

Morris Selected for Summer Research Fellowship



Dr. Gary Morris

GLENVILLE, WV – Glenville State College Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Gary Morris has again been selected to participate in the West Virginia Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Summer Fellowship Program. In addition to the 2015 fellowship, he was also chosen to take part in the program back in 2011 and 2012.

During the nine-week program, Morris and fellow scientist Dr. Travis Salisbury will continue their research collaboration on a potential therapeutic target in breast cancer cells called the aryl hydrocarbon receptor. Morris, who also serves as chair of the GSC Department of Science and Mathematics, says the study could lead to understanding how to treat and reduce breast cancer risk in the context of human obesity.

He and Salisbury, who is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Toxicology at Marshall University's School of Medicine, initiated their research in 2011.

The mission of the WV-INBRE, as part of the National Institutes of

Health IDeA Program, is to establish a consortium among selected institutions of higher education in West Virginia to enhance their capacity for educating and training faculty members and students in biomedical research.

“Since Glenville State College is a part of the consortium, our faculty are eligible to apply for the fellowship opportunity, but only two or three are awarded each summer. I’m very happy to be given the opportunity to continue the research that Travis and I have been working on,” said Morris.

The pair will conduct their research at the Byrd Biotechnology Science Center at Marshall University. During the summer Morris explains that he will spend Monday through Thursday in Huntington and then commute back to Glenville on Fridays to catch up on administrative work for GSC and to spend the weekend with his family.

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