

Hey all my freaky finned friends,

Dr. Amber Peters came to talk to us about her research and give us some helpful tips on grad school and finding job opportunities. Here are some of the grad school/internship highlights from tonight if you weren't able to join us:

1. Don't pay for grad school, the cost should be covered by the college you are attending and they should also be providing you with a stipend
2. for most, if not all grad programs in our field you will be applying to an individual PI or lab instead of an entire institution. Doing some background research on them, their lab, and their publications before reaching out can make a big difference
3. If you're lost on where to start your internship, field work, job, and/or grad school search Texas A&M Job board is a great place to start. You can also head to the [FW Job page](#) where you can find a whole host of links to help with your search
4. Never hesitate to reach out to professors if you're interested in research experience! They might not have an opportunity but they might know someone who does.

If you have more questions about grad school or anything marine related feel free to reach out to Dr. Peters at peter420@msu.edu (Amber would like to point out that she had no say in the specific numbers in her email).

The animal of the week was the whale shark. These chonky bois are the largest shark (and fish) alive and can weigh up to 41,000 pounds and be up to 33 feet in length. To put that into perspective for you they weigh the same as 14.5 cars and are the length of almost 5 sparty's (sparty is 7ft tall fyi). These water dalmations may be huge but they are filter feeders and prefer to slurp up plankton and small fish instead of chomp on seals like some of its brethren. The E-Board gives the whale shark a 9/10 on our fight scale as they are simply huge.

Are you a fiend for some tasty hospital food but don't want to go to the hospital? Well MSU ZSA has your fix. On Thursday November 18th we are hosting a fundraiser at panera bread in Okemos. For more details check out the flyer posted at the end of the email.

Want to join the workforce and hate customer service? The only customers you'll be serving in Dr. Jason Gallant's lab are some weakly electric fish (and they won't ask to speak to the manager). Here is more info:

Dr. Jason Gallant in the Department of Integrative Biology is currently seeking a responsible, dependable, and well-organized student employee to oversee a colony of weakly electric fish. The job involves coordinating animal care, ordering, and stocking supplies, feeding animals, cleaning aquaria, performing periodic water quality tests, and maintaining the large, complicated aquarium system that houses our animals.

- Applicants must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and be willing to work 10 - 20 hrs. each week.
- Pay starts at \$14.00/hr; the position is available immediately.
- If you are interested in applying, please send an email to Dr. Jason Gallant (jgallant@msu.edu) with the following information:
- Relevant courses and grades,
- A short summary of experience with keeping aquatic organisms
- A brief (2 - 3 sentence) description of your career goals and your view of how this job fits into your overall plans.
- 1-2 names and contact information for a recent employer to serve as a reference.
- A list of days and times when you are generally available for interview if your application is selected

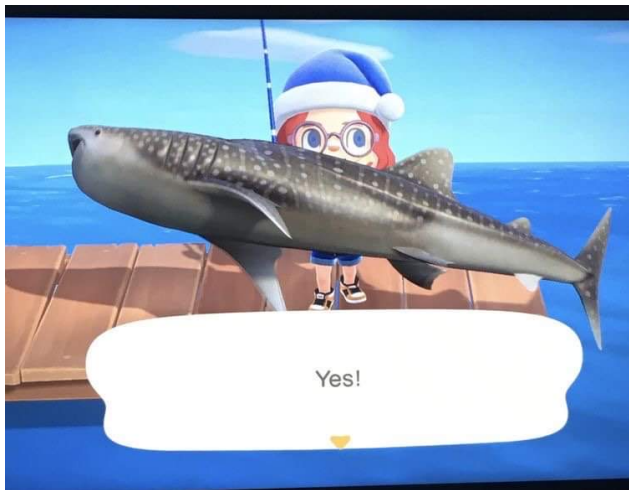
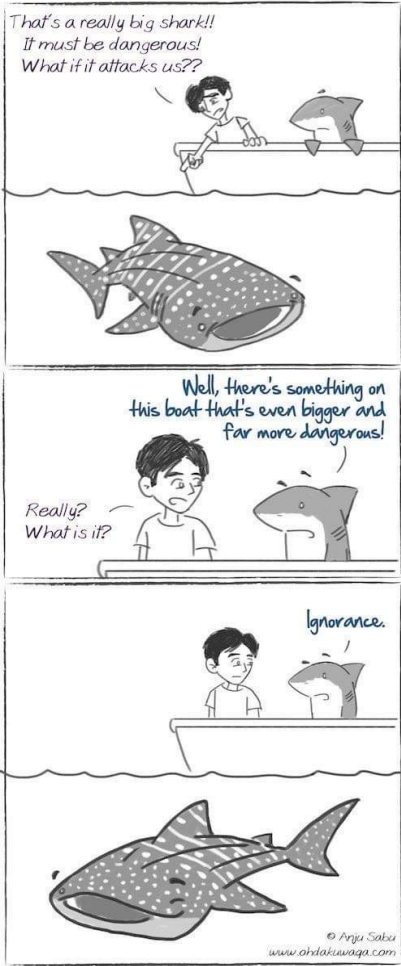
Now I know you might be thinking "I don't have enough experience for this" but apply anyway! People with much less experience and life skills than you get jobs all the time so embody your inner overly confident mediocre white man and apply!

New merch coming soon!!!



more details to come in future meetings/emails.

Memes of the week:



Have a Fintastic week,

ZSA E-Board

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