We hope you’ve had a good semester so far. It’s just a matter of weeks before we get to enjoy a much-needed summer break! In this newsletter, read about the academic activities our LSU Discover Scholars & Discover Day Participants have planned for the summer. You can also read more summer activity profiles on our website. We wish you all the best with your finals, and congratulations to our graduating seniors! Have a great summer!

Laine Korn is a junior pursuing a Theatre major with a concentration in performance, and a minor in Spanish. She is currently studying abroad in Logroño, Spain, where she will also be spending her summer. Laine is taking classes in Classical language and literature, Linguistics, Realism and Naturalism in Spanish Literature, and History of Art (all taught in Spanish).

Laine says she has really enjoyed the opportunity to explore, describing her time abroad as an enlightening, humbling and strengthening experience.

Paxton Turner, a Mathematics major, will be working with LSU’s Math Circle Program as a mentor. The program, which has been running since 2006, aims to expose high achieving students in Louisiana to advanced, fun topics in math that are normally not available in the grade-school curriculum. Turner will be working with high school students, and lecturing them on discrete geometry – a topic he has researched in the past. He hopes the participants will learn about the creativity of mathematics through the program.

Erin Percevault, a student of Landscape Architecture in the College of Art & Design will be travelling to Bhutan this summer with the School for Field Studies, a study abroad organization committed to preserving the ecological health and sustainability of communities. She will be conducting research on Bhutan’s primary environmental concerns, including sustainable forestry, watershed management, and rural development.

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Congratulations to LSU junior (and 2014 LSU Discover Day participant) Mollie Smoak on being awarded the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for her work in Biological Engineering. The Goldwater Scholarship awards $7,500 to junior and sophomore undergrads in STEM fields, and is considered one of the most prestigious undergraduate awards available to science students. Mollie is a LSU Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College student and is also part of the LA-STEM Research Scholars Program.

David Fertitta, one of our 2014 LSU Discover Scholars & a 2015 Discover Day Participant was given an honorable mention in the prestigious Udall scholarship. Congratulations to him! The Foundation awards 80 undergraduate scholarships of up to $5,000 to students studying fields related to the environment, health care or tribal public