Dr. William Cochlan gave a presentation entitled “Climate Change and the Growth and Ichthyotoxicity of Heterosigma akashiwo in the Salish Sea: Effects of Salinity, Temperature and Acidity” (co-authors: C.E. Ikeda, C.L. Bronicheski, V.L. Trainer, and C.G. Trick) at the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference held April 13-16, 2016 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Learn more about the conference here.

Graduate student and SF State ARCS Scholar Stephanie Saffouri (Boyer Lab) presented a poster entitled “Impact of invasive Limonium on San Francisco Bay marshes” at the 2nd Annual ARCS Foundation Symposium in Menlo Park on May 2, 2016. For more information and photos of the symposium: http://www.arcsnortherncalifornia.org/2015-2016-arcs-scholars/.

Two graduate students presented their master’s research at the 4th International Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO2 World May 3-6, 2016 in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Charles Wingert (Cochlan Lab) gave a poster presentation (co-authors: W.P. Cochlan, C.E. Ikeda, B.D. Bill and V.L. Trainer) entitled, “The effects of ocean acidification on growth, photosynthesis, and domoic acid production by the toxigenic diatom Pseudo-nitzschia australis.” Read the abstract here. Morgan Meyers (Carpenter Lab) gave oral and poster presentations (co-authors: E. Carpenter, W.P. Cochlan and W. J. Kimmerer) entitled, “Effect of ocean acidification on the nutritional quality of phytoplankton for copepod reproduction.” Read the abstract here.

Several RTC students, including graduate students Ann Holmes (Kimmerer Lab), Emily Lam (Stillman Lab), Heather Richard, Andrew Kalmbach and Kate Barretto (Carpenter Lab) and undergraduate student Rachel Weinberg (Cohen Lab) presented posters and won awards at SF State’s College of Science & Engineering Project Showcase held on May 6, 2016. Ann Holmes won 1st Place for her poster, “High throughput sequencing provides novel insight into the California Delta food web,” and RTC grad students won 4 out of 5 of the awards in their category. For more information and a list of all posters and presenters: http://www.sfsu.edu/~science/sps


Graduate student Ryan Hartnett (Nielsen Lab) was selected for a CSU COAST (Council on Ocean Affairs, Science & Technology) Ocean Exploration Internship in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary this summer (June 6-August 19). Read a description of the internship here.

Undergraduate student Ryan Fergusson (Cohen Lab) received a travel award to attend the Society for the Study of Evolution Annual Meeting to be held June 17-21, 2016 in Austin, Texas, where he will present research delineating the diversity of botryllid ascidians in the Philippines. Learn more about the meeting and see the program here.

Graduate student Anastasia Ennis (Cohen Lab) received a CSU COAST Travel Award to attend the American Society of Mammalogy meeting to be held June 24-28, 2016 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she will give an oral technical presentation about her work on immune system variation in the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse. Learn more about the meeting and view abstracts here.