Happy Fall!

The Fall semester is in full swing (26 more sleeps till X-mas!). I want to wish you all the best in your teaching and continued productivity and success in your research. To give you a greater sense of satisfaction, here are just some of the numbers to show you where Biomeders are making the greatest impact:

Our 21 faculty teach 26 courses/semester to:
- Bio-med Major = 913 students
- Neuroscience Major = 250 students
- DVM = 483 students

Graduate students supervised = 87 (PhD = 26; MSc = 35; MBS = 26)
4th year research project students = 29
(We teach over 6,500 students/year in our courses!)

Keep up the great work Biomed!!!
Halloween in Biomed

A huge "Thank you" to our graduate student representatives for the United Way Campaign, Simran Bhullar and Shahnaza Hamidullah for hosting a departmental Halloween coffee and cake event to raise donations for United Way.
A Biomed Halloween...
Dr. Alicia Viloria-Petit celebrates her Banting success

Dr. Viloria-Petit attended the 2019 Launching Discovery Event of the Banting Research Foundation

On Tuesday September 10th, award recipients, volunteers, and friends of The Banting Research Foundation came together to celebrate a successful year at the Foundation. The event took place at the Faculty Club of the University of Toronto. Dr. Viloria-Petit and Dr. Rebecca Shapiro (MCB) represented the University of Guelph as past recipients of the Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award (2009 and 2018, respectively). Other past recipients of this award at our department include Dr. Brenda Coomber and Dr. Craig Bailey. In addition, Dr. Neil MacLusky has served as a grant reviewer for the foundation in recent years.
Katherine MacMillan named player of the year!

Guelph Gryphons field hockey player has been named the national player of the year. Fifth-year forward Katherine MacMillan was named the 2019 recipient of the Liz Hoffman Award as U SPORTS Player of the Year.

Katherine has been working as a financial clerk in the financial office in OVC as part of her co-op placement (B.Comm), and has been a HUGE asset to the department and to the rest of the clerical team.

Congratulations Katherine!

Biomeders cross-country success!

Also, a significant accomplishment by one of our Bio-med students, undergrad Hannah Woodhouse led the women's cross country team to a 2nd place finish at nationals and earned 1st team honours.

On an action-packed Saturday afternoon, the host Gaels won their first U SPORTS Cross Country Championship at Fort Henry Hill in Kingston, Ont. The Guelph Gryphons came in second place with 74 points as Hannah Woodhouse (28:26.7) finished seventh overall and Danielle Jossinet (28:33.1) came in ninth.

Congrats Hannah!
Dr. Anne Croy, an Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) DVM graduate and former faculty member in OVC’s Department of Biomedical Sciences, presented the 2019 Schofield Memorial Lecture focusing on “Opportunities and decisions create careers and define self.”

Dinner with Anne: In attendance were Coral Murrant, Kim Best, Bettina Kalisch, Anne Croy, Tarek Saleh, Laura Favetta and Allan King.
The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada commented on Dr. Tami Martino's latest Circadian Medicine research as a "medical breakthrough discovery" for treating heart attacks and preventing Heart Failure!! As featured on their website: https://www.heartandstroke.ca/articles/a-medical-breakthrough-could-prevent-heart-failure

Dr. Tami Martino was also very excited to be invited to York University Biology Department in November 2019 to present on “Circadian Medicine – A Pill to Cure Heart Attacks?”, profiling this and all the other work on Circadian Medicine being done by the outstanding group of researchers in our Biomedical Sciences group.

Dr Tami Martino was very honoured to also be invited to the Montreal Heart Institute – a research leader in Canada and around the world for cutting-edge cardiovascular medicine - to present the group's research on “Circadian Medicine for Heart Health and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease.”
Hamed Alizadeh, Cristobal Jimenez, Olivia Lee and Sarah LePage attended the Till and McCulloch annual meeting put on by the Stem Cell Network in Montreal from November 3-6. Cris, Hamed and Olivia presented posters (I believe Olivia presented two), whereas Sarah built relationships with faculty and industry partners as we look to grow our regenerative medicine research program here in Biomed and at UofGuelph.
A gathering was held to honour Winn Halina, former Anatomy lab instructor in both the Veterinary and Comparative Anatomy courses from 1978 until her retirement in 2011. Dr. Jeff Thomason MCed the event which was well attended by Biomeders past and present as well as her family members (her brother Will did the "unveiling" of the plaque).
Shahzar Syed and Morla Phan presented posters at CCRC (Canadian Cancer Research Conference) in early November.

Morla's poster was titled "Rapamycin Induced Modulation of DNA Damage Response Following Radiation in Canine Mast Cell Cancer Cells"

Shaz's poster was titled "Neoplastic cell expression of VEGFR2 and PDGFR-beta in canine dermal mast cell cancer"
Our annual departmental holiday lunch and gift auction for United Way will be held on Dec 18th at 12pm in Creelman Hall.

Awards for "Best TA", "Best Graduate Mentor", "Best Student Seminar (MSc and PhD)", will all be awarded at this event.

In preparation, please bring your wrapped gifts to Kim's office anytime before Dec 16th. Let's try to set another auction record for the United Way!
As usual, my door is always open...

so pop in for a chat anytime!!

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