The programming for each month will typically include one week with a social event, one week with a mentoring event, one week with an academic event, and one week with a cohort formation, professional development, academic, or social event. The events in the last category are special interest groups that you are welcome to participate in according to your specific interests and needs. This year, these special interest groups will include:

1. Preliminary qualifying exam preparatory group
2. Dissertation preparation group
3. Outreach/community service group
4. Wellness group
5. Out on the Town group (and possibly a Foodie group subset)
6. Book club

Please visit the OBGD website and BioCoRE website for a more in-depth description of events:
https://medschool.duke.edu/about-us/diversity-and-inclusion/office-biomedical-graduate-diversity
www.biocore.duke.edu

**MAIN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Please note that we will send out more detailed information regarding each event as the date approaches!*

**September 2015**
3rd at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
8th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – Step-by-Step Workshop on How to Successfully Apply for a NSF Fellowship
16th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
Week of September 22: Prelim Prep Group Initial Meeting
23rd at 4:00pm: Mid-Week Coffee Break/Social

**October 2015**
1st at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
6th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – “Navigating the Next Steps at All Levels: Guidance for Committee Selection, Dissertation Support and the Job Search”
14th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
Week of October 19th: The Skilled Scientist Series
22nd: Triangle Alliance IMSD Annual Costume Party
28th at 4:00pm: Mid-Week Coffee Break/Social

**November 2015**
1st: Semester Social Event: Community Potluck Jamboree!
5th at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
9th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – Enhancing Your Presentation Skills!
18th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
Week of November 23rd: Mid-Week Coffee Break/Social (Thanksgiving Theme)

**December 2015**
**Bouchet Society Black Tie Formal Banquet (Contact Bouchet Society Leadership, date TBA)**
Week of December 1st: BioCoRE Scholar Cohort Meetings
3rd at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
Week of December 7th: OBGD/BioCoRE Community Service Event
10th at 7:00pm: OBGD/BioCoRE Holiday Party
January 2016
7th at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
12th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – Step-by-Step Workshop on How to Successfully Apply for a F30/F31 Fellowship
20th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
27th at 4:00pm: Mid-Week Coffee Break/Social

February 2016
4th at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
5th at 9:00pm: Recruitment Dessert Socials
9th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – Positively Managing Stress and Maintaining Personal Wellness
12th at 9:00pm: Recruitment Dessert Socials
17th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
19th at 9:00pm: Recruitment Dessert Socials
26th at 9:00pm: Recruitment Dessert Socials

March 2016
3rd at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
8th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – “Crafting and Executing an Elevator Pitch”: Hosted by Duke SACNAS
16th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
Week of March 21st: National Perspectives in Science Annual Lecture
27th: Semester Social Event: Movies and Cheesecake with OBGD/BioCoRE!
30th at 4:00pm: Mid-Week Coffee Break/Social

April 2016
7th at 6:00pm: “Dinner and Dessert” Faculty Speaker Series
12th at 4:00pm: OBGD Monthly Workshop – “Is This Transferrable? Making your Hard Skills Impact Your Soft Skills
20th at 5:00pm: “What Makes Me A Scientist?” Speaker Series/Science Squad Mixer
27th at 4:00pm: Mid-Week Coffee Break/Social

May 2016
Week of May 2nd: BioCoRE Scholar Cohort Meetings
5th: OBGD/BioCoRE End-of-Year Community Dinner
10th: OBGD Monthly Workshop – “Crafting your CV for the job you want: An Interactive Workshop”
14th: Celebration of Achievements (co-hosted with the Bouchet Society and Duke SACNAS)

***Special Events***
June 3-5, 2016: OBGD/BioCoRE Annual Retreat