I hope and trust you are all safe and staying healthy during these incredibly trying times. I realize stress levels must be at an all time high. Whether you are a faculty member trying to figure out the best, most compassionate way to wrap-up your course, a staff member concerned about the students who are unable to access your expertise, or a graduate student worried about the progress of your research and your timeline to completion, we are ALL in this together!

As we see what this virus is doing to people and families around the globe, we should count our blessings that we work in an institution that values our ability to be as productive from our couch as we are in our offices! Let's ensure we come out stronger at the end of this historical event than we were coming in. Stay strong Biomed, this too shall come to an end.

Keep safe and keep smiling Biomed!
Hale to the Chief!!

It's official! Dr. Jim Petrik was sworn in as Fire Chief of the Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department at a City Council meeting. Jim was previously Deputy Chief. Pictured above, Rockwood Station Firefighters congratulate Fire Chief Petrik in his new leadership position.

Guelph/Eramosa Mayor Chris White presents newly appointed fire chief Jim Petrik with a chief's helmet.

Congrats Jim!!
3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition award winners from OVC

Contestants: (*) Shahnaza Hamidullah (MSc Biomedical Sciences)- The Effects of Adolescent Alcohol and Cannabis Co-Use on Adult
(**) Natasha Martin (MSc Biomedical Sciences)- Junk DNA: A Possible Indicator for Bovine Fertility
Rebecca Anderson (MSc Pathobiology)- Antibiotic Resistance
Hesham Farag (MSc Biomedical Sciences)- Circadian medicine in a Veterinary Hospital Behaviour

*OVC heat winner, selected to advance to university finals
**OVC heat runner-up, selected to advance to university finals
Reproductive Biotechnology MBS students visit One Fertility

The Students in the MBS Reproductive Biotechnology Program went to ONE Fertility Clinic, Burlington last month, as part of their Practicum Placement.

Left to Right: Raquel Pereira, Samantha Pena, Lukasz Czochara

Left to Right: Patrick Keenan, Savana Biondic, Jordin Legate

Left to Right: Caroline Webster, Rachel Scarfone, Danielle Campagnolo, Yazmine Burley

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So how are you spending your quarantine?

Here's a photo of Dr. Tami Martino's lab meeting using Zoom, online. Top left, Aidan Murray, Dr. Martino, Cristine Reitz, Hesham Farag, Drs. Mina Rasouli and Tarak Khutua. Reminds me of the Brady Bunch...gosh I'm old!!

Dr. Brad Hanna is using his classic "old" pick-up truck to make door-step food drops for people in quarantine a couple times a week. Way to go Brad!

My son Jamil (3rd year HK, UofG) and I sporting our 8 days-and-counting "corona beards"...maybe we can solicit donations like we did for Movember??
Kim took care of her parents, and all she wanted in return was a lawn chair in the sun!

So who was taking care of whom exactly?

Nick Werry discovered the problem with working from home...

...and then, like all great scientists, discovered the solution!

If ya can't beat em', join em'!!
Okay, so my door is closed for the first time in 4 years, but that does not mean I am out of reach. **Please** do not hesitate to contact me if you have ANY questions/concerns at tsaleh@uoguelph.ca

Stay safe, stay well  
We got this Biomed!!  
#biomedstrong