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Dear members of the Hajim School community:

Congratulations to The Institute of Optics' faculty, staff and students who were instrumental in making the fourth summer Photon Camp a success. They recently hosted 20 high school juniors and seniors, most from this area, during five days of lectures, workshops, site visits and projects, introducing them to the field of optics. The Photon Camp team consisted of Nick Vamivakas, associate professor of quantum optics and quantum physics; Per Adamson, director of the teaching labs; Dan Smith, undergraduate program manager; Danni Smith, office assistant; and these undergraduates who served as mentors for our visitors: Joel Hoose '17, Michael Simonsen '17, Rebecca Silver '18, Kaia Williams '18, Amanda Mietus '19, and Nicole Naselaris '19. After attending the concluding poster session, which was fantastic, I can vouch for the great job they did!

More than two dozen Xerox Engineering Research Fellows will showcase the mentored research projects they’ve been working on this summer at a poster session starting at 9 a.m. this Friday, July 29, in the Munnerlyn Atrium of Goergen Hall. Please drop by if you get a chance to hear about their projects. And thanks to the 20 Hajim School faculty members and several of their graduate students who helped mentor these students. This is a great example of the commitment of our school, College and University to giving our undergraduates meaningful research experiences. (Click here for a look at what some of the students have been working on this summer.)

Meliora Weekend, October 6–9, will have events for everyone, including a picnic on the newly-dedicated Edmund A. Hajim ’58 Science and Engineering quad and the Hajim School Design and Innovation Showcase during the Scholar Showcase. Featured entertainment includes legendary singer Tony Bennett, acclaimed historical documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, MSNBC’s Morning Joe hosts Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, singer/songwriter Ben Folds, and the host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah. Check out the full event schedule to plan for your weekend. Registration and ticketing open this Wednesday, July 27.

Your dean,
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