

Microbes in the News!

Submit a 'Microbes in the News!' item each week and possibly raise your class grade!

A news item can be a newspaper article, online article, or scientific paper that describes a significant new scientific discovery about microorganisms (i.e., Bacteria, Archaea or eukaryotic microbial cells), or provides new information about microbes as they relate to the environment, industry, organism health, or even the universe.

[Tip: Check out the 'Science' section of the New York Times (published in Tuesday issues) or other online newspapers, magazines, or scientific journals.] You can submit as many news items as you want each week, but all news items must have been published recently (i.e., less than 2 weeks old) and can only be submitted once to your instructor.

Each week there are good submissions, I will select one news item to present to the entire class that week. If I present your news item during a lecture, then you **get 5 bonus points** added to your point total for the General Microbiology course. Just think, if a news item is selected each week of the semester, than up to 70 bonus points could be given out during the semester – almost the same number of points as a lecture exam! If two people submit the same news item, then the first person to submit the news item to me (as judged by the date and time of your email message) will receive the bonus points.

Submit your 'Microbes in the News!' idea by email to:

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You must include the following information in your email message:

- your name
- URL (web site address) or a PDF file of the full newspaper or online article you found (titles of articles alone are not sufficient)
- an attachment to your email message that includes a PDF file of the original scientific paper (if possible) that was mentioned in the newspaper or online article. [Tip: Use the UMD Library's online 'E-Journal Locator' (www.d.umn.edu/lib/) to find online scientific journals and download PDF files of journal articles.]