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Denise Okafor receives 2023 Marion Milligan Mason Award

C. Denise Okafor, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and of chemistry at Penn State, has been selected as a recipient of the 2023 [Marion Milligan Mason Award for Women in the Chemical Sciences](#) by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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Grant will promote recruitment of diverse STEM graduate students

A consortium of institutions led by faculty in Penn State's Insect Biodiversity Center has received a \$75K planning grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation aimed at expanding the recruitment of and opportunities for Black, Indigenous and Latino students.

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Student Spotlight Video: Neuroscience's Avery Sicher

Avery Sicher is a PhD student in the Huck's Neuroscience program. She studies the formation of neuronal circuits during adolescence, and particularly how alcohol affects brain development. Learn more about Avery and what she's working on in this episode of our Student Spotlight series.

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Podcast: Exploring the genetics of personality through the lens of adoption

In the latest episode from this Center for Human Evolution and Diversity (CHED) podcast, Penn State undergraduate Alexis Capel interviews professor Jenae Neiderhiser about her long-term, interdisciplinary research investigations into the interplay between genetic and environmental factors that shape the personalities of children as they grow into adolescence.

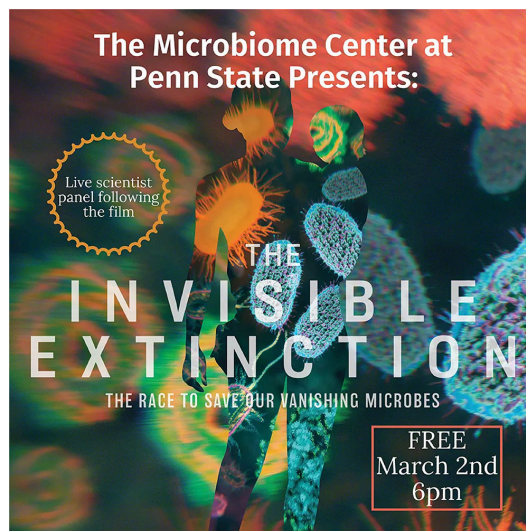
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SPECIAL EVENT

Free film and panel discussion reveals 'invisible' crisis of the microbial world

At 6 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Penn State's [Microbiome Center](#) will present "[The Invisible Extinction](#)" — a movie that spotlights the trailblazing work and charismatic personalities of renowned scientists who aim to save the vanishing microbes that are essential for our survival. The 90-minute movie will be followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel of distinguished scientists.

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