Hello!

Welcome to Elizabethtown College! We hope the college transition process is proceeding smoothly thus far. This email will hopefully orient freshmen Biology students to the Elizabethtown College Biology Club, disclosing information of 2013-14 academic year's club activities and programs.

The Etown Biology Club has been a staple of the Elizabethtown Biology Department, and the college as a whole for many years. Past programs have included blood drives (sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank), and a yearly Winter Holiday Party. In the 2013-2014 academic year, the club intends to host a lecture series where professors discuss their collegiate research experience, education, and classes they teach at the college with club members (Dates to be announced via email). This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your knowledge in the biological sciences and a great forum for discussion (also getting to know your professors early-on is a great start to your undergraduate success).

   Also, freshmen will be assigned approximately two Biology Mentors (corresponding w/ your current Bio111 lab section), which will serve as a reference/guide to incoming majors. The student-mentor relationship will be established by each mentor during the immediate weeks of the fall semester. Be sure to check your emails for a introductory message from your assigned mentor in the subsequent weeks.

   It is also notable that the club will be selling Biology-themed wristbands, representing a shortened bacterial plasmid (learn more about plasmids at: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plasmid>, or talk to Dr. Coren!) The price will be marked at $3 per band or two for $5. These can be purchased at the Activities Fair on Tuesday August 27th from 5:00-7:00 P.M. In terms of orientation week, look for club members/mentors at the first year walk (Tomorrow, Saturday the 24th) giving all new students an information sheet of detailed club activities and a warm welcome to campus!

   We hope your undergraduate experience is off to a fantastic start and we are looking forward to seeing all your faces around campus!

Sincerely,

Your Biology Club Officers