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August 4th, 2021

August 16th, 2021

ACB Seminar Series
will resume in September

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See the Line

August 12th, 2021

Grad Club Mixer

September 9th, 2021

ACB Fall Social

September 19th, 2021

ACB & MedBio Tailgate

October 2nd, 2021

Murray L. Barr Lecture

October 15th, 2021

STAY IN THE LOOP

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ACB Events
Calendar



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ACB Graduate
Council



FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Khadry Galil, professor emeritus, volunteers as a maxillofacial surgeon at the Wright Clinic, a non-profit dental clinic for low-income Londoners. While volunteering on July 15th, Dr. Galil was visited by the leader of Canada's New Democratic Party (NDP), Jagmeet Singh.

We are happy to share that Dr. Peeyush Lala is recovering well from his recent left knee replacement surgery!

ACB CLOTHING



SHOW YOUR ACB

PRIDE

SPIRIT WEAR COMING
SOON!



ACB spirit wear will be available for purchase this Fall! Let us know what you would like to see included in the clothing catalogue by filling out this quick survey. https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6JRhZxATEESJauy

WESTERN HOMECOMING



[Details Here...](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to [Dr. Sarah McLean](#) on being appointed the inaugural Director of the Schulich Education Enhancement Division (Seed). Dr. McLean will be leading the School's newly-established instructional design hub, supporting faculty in e-learning, experiential learning, and case-based learning innovation.

[Read more...](#)



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Congratulations to [Ornela Kljakic](#) (Prado Lab) on successfully defending her PhD thesis entitled "Cholinergic Modulation of Behavior".

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

On July 15, 2021 The Schulich Awards of Excellence recipients were honoured at a special virtual celebration. Congratulations again to our 2020 and 2021 Awardees:



[Dr. Alison Allan](#)
Dean's Awards of
Excellence for
Faculty -
Individual Faculty
Award 2021



[Haley Linklater](#)
Schulich Awards of
Excellence for Staff -
Continuous
Excellence Individual
Award 2021



[Tom Chrones](#)
Schulich Awards of
Excellence for Staff -
Continuous
Excellence Individual
Award 2020



[Dr. Silvia Penuela](#)
Dean's Awards of
Excellence for
Faculty -
Junior Faculty Award
2020

Congratulations to [Drs. Nathalie Berube](#) and [Shawn Whitehead](#) on being awarded CIHR Grants for their respective projects, "Investigating the role of the astrocytic ATRX chromatin factor in memory processes" and "Evaluating the relationship between age-dependent white matter microglia activation and post-stroke cognitive impairment".



Congratulations to [Dr. Vasudeva Bhat](#) (Allan Lab) on receiving an external travel award to attend "5th Advances in Circulating Tumor Cells: Liquid Biopsy in its best (ACTC 2021)", Greece.

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Miguel Pena-Ortiz presented the following poster at the Virtual European Meeting on Glial Cells in Health and Disease 2021, July 5-9, 2021. Miguel A. Pena-Ortiz, Haley McConkey, Julia Sunstrum, Wataru Inoue and Nathalie G. Bérubé "Exploring the role of the chromatin remodeler ATRX in astrocytes"



Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University hosts See the Line's core events on August 12th. During which Dr. Arthur Brown will be presenting alongside Dr. Gregory Dekaban on the topic "The Basic Science of Concussion and Translational Studies"

See the Line is a collaborative, 10-year initiative that seeks to educate athletes, coaches, parents and the broader community about the serious impact of concussions. In doing so it aims to shift the culture around concussion in sport, reduce the incidence of concussion and improve care through research.

[Register for See the Line](#)

SONGS PODCAST: BRAIN MATTER CHATTER



The newest episode of Brain Matter Chatter (BMC) is now out! BMC is a podcast about mental health in academia, produced by the Society of Neuroscience Graduate Students (SONGS). The podcast team consists of hosts Ruby Malik, Hayley Shanks, Olivia Ghosh-Swaby, Niveen Fulcher (Schmid Lab), Julia Sunstrum and Kyla Lee. Visit the [BMC Website](#) for new episodes

NEW PUBLICATIONS

We want to feature your new publications here!

submit them to anatomy@uwo.ca

Adam Jaremek*, Mariyan J Jeyarajah*, Gargi Jaju Bhattad, and Stephen J Renaud. Omics approaches to study formation and function of human placental syncytiotrophoblast. Front Cell Dev Biol. 2021 Jun 15;9:674162. doi: 10.3389/fcell.2021.674162. *Equal contributions.
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fcell.2021.674162/full>

O'Donnell, BL and Penuela S (2021). Pannexin 3 channels in health and disease. Purinergic Signalling. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11302-021-09805-7>

ACB EVENTS



GRADUATE STUDENT MIXER

Calling all ACB Graduate Students! You're invited for a social mixer on the Grad Club Patio, September 9th, 4:00-6:00pm. Catch up with fellow students and meet the incoming class. Snackables and soft drinks will be provided.

GRADUATE STUDENT MIXER

19 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 4:00PM - 6:00 PM

GRAD CLUB PATIO

FALL SOCIAL

Mark your calendars! Sunday, September 19th we will be hosting the first department social event of the 2021-2022 Academic year!

Faculty, Staff and Students along with their families are invited to join us for a hike and picnic at Fanshawe Conservation Area. More details to follow!



19 SEPTEMBER 2021

FANSHAW CONSERVATION AREA

ACB ZOOM WORKOUT SESSIONS

FREE ZOOM WORKOUTS

WESTERN STRENGTH GROUP

TUESDAY & THURSDAY @ 7:00PM

- All Fitness Levels Welcomed
- Equipment: Set of Dumbbells and/or a Resistance Band
- Programming and Classes Led by Registered Kinesiologist Brent Wakefield

[HTTPS://WESTERNUNIVERSITY.ZOOM.US/J/990216503](https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/990216503)

Join Brent Wakefield and the Penuela lab for their ongoing group workout sessions offered Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 pm. The sessions are completely free and run for 45 - 60 minutes. Any questions or modifications regarding the programming can be directed to Brent (bwakefi@uwo.ca).



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[Exercisescience](#)



[Exercise Science Institute](#)

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](#)