

DNA Ambassadors visit Forestview

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UNC-Chapel Hill DNA Ambassadors visited Forestview High School classrooms on April 25 bringing graduate students or postdoctoral fellows conducting research in the biomedical sciences.

Kelly Sullivan, a graduate research scientist, did a presentation on DNA, which included forensics activity for Dawn Hall's Allied Health and Biotechnology students.

"Students both enjoyed and benefited," said Hall.

Samples of fruit flies that had been genetically engineered with a variety of traits were also presented.

Amanda Nave, a graduate research student majoring in pharmacogenomics, spoke to Mrs. Bray's honors biology classes about genetics and current topics relating to DNA technology. She had several hands-on activities for the students.

Dr. Paul Medina, a native of the Phillipines, encouraged Lenora Crabtree's biology classes to take advantage of the opportunities available to students in the American public school system.

"One of my students is Filipino," said Mrs. Crabtree. "It was wonderful for Dr. Medina to be able to converse with him in Tagalog and share his knowledge with all of our students."