EDI in Biomed!

As the College embarks on an equity, diversity and inclusion strategy, the department would like to announce its inaugural EDI committee membership.

Chaired by Melissa Perreault, committee members include Pavneesh Madan, Tobi Oluwole, Jon LaMarre, Katherine Iversen, Craig Bailey, Laura Favetta, Giannina Descalzi and Olivia Williams (Grad student rep). Olivia (PhD candidate, Perreault lab) was instrumental in designing the logo for this initiative being used across campus.

Please read our EDI statement here.
Graduate Student Success!

The department is incredibly proud of our graduate students on any given day, and this month we were given even more reasons to be proud of them! Several OVC Graduate Awards were received by our Biomeders with a few additional outstanding recognitions to mention. Congrats to all!!

I am pleased to announce that **Simran Bhullar** (MSc candidate with Neil), has been awarded **The Andre Auger award**! The André Auger Citizenship Award was established in 2000 to honour André Auger who served as Director of the Counselling & Student Resource Centre from 1973-2000. Each year, the Citizenship & Leadership Education program celebrates the leadership, vision and compassion that characterised André’s contributions on campus and in the local community through the presentation of this award to an undergraduate or **graduate student who has consistently demonstrated a sense of personal responsibility and commitment toward community that is worthy of notice**. Congrats Simran!

I am also pleased to announce that **Jude Frie** (PhD candidate with Jibran) has received the coveted **Vanier Scholarship**! Named after Major-General Georges P. Vanier, the first francophone Governor General of Canada, the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Vanier CGS) program helps Canadian institutions **attract highly qualified doctoral students**. Congrats Jude!
Congratulations to Janan Shoja Doost (MSc student in the Martino Lab), for being awarded the highly competitive Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS-M), funded by CIHR. ALSO, Jinan has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology, as part of the Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Kathy Jacyniak (PhD candidate, Vickaryous lab) was chosen to receive the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Scholarship.

I am pleased to announce that Simran Bhullar (MSc candidate with Neil), was ALSO awarded the OVC Graduate Student Recognition Award, Biomedical Sciences.

Betty Goldhart Scholarship (OVC) - Reem Sabry
Betty Goldhart Scholarship (Biomed) - Hayley Thorpe
Dr. Don Willitts Memorial Graduate Scholarship (OVC) - Thomas Parmentier
Kon-Tiki Atkins Award - Anita Luu
Lyle and Louise Rea Graduate Entrance Scholarship in Pharmacology- Anna Canella
Sharon Dunsmore Scholarship in Feline Studies - Alexandra Rankovic
Tamara Denberg Memorial Scholarship - Kathy Matuszewska

Congrats to all of our award winning Biomed Grad students!
Welcome to our new Graduate Students!

On behalf of the Department, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to our latest additions to the Biomed family....

Kelly Tang (MSc) - MacLusky
Olivia Williams (PhD) - Perreault
Jamil Saleh (MBS) - Bartleewski/Sribly

Cara Pilgram (MSc) - Madan
Ryan McCallum (MSc) - Perreault
Aasritha Thotakura (MSc) - Madan

plus (no photos):
Avery Hughson (MBS) - Perreault
Marangaby Mahamat (PhD) - LaMarre

Now, and forever Biomeders...welcome!
Inaugural Black Canadian Graduate Research Scholarship in Biomedical Sciences Awarded!

On behalf of the Department, I am pleased to announce that Andrila Collins (PhD candidate, Kalisch lab), has been awarded our inaugural Black Canadian Graduate Research Scholarship in Biomedical Sciences.

This scholarship was created by the department in order to increase our diversity, in particular, black student representation. Black Canadians have long faced systemic barriers in their attempts to consistently access high quality graduate training, particularly in STEM fields.

The Department of Biomedical Sciences has implemented the Black Canadian Graduate Research Scholarship specifically directed at recruiting outstanding Black students to our graduate program.

Congrats Andrila!
Updates from the Martino Lab

Dr. Tami Martino was honoured to be the Distinguished Lecturer for the University of Toronto Collaborative Program in Neuroscience, in April 2021.

Dr. Martino's Symposium on "Circadian Medicine for Cardiovascular Health & Disease" was selected by the American Physiologic Society's Cardiovascular Section, for Presentation at Experimental Biology (virtual). She also served as Session Chair, organizer, and to present alongside colleagues from around the world with leading edge research.

She was also very honoured to be appointed a member of the Awards Committee for the 5th Conference of the Canadian Society for Chronobiology (CSC) in 2021, as well being appointed as a member of the CSC's Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors. Tami has also been selected to participate on President Charlotte Yate's Strategic Framework Refresh Advisory Committee. More information on Our Path Forward can be found here.
Congratulations to Dr. Gabriela Mastromonaco (Adjunct Professor in Biomed), whose NSERC Discovery grant titled "Markers of cellular reprogramming potential in fibroblast cell lines" was awarded funding of $186,000 over 5 years.

Way to go Gaby!!
The Department cannot be more proud of Dr. Jeff Thomason's receipt of the honour of College Professor Emeritus. This honour was bestowed on Jeff in recognition of his 29 years of dedicated service and excellence to teaching and research, and in particular his contributions to the equine industry. By far, his legacy will be his innovative teaching excellence in Veterinary Anatomy, which has grown to become the crown jewel of the OVC's DVM program!

Congrats Jeff, a much deserved recognition!
Industry Partnership Week
May 10-14

Industry Partnerships Week is a series of virtual sessions focused on industry-partnered research. Designed for University of Guelph researchers, this series aims to demystify the entire process of conducting research with an industry partner from identifying potential partners to negotiating contracts to post-award activities.

These sessions are specifically ordered to walk you through the research process but sessions can be attended as single sessions if you are seeking specific information. These sessions will be recorded and all materials and videos will be made available so that this information can be accessed at any time in the future.


All faculty members are encouraged to attend. Faculty can register for one or more sessions using the above link.
Collaborative Specialization in Regenerative Medicine APPROVED!

It is a great pleasure to announce the official launch of the Collaborative Specialization in Regenerative Medicine (CSRM). Following Senate approval this past month, we are able to offer this CSRM in the Fall, 2021.

A special thanks to Drs. Sarah LePage and Thomas Koch for proposing, organizing stakeholder meetings, writing the proposal and justifying the popularity and importance of this growing field of research to the Board of Graduate Studies. Thank you both!!

To enrol in this CSRM, please direct any eligibility requirements and questions to Katherine Iversen or Dr. Jon LaMarre.

Biomed students present research at TPRM Regenerative Medicine Symposium

MSc. and MBS students David Bahrami (LePage/Koch), Narman Mortagy (Koch), Gabriella Burdette (Vickaryous), and Keeley Schwann (Vickaryous) had the opportunity to showcase their research at the Regenerative Medicine Symposium (April 14-15) hosted by the Training Program in Regenerative Medicine (TPRM) at the University of Toronto. This symposium capped off a two-semester Regenerative Medicine course offered by the TPRM to Guelph students. Congratulations to David, Narman, Gabriella, and Keeley on their respectively fantastic presentations!
Dr. Sarah LePage presents at Cornell

On March 30th, Dr. Sarah LePage was invited to speak at the Baker Institute for Animal Health (at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine) on her PhD and postdoc research titled "Cartilage tissue engineering for horses: A journey from cell source to osteochondral grafts" as part of their Emerging Veterinary Scientist seminar series. Sarah was hosted by Dr. Gerlinde van de Walle, Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.
Jibran presents at Penn State University!

Also... **Jibran** has been honoured with an invitation to serve on the **CIHR College of Reviewers** and has been elected to the **Board of Directors of the Canadian Consortium for the Investigation of Cannabinoids**.

**Congrats Jibran!**
Dr. Brad Hanna created this little memento of COVID-19.

The dragon fighting with itself can symbolize how people have not always been very cooperative!

Great work Brad!
Welcome to our Summer Students joining the Department!

Anthony (Tony) Nguyen
Zachary Silverman
Paige Reid
Makenna Williams
Cara Suggett
Cecilia Miceli
Isaac Russell
Angel Culmer
Madeleine Coppolino
Duncan Petrik
Alice Glogova
Karemna Barrera Jaimes
Amanda Johnson

Craig Bailey
Pawel Bartlewski
Giannina Descalzi
Laura Favetta
Jibran Khokhar
Melissa Perreault
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Melissa Perreault
Jim Petrik
Jim Petrik
Matt Vickaryous
Thomas Koch
Please do not hesitate to knock on my door (with your mask!) or contact me by email if you have ANY questions/concerns at tsaleh@uoguelph.ca

Stay safe, stay well

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