of Genetic Educators (COGE) is a national online community where educators can discuss, collaborate, and find resources of value in teaching genetics in K-12 and collegiate classrooms, as well as in other environments. Special care has been taken to allow teachers to find one another nationally for collaborations and discussions. Sponsored by the NHGRI, the site will launch in December 2007.

We are looking for anyone who would like to play a foundational role in getting teachers involved in the site. If you are a K-12 educator and are interested, please contact Jeff Witherly at <u>ilw@mail.nih.gov</u>.



Resources for DNA Day

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill DNA Day Website

For DNA Day 2007, more than 100 biomedical students from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill visited North Carolina high schools, replicating the NHGRI model for National DNA Day in an outreach to 67 area schools. The graduate students have created a new website, http://www.med.unc.edu/pmbb/DNA_Day/index.html, that commemorates DNA Day in addition to providing a portal for North Carolina teachers to request a speaker and DNA Day resources.

DNA Day Small Awards

For the first time this year, the NHGRI created small funding opportunities for groups to create DNA Day programs in their community. For DNA Day 2008, four DNA Day small awards were made. Awards went to:

University of Nebraska Medical Center Oklahoma City Community College Miami University in Ohio Wisconsin Department of Health



For more information about the proposed activities, please visit http://www.genome.gov/Dnaday. If you do not wish to receive this mailer, please contact Carla Easter to be removed from the mailing list. If you know of someone who would like to receive the mailings, please have them contact Carla Easter at easterc@mail.nih.gov