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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to [Craig Allen](#), The [Laviolette Lab](#) and his family on their newest addition!

John Lawrence Pattison Allen
Born: January 30th, 2020
Weight: 8lb 4oz
Length: 20.75 inches

The adorable hippo hat was made and gifted by [Hanna Szkudlarke](#).

Congratulations to [Dr. Susanne Schmid](#) on her well deserved appointment as Schulich's new Vice Dean Basic Medical Sciences. The full announcement can be read in the [news section of the departments website](#).

Congratulations to [Maddie Norris](#) on being elected Student/Postdoc Director 2020-2023 with the American Association for Anatomy. Maddie along with the other newly-elected volunteer leaders will be installed to the Board of Directors at the next Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in April.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Congratulations to ACB investigators for their success with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Project Grants in the Fall 2019 Competition:

[Patrick Lajoie](#) (NPI): Cellular responses to protein misfolding in a yeast model of aging. 2020-2025;

[Susanne Schmid](#) (NPI), [Brian Allman](#) (Co-PI): Sensory processing impairments in autism. 2020-2025;

[Olson, Robert](#) (NPI); [Allan, Alison](#); [Palma, David](#); [Peacock, Stuart](#); [Tyllesley, Scott](#) (Co-PIs): A phase III randomized controlled trial and economic evaluation of Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR) for Comprehensive treatment of OligoMETastatic (1-3 metastases) cancer: SABR-COMET-3. 2020-2026;

Congratulations to [Ornela Kljakic](#) on receiving the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada. Ornela was recognized for her eight years of volunteer work with Frontier College, where she helps youth who struggle with literacy. Ornela's achievement was featured as news on Schulich website, where you can read more about her volunteer efforts.

Congratulations to [Michelle Woitowich](#) who has been selected as a Poster Award Finalist at the 2020 American Association for Anatomy (AAA) Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology (EB) in April where she will be competing for the best Graduate Student Poster Award.

Congratulations to [Roger Hudson](#) on receiving the Research Trainee Spotlight Award from the Canadian Consortium of Cannabinoid Research (CCIC) and has been invited to provide a platform presentation during the CCIC Conference that will take place March 30-31, 2020 at the Banff Centre of Arts and Creativity in Banff, Alberta.

Congratulations to [Drs. Sarah McLean](#) and [Tyler Beveridge](#) on receiving a Faculty Support for Research in Education (FSRE) grant for their project "The value of a good grade: evaluating grade negotiation behaviours and perceptions among undergraduate science students."

NEW PUBLICATIONS

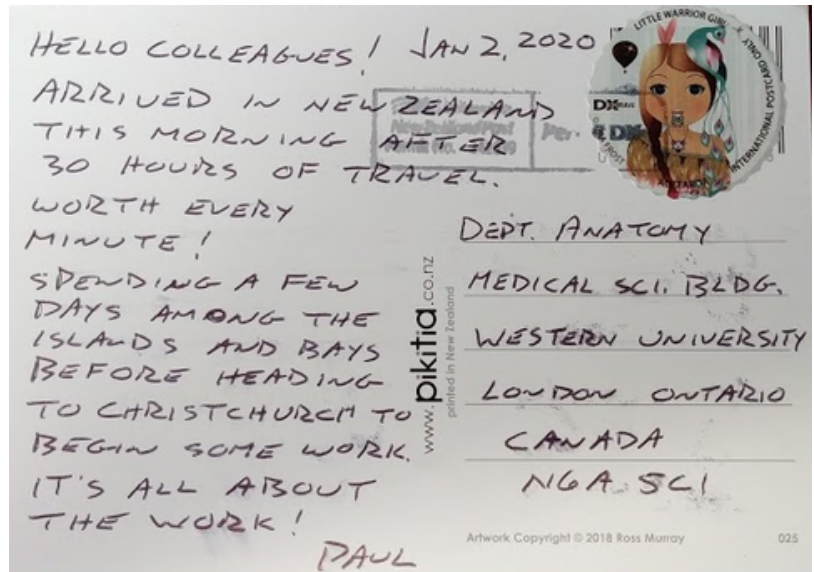
[Georgia Nikolourdaki](#), [Sarah Brooks](#), [Alexander P. Peidl](#), [Dylan Tinney](#), [Douglas W. Hamilton](#).
JNK Signaling as a Key Modulator of Soft Connective Tissue Physiology, Pathology, and Healing.
<https://www.mdpi.com/1422-0067/21/3/1015>

[Norris, M.E.](#), [Cachia, M.A.](#), [Johnson, M.I.](#), [Rogers, K.A.](#), [Martin, C.M.](#) Expectations and Perceptions of Students' Basic Science Knowledge: Through the Lens of Clerkship Directors. Med.Sci.Educ. (2020).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40670-019-00913-z>

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

[Chidambra Halari](#) gave a presentation in Schulich's 3MT competition on January 28th, where she was one of the top presenters. Chidambra's presentation entitled "Seed of Life" has been featured on the departments website and can be [viewed here](#)

WHERE IS PAUL?



Dr. Paul Walton has sent news from New Zealand and he would love to receive snailmail from us too! If you're interested in writing to Dr. Walton you can request his address from the Admin Staff.

FACULTY NEWS



Dr. K. Galil was invited to be in a photo with Western President, Dr. Alan Shepard, who was awarded "The Western Award of Excellence" along with the E-Learning Technology Team. Dr. Galil has been interacting with the E-learning team for more than 20 years and was one of the nominators.

LONDON TEAM BROKEN EARTH VOLUNTEER MISSION

Dr. Marjorie Johnson, and the London team from Broken Earth returned from their week long volunteer mission in Port au Prince, Haiti on February, 2nd 2020. Team Broken Earth is a non-profit group of Canadian healthcare professionals who provide medical assistance to Haiti's earthquake victims. During their Mission a professional photographer who does work for volunteer organizations was present and he interviewed and captured Marjorie and her team in a short video which has been featured on the ACB Website. Marjorie has also given us a short recount of the Mission in Port au Prince.



The spine surgery team from LHSC

There were many people our team could not help, such as paraplegics from previous falls, fractures, gun shot wounds. Some of those who were paralyzed were operated on to stabilize the spine and several of those tested positive for TB, which had destroyed the vertebrae. We were able to get these patients on the appropriate medicine and arrange for follow-up clinic visits.



Sunset from the top of the hospital. You can see the conditions of the homes that populate Port au Prince

Our team is small, 3 surgeons (2 of whom are former students), 2 nurses, an anesthesiologist, a sterilization expert, the rep for Medtronic (who donated the instruments) and me.

We packed 18 hockey bags of supplies and headed south on January 26th. We arrived in Port au Prince at noon on a Monday and the surgeons were immediately called to run a clinic. They ran clinic for 3 days and operated on 13 patients in the 5 days we had the OR. We returned home on the following Sunday evening.



The Hospital where the team stayed

It was a very busy week, each day starting rounds at 7am followed by 3 spine surgeries and late-night dinners.

LONDON TEAM BROKEN EARTH VOLUNTEER MISSION CONT.

We did not venture out for safety reasons, except to buy groceries and even then, the side-streets were eerie quiet compared to our last visit. We were able to follow-up on a few patients from our last visit and they are doing great, so that was a nice validation for our efforts. Thank you to everyone in the department who has help support this mission with supportive words and financial contributions.



Dr. Johnson scrubs in to check out the anatomy



The interpreter distributing gifts the team brought to his neighborhood

Missions like these are heavily funded by donations and The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology was happy to help. Last year we raised \$500 towards the Port au Prince mission through the ACB Gives Back Event, Massage for a Cause and we're hoping to continue our support this year with another great event.

More information can be found on the [Team Broken Earth Website](#) and the opportunity to sponsor another Mission by Team London can be made on their [donation page](#).

ACB FUNDRAISING FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who took a moment to fill out our ACB Gives Back Fundraising Survey. Through your feedback we have chosen to support the following not for profit organizations in 2020.



Keeping families close

The Ronald McDonald House London is a place where out-of town families with seriously ill children can stay for as long as they need and be only 165 steps from Children's Hospital, LHSC.

<https://www.rmhc-swo.ca/about-us/how-we-help>



Lets Talk Science works with over 50 universities including Western, colleges and research institutes, and over 3,500 volunteers, who bring over 55,000 hours of science outreach to Canadian youth

<https://letstalkscience.ca/about-us>

ACB GIVES BACK



ST. JOHN'S HOSPITALITY DINNER

Join fellow students, staff and faculty in preparing and serving dinner to those in need at the upcoming St. John's community dinner. To register, please add your name to the volunteer sign up sheet by clicking [here](#)

ACB.I.N.G.O!



Congratulations to our February game and the first ACB.I.N.G.O winner, Stephanie from BSMUE!

The second round of ACB.I.N.G.O will begin on March 2nd, tickets are available until March 7th and can be purchased in the Admin Office (MSB 443). The proceeds will be donated to The Ronald McDonald House London and Lets Talk Science at the end of the year.

\$1 per Card

PURCHASE MULTIPLES FOR MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

NUMBERS DRAWN DAILY

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THE FACTORY

NO WORK ZONE

Please join us for the
Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology

SPRING SOCIAL

March 21, 2020

Saturday | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

100 Kellogg Lane, London

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

BY MARCH 7, 2020

SPRING SOCIAL

Join us on March 21st at The Factory for ACB's first annual spring social! This fun-packed night will feature 1 "hour of power" where you can get your jump on at the trampoline park, test your strength on the warrior course, or challenge a friend at the arcade and much, much more!! Don't fret you'll be well fed with a selection of pubfood, vegetarian options and non-alcoholic drinks. We hope to see everyone there for a great night filled with the good company of your ACB colleagues!

ST PATTIES DAY CLOVER HUNT



Do you have the luck of the Irish?

Stay tuned for more details about this special one day ACB St. Patties Day Event and your chance to win a Grad Club gift certificate!





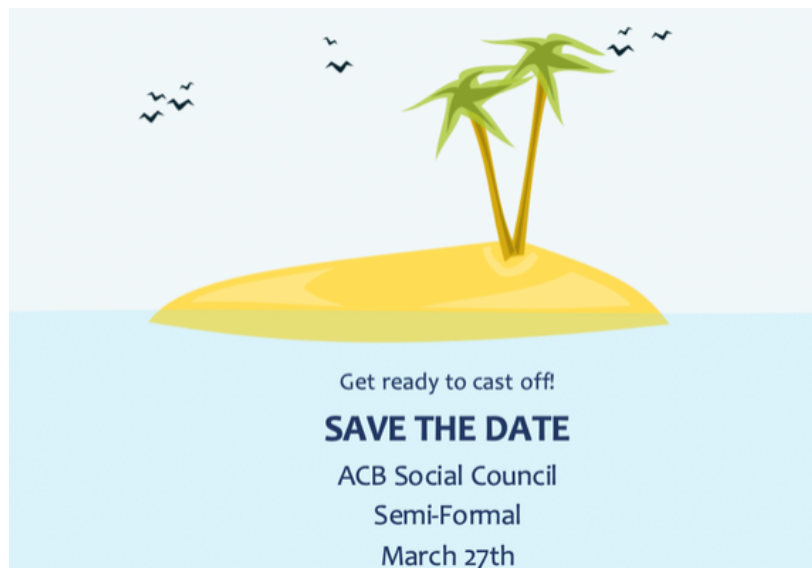
The Social Corner



CHILI COOK OFF

From your hosts, thank you for your support of the first annual fun-raising Chili Cook Off. Your Social Council was able to raise almost \$200 for the upcoming student semi-formal.

Congratulations to the first ever Social Council Chili-Champ, [Cleusa de Oliveira](#), [The Schmid Lab](#) and her beef and pork chili!



A THANK YOU FROM THE ACB SOCIAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the 2019-2020 ACB Social Council, thank you to all the students, staff and faculty who supported our fundraising initiatives and recent Valentine's Day Bake Sale. We hope you enjoyed the social season and we look forward to seeing you at the Semi-Formal on March 27th