GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to all our graduating students of 2021. This significant milestone represents the culmination of all your hard work and the commitment to excellence that is central to all programs in Anatomy & Cell Biology...

Read more from Dr. Alison Allan here.

MSc Graduates
Qingfan Liu
Nicole Martin-Kenny
Maram Albakri
Meaghan Stoltz

PhD Graduates
Sarah Chadwick
Tim Han
Christopher Balestrini
Madeleine Norris

Clinical Anatomy Graduates
Gabriella Alagha
Shae Book
Kristy Cheung
Courtney DeCarlo
James Faul
Andrew Horne
Emma Jayne
Michele Klausner

It was a pleasure to have all of you as part of our ACB family and we wish all of you the very best in the future!
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Congratulations to Dr. Alison Allan and Michelle Mottola on both receiving a 2021 Postdoctoral Supervisor of the Year Award.

Congratulations to Dr. Charys Martin who was awarded the 2021 Douglas Bocking Award. The Bocking Award is one of the highest teaching awards at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. Created in honour of the former Dean of Medicine and Vice-Provost, this award is given annually to a faculty member at Schulich who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of medical education over the last four years.

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Congratulations to the outstanding students, faculty and staff who were honoured at our 2021 ACB Awards Day on Friday, June 11th, 2021. The following students were recipients of departmental awards:

The Suzanne M. Bernier Publication Award in Anatomy & Cell Biology
Gargi Jaju - Dr. Stephen Renaud

The Keith L. Moore Doctoral Award
Sarah Chadwick - Dr. Patrick Lajoie

The Robert C. Buck Master's of Science Award
Meaghan Stoltz - Dr. Martin Duennwald

The Coolen Postdoctoral Scholar Publication Award in Anatomy & Cell Biology
Samar Sayedyahossein - Dr. Silvia Penuela

The Alan W. Hrycyshyn Master's of Science, Clinical Anatomy Award
Michelle Klausner - Dr. Stephen Renaud

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Shae Book - Dr. Katherine Willmore

The Wayne Davis Clinical Anatomy Graduate Prize
Michelle Sveistrup - Dr. Katherine Willmore

Francis Chan Humanitarian Prize
Kristy Cheung - Dr. Michele Barbeau

The Dr. Khadry Galil Translational Research in Clinical Anatomy Award
James Faul - Dr. Katherine Willmore

Congratulations to undergraduate students; Phoebe Yang, HSP Medical Cell Biology and Miranda Mann, Major Medical Cell Biology on being Gold Medal recipients. The Gold Medals are awarded to students with the highest modular average and a cumulative average in the top 10% of students graduating from the program.
The Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology would like to extend its congratulations to the 2021 Graduate Scholarship recipients:

**Ontario Graduate Scholarships**
- Mathiang Chot - Dr. Brian Allman

**Canada Graduate Scholarships - Master's**
- Mohamed Al-Youzbaki - Dr. Brian Allman
- Adam Jaremk - Dr. Steven Renaud

**NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral**
- Matthew Borrelli - Dr. Trevor Shepherd
- Amanda Rampersaud - Dr. Steven Renaud

**Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Awards**
- Salonee Patel - Drs. Shawn Whitehead and Brian Allman
- Gargi Jaju - Dr. Steven Renaud

**The Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology**
- Hien Nguyen - Dr. Krishna Singh
- Sierra Pelliuzzi - Drs. Alison Allan and Armen Parsyan
- Sarah Myers - Dr. Shawn Whitehead
- Wendy Wang - Dr. Shawn Whitehead
- Julia Brott - Dr. Nathale Berube
- Braeden Medeiros - Dr. Alison Allan

**PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES**

Ornela Kljakic (Prado Lab) presented a data blitz talk at the 3rd International Touchscreen Symposium on May 20th, 2021. The title of her talk "Investigating the role of mesopontine cholinergic signalling in cognition."


Brent Wakefield (Penuela Lab) participated in the National Poster Presentation at the Canadian Student Health Research Forum 2021 (CSHRF) on June 15th, 2021; where he received an Honourable Mention award for his presentation “Pannexin 3 regulates fat accumulation and inflammation in male mice”.

**SONGS PODCAST: BRAIN MATTER CHATTER**

In June the Society of Neuroscience Graduate Students (SONGS) announced the official launch of Brain Matter Chatter (BMC) a podcast about mental health in academia. The BMC Podcast team consists of hosts Ruby Malik, Hayley Shanks, Olivia Ghosh-Swaby, Niveen Fulcher (Schmid Lab), Julia Sunstrum and Kyla Lee.

On the BMC podcast, the team will discuss all things #AcademicMentalHealth by interviewing graduate students, faculty, and mental health experts. Where they will shed light on the prevalence of mental health struggles in academia, highlight personal stories from other academics, and discuss the underlying neuroscience behind mental illness. Episodes are now streaming on all major podcasting services, visit the BMC Website for new episodes.

For more information, please visit schulich.uwo.ca/anatomy/
We want to feature your new publications here! submit them to anatomy@uwo.ca


Dr. Vasudeva Bhat, a postdoctoral research associate in the Allan lab, is studying the blood of breast cancer patients to help determine if they are good candidates for curative treatment. Read more here

P&T PUBLICATION SOLICITATION

NOTICE TO ALL FACULTY AND STUDENTS

PUBLIC SOLICITATION FOR PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE

Drs. Douglas Hamilton and Katherine Willmore are being considered for promotion to Professor and Associate Professor respectively, which requires a public solicitation for letters. For more details and if you're interested in providing a written submission please click here.
**ACB EVENTS**

**ACB ZOOM WORKOUT SESSIONS**

**FREE ZOOM WORKOUTS**

**WESTERN STRENGTH GROUP**

Join Brent Wakefield and the Penuela lab for their ongoing Zoom workout sessions offered Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday 7:00 pm. The sessions are completely free and run for 45 - 60 minutes. The workouts are designed to be scalable to any level of fitness and only require a set of dumbbells and/or a band for resistance. Any questions or modifications regarding the programming can be directed to Brent (bwakefi@uwo.ca).

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SUNDAY @ 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**

**ACB GIVES BACK**

Last month the ACB student council hosted their annual cheese and cheese event; where they were able to raise and donate $115 to Trek for Teens, an organization aimed at aiding homeless teens in London.

**ST. JOHN’S HOSPITALITY DINNER**

St. John's is continuing to serve those in need during the Covid-19 pandemic, and requires the ongoing support of Volunteers to help prepare and serve food at the community dinners. Social distancing measures and precautions are in place to ensure the safety of volunteers and patrons. To register, please add your name to the volunteer sign up sheet by clicking here.

For more information, please visit schulich.uwo.ca/anatomy/