Young Investigators honored

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This year's ninth annual Young Investigators' Day program, which honors Molecular Medicine research, is recognized for its stellar accomplishments in the field. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, in Naumann Auditorium in the Physical Teaching Building on the Homewood Campus.

The event will feature presentations and discussions on the latest research in Molecular Medicine, as well as a variety of workshops and networking opportunities.

Research in the field of Young Investigators' Day has significantly contributed to our understanding of various diseases and conditions, including cancer, neurological disorders, and genetic disorders. The event provides a platform for young investigators to showcase their work and interact with leaders in the field.

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Working in Aravinda Chakravarti's lab in the McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine, Li analyzes regions in the genome that are linked to a wide variety of diseases. Many of these spaces have no known functions and many are linked to certain diseases. Li received a Paul Ehrlich Award.

"This is a great time to study genetics and bioinformatics because of the large quantity of genomic data that is readily available," says Li. "I am grateful for all the researchers who have contributed to this fund of knowledge and made my project possible.""The most important factor to my project's success is my mentor Andy Feinberg, whose passion for science has inspired me to continue my work." The Hans J. Prochaska awardee, studies how the body cells are reprogrammed in the lab and how modifications found in cancer cells. After she completes her research this fall, Doi wants to take a postdoc position.

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"As a member of the School of Medicine's 35th celebration to be held on Friday, April 13, she looks forward to working this fall on her medical degree and delivering patient care in the clinic. Tarrant, the Alicia Showalter Reynolds awardee, concentrated her research on chemical modifications that regulate a cell's DNA. Tarrant's work followed up a few more experiments. This month, she leaves to start a postdoc position at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

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