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UAB alum a scientific star on the rise

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UAB alumnus Jamie Tyler is certainly no stranger to thinking outside the box. From his creative ideas that substantiate just how invaluable is an organism's sense of smell to his use of sound waves as potential treatments for some of the world's most debilitating diseases, this is one scientific star on the horizon with a keen ability to balance both his left- and right-brain activities.

Now an assistant professor in the school of life sciences at Arizona State University, Tyler admits that while growing up he was always interested in biology and forever questioning issues and ideas, a sentiment echoed by his Ph.D. advisor, Lucas Pozzo-Miller, an associate professor in the department of neurobiology at UAB.

"Jamie and I have a deep respect for each other not only as scientists, but also as human beings, a reverence that stems from our similar work ethic, imagination and disregard for authority," said Miller.

Tyler's stint at UAB began as an undergraduate student earning his bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in biology. He quickly obtained employment as a chemist at Avanti Polar Lipids, a local biotech company known worldwide as producers of the purest lipids for use in scientific research and pharmaceuticals. Although this type of work was enjoyable, there was an essential facet missing for Tyler.

"Science research has more of an unknown component within it," said Tyler. "That is a motivating aspect for me that I really liked and is the reason I eventually returned to research."

Upon his return, Tyler began working again with his undergraduate mentor Dr. Jim Cox who was



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Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University, UAB alumnus Jamie Tyler has exploded onto the science scene. Tyler has now established a research lab at Arizona State University, and his list of achievements continues to grow.

responsible for fostering Tyler's early scientific pursuits. During that time Tyler also worked with Alan Randich, Ph.D. who he acknowledges as playing a large role in his academic training. Eventually, Tyler entered the behavioral neuroscience graduate program at UAB, an occurrence that would ultimately guide him to the position he holds today.

"My experience in his lab afforded me the opportunity to combine biology with another subject of interest to me, psychology," said Tyler. "I had searched so long to find my niche in research; I continuously tried different things and when I found it, it just clicked."

Tyler has since exploded onto

the science scene, a feat made quite complicated in recent years due to the excessive number of PhDs graduating. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University, Tyler has now established a research lab at Arizona State University, where he mentors five students of his own. His list of achievements continues to grow, demonstrated in part by his recent appointment as director of the "Imaging Structure and Function in the Nervous System" course at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, a course to which he is no stranger.

"While in my lab, Jamie mastered everything within reach. It came to the point that I had to send him elsewhere so that he

could continue learning," said Pozzo-Miller. "Around that time, he was accepted to participate in the imaging course at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, an annual event of which he has now been made director. It is truly an amazing achievement."

However, Tyler is not blind sighted by his success. He is quick to acknowledge the guidance and support that he has received throughout the years.

"I am so lucky to have had the mentors that I did along the way," he said. "Without them, I would not be where I am today."

Now a mentor himself, Tyler offers advice to students making the decision to pursue science as a career and whether to continue through graduate school.

"Academia is a long, hard road that requires persistence and creativity. In graduate school, students are constantly told 'no, no, no'. Never give up though, as this is only a test for your level of persistence," he said. "Make sure to question everything and have fun in the process. Academic life is the greatest lifestyle due to its intellectual freedom and eventually, you will reach the point where you can study what you want."

Remarkably, Tyler is not only a positive influence upon those who come his way, but he has also influenced those who have come behind him.

"I entered Lucas Pozzo-Miller's lab after Jamie had already graduated," said Chris Chapleau, UAB graduate student. "Immediately, I was taken aback by the scope of his accomplishments. He has been a great source of inspiration for me."

Like a climber reaching for the peak of a mountain, Jamie Tyler is certainly proving that hard work, dedication and persistence pay off at the summit.

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any serious problems, and if there are adequate plans in place for solving them. UAB athletics will not be certified if there are serious or even pervasive problems that have yet to be addressed, or if the proposed solutions to these problems are deemed inadequate. Actions must then be taken by UAB before it can be condition-

ally certified if this is the NCAA's final verdict.

"If an area is found that doesn't meet the NCAA's standards, it is each subcommittee's responsibility to address what the problem is, how it can be improved and setting a detailed plan that UAB will take in order to correct the infraction," Johnson said.

Fans of UAB athletic teams

stand behind this recertification program.

"All I have to say is 'game on!' I love UAB sports and love going to the games, especially the basketball games," said Chris Chapleau, a UAB graduate student. "I want UAB to win, but I want them to win properly. I would like them to follow the rules both on and off the court. We as

fans need to remember, college sports are not like professional sports, education is the most important thing that athletes get from this experience — winning is just icing on the cake."

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