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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Sending Warm Wishes to the Western Community for a Safe and Joyful Holiday Season. As we approach the end of the year, we want to wish everyone in the Western community the very best for the upcoming holiday season and the new year ahead. Check out the video message from Dr. Alan Shephard, along with several other voices from around campus.

WINTER BREAK
Western will close for the holidays on Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 6:30 a.m. and will reopen at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES
We welcome Dr. Shawn Whitehead into the role of Acting Departmental Chair, effective January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024, while Dr. Alison Allan is on study leave.

Haley Linklater, captured a photo of Hannah Taylor modeling the labs head lamps while hard at work.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Salonee Patel (Allman/Whitehead Labs) on successfully defending her PhD thesis examination entitled “Cognitive, neurophysiological, and molecular alterations following noise-induced hearing loss.”

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SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Congratulations to Alireza Ghahramani (Berube Lab) who was awarded a Lawson Internal Research Fund Studentship.

Congratulations to Dr. Armen Parsyan, who recently received the following grants and awards:

- The Department of Surgery Internal Research Grant for the project entitled "Investigation of Artemis/DCLRE1C in Triple Negative Breast Cancer Pathogenesis and Radiation Resistance."
- The Department of Surgery, Clinician-Scientist Award
- Successful co-applicant with Dr. Paula Foster for the 2023 LRCP Catalyst Grants for Translational Cancer Research Competition in Translational Cancer Metastasis Research, for the Development of MPI Lymphography

Congratulations to Dr. Vanessa Dumeaux and co-investigators, Dr. Armen Parsyan, and Muriel Brackstone on receiving the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)/ Cancer Research Society Partnership Grant in Breast Cancer Research.

Congratulations to Noor Rizvi (MSc, Biochemistry) and Aybars Nazlica (PhD, ACB) from the Dumeaux Lab for both recieving a Breast Cancer Canada Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit (TBCRU) Scholarship.

We want to feature your new publications here!
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NEW PUBLICATIONS


**PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES**

Dr. Susanne Schmid and members of her lab attended the Society for Neuroscience's annual conference in Washington D.C. Four of her PhD students – Ala Seif, Alaa El-Cheick Mohamad, Ella Doornaert, and Alice Zheng – presented either a poster or a talk at the event.

Members of the Shepherd Lab attended at the We Spark Health Research Conference (Home | WeSpark Conference) on November 4th in Windsor, Where Jack Webb won a Rapid Fire Presentation award and Tiffany Johnston won a poster presentation award.

Harjot Athwal (Parsyan Lab) presented her research on the anticancer effects of radiation therapy and PLK4 inhibitor, CFI-400945, triple-negative breast cancer, at the Western Organoid Workshop, London, ON (abstract) on November 2nd, and the Canadian Cancer Research Conference, Halifax, NS (poster presentation), November 12-14th.

Alireza Ghahramani (Berube Lab), presented his research on “Unravelling the Impact of Neurexin-1α Deletion on Neural Development” at the CEEHRC 9th Annual Canadian Conference on Epigenetics on November 13-16.

Dr. Vasudeva Bhat (Allan/ Parsyan Lab) presented an impromptu seminar entitled “Understanding Metastasis and Radioresistance in Triple Negative Breast Cancer” in the Departments weekly Seminar Series on October 6th.
Members of the Penuela Lab traveled to Boston, MA to attend Cell Bio 2023 from Dec 2-6, where Brooke O'Donnell (Penuela Lab) and Justin Tang (Penuela Lab/Beier Lab) presented posters. The posters were titled 'Internally translated isoform of Pannexin 1 is increased in cancer" and "Characterizing Human Pannexin Mutations and Identifying their Implications in Erosive Osteoarthritis", respectively.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH DAY 2024
Save the Date for the Society of Neuroscience Graduate Students (SONGS) 6th annual Neuroscience Research Day (NRD) on February 22nd and 23rd.

LONDON HEALTH RESEARCH DAY
Mark your calendars for the 2024 London Health Research Day, taking place on Tuesday, May 7 at the Mustang Lounge on Western University Campus. More details and calls for registration will follow in the new year.

ACB GIVES BACK
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITALITY DINNER
St. John's requires the ongoing support of Volunteers to help prepare and serve food at the community dinners. To register, please add your name to the volunteer sign up sheet by clicking here.

HOLIDAY INITIATIVE
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Holiday Gift Card Drive. With your help, we were able to collect over 46 gift cards, totaling $270, which will be distributed by 519Pursuit to those in need this holiday season.
PAST ACB EVENTS

MOVEMBER TRIVIA

Movember concluded with a rowdy game night at the Grad Club, organized by Paul Collie, where 7 teams faced off in some hard-fought trivia! We raised $125 in trivia tickets, as well as an additional $240 in last-minute trivia donations. A special shoutout to “The Innominates” team, consisting of Drs. Tim Wilson, Michele Barbeau, Andrew Deweyert, and Adam Forester, who placed first - with their PhD-level trivia skills propelling them to the top. We would also like to thank this team for their generous contributions of almost $200 in Movember donations!

ACB DOOR DECORATING

The fourth floor got a festive makeover this month. Huge thanks to everyone who joined in and added a dash of holiday magic to our halls!
PAST ACB EVENTS CONT...

ACB HOLIDAY SOCIAL

A huge thank you to everyone who brought the holiday spirit to life at The Wave on Friday, December 15th, celebrating the season with us at this year’s Holiday Social. Your presence made the festivities unforgettable! Wishing you all a joyous holiday season, and we can’t wait to see you in 2024!