Our 30th Anniversary

On April 26 alumni, faculty, and students gathered to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Bioengineering PhD program. Check out more photos and some inspiring short alumni talks online!

The 2014 graduate program retreat will be held November 7-9 at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite. Register online to join us.

BioE ranked 7th best in the U.S.
New rankings from US News & World Report placed our bioengineering graduate program tied for 7th best in the nation, up from 10th for the past several years. See the rankings >

Scientists learn to herd epithelial cells
Research by recent BioE PhD Daniel Cohen and Professor Michel Maharbiz found that an electrical current can be used to direct the flow of a group of cells, a potential breakthrough for wound healing and tissue engineering. Read More >
Alumni Profile:
Christine Leon Swisher, 2014

One of our most recent alumnae, Dr. Christine Leon Swisher spoke with us about juggling her passions for science and dance, simultaneously pursuing a Ph.D. and dancing with the 49ers Gold Rush cheerleaders. Christine received an NSF fellowship and completed her degree in June 2014, studying with Professor Dan Vigneron at UCSF.

"Cheer and science sound so glamorous, but day-to-day they are hard work. They require tons of dedication, positivity, and commitment. Science and dance are my two great passions in life, and they are so rewarding in very different ways... I am incredibly thankful that I got to do both with such amazing organizations. It's like all the stars aligned. I always say the Bay Area is where all my dreams came true."

"People would be surprised to find that we are not at all like the stereotype of an NFL cheerleader. My teammates included other engineers, one who is getting her MBA at Harvard, other PhD students, lawyers, nurses, several entrepreneurs, etc..."

"Sometimes, I would try to keep it a secret because I was scared of repercussions from the stereotype. However, everyone always proved me wrong because they were so kind to me and interested. Berkeley and UCSF people are the absolute best!"

Read the full interview online...