Here's what's included in this week's newsletter from the OUR:

1. **The Story Collider: True, Personal Stories About Science**
   Don't miss out! Stories from VT's Center for Communicating Science Faculty Fellow Cassandra Hockman, as well as Chivonne Battle, Janie Jones, Rebecca Kriss, Kathryn Lopez, Hannah Patton, and Jeannie Marie Purchase will make up "Public-Inspired Science."
   (https://www.storycollider.org/shows/2019/2/1/blacksburg-va-public-inspired-science)

   Friday, March 1, 2019 from 7:00-9:00pm
   Haymarket Theater
   Reserve tickets now!

2. **The Center for Communicating Science’s Improvisation Laboratory**
   Ready to tune up your listening and awareness skills? Want to learn to say “Yes, and”? Hungry for real connection instead of digital connection? Interested in trying some improv?

   Welcome to this spring’s Improvisation Laboratory! We’ll be meeting Thursday evenings in room 170 of the New Classroom Building (NCB), 5:30 to 8:30, February 28, March 28, and April 25. Participants may arrive on the half hour and stay as long as they like. You are welcome to participate a single time or to attend all three sessions. We’ll be doing different games and exercises every session.
   (https://blogs.lt.vt.edu/praun/2019/01/13/improvisation-laboratory-experiences-set-for-spring-semester/)

3. **2019 EERE Robotics Summer Internships**
   The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) Robotics Internship Program is a 10-week summer internship program for students majoring in a field related to robotics, manufacturing, or engineering. The program provides opportunities for high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students and postgraduates to intern at federal national laboratories and private sector organizations throughout the United States. Interns receive stipends of $600 per week, and are reimbursed for travel expenses.
4. Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
The Fralin Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program is a 10-week training program designed to give motivated VT undergraduates the opportunity to engage in full-time life science research and related professional development activities that mirror graduate training. The goal is to offer students experiences that will help them determine if they want to pursue a career in research while they develop skills for graduate school. The program includes weekly research and professional development seminars, periodic social events, and a final symposium during which students will present their research. At least 15 students will be selected to participate in this training program, and each fellow will receive a $4,000 stipend.

Apply by February 20, 2019.

5. ACC Creativity and Innovation Grant Program
The ACC Creativity and Innovation Grant program provides competitive financial awards of up to $2,000 each to support student-led undergraduate research projects or creative works within any of the academic disciplines each summer. Funds can be used for travel, supplies, stipend, and the like. Criteria for awards include, but are not limited to originality, creativity, innovation, experimentation, and intellectual risk.

Apply by February 20, 2019.

6. Summer 2019 Undergraduate Research on Chesapeake Bay (REU)
Are you looking for a summer research internship studying ocean, coastal or environmental science? Join us for our 12-week Maryland Sea Grant Summer REU program from May 19 to August 11, 2019. We bring upper-level undergraduate students to the Chesapeake Bay to conduct individual research projects with a scientist-mentor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. We select undergrads in many disciplines, including engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, ecology and marine and environmental science.

Each REU fellow will receive a $6,000 stipend, free housing at your research lab, and round-trip travel expenses. In particular, we encourage students from colleges and universities where access to marine science and to research opportunities is limited and who are from groups traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and math. We believe
bringing together students from many disciplines, backgrounds and parts of the country makes for a more interesting and educational summer experience.

**Apply by** February 15, 2019.

(https://ww2.mdsg.umd.edu/reu/apply/)