

CONGRATS TO...

- Drs. Geoff Pickering and Walter Siqueira for receiving CIHR operating grants.
- Dr. Peter Rogan for his patent 'Ab Initio Generation of Single Copy Genomic Probes' (US Pat. # 7,734,424).
- Stephanie Serniwnka, Karen Kennedy, Matthew Lanktree, Matthew Frontini, Piya Lahiry, and Erin Mulvihill for successfully defending their PhD theses. Good luck in your future endeavours!
- Dr. Sue Safadi for receiving the 2010 Dr. William Zaharia Award for excellence in the Dept. of Biochemistry PhD Program.



Dr. Shaw, Dr. Safadi, and Barb Green (left to right).

PEOPLE STUFF...

Dr. Hong Ling is on a 1-year sabbatical starting July 2010.

Welcome to Daniel Passos who started as a Research Technician in Dr. Fred Dick's lab in August.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our first Biochemistry PhD was awarded in 1949.

June Convocation: Bittersweet Beginnings and Ends

That special day finally arrived for 22 of our fourth-year Biochemistry undergraduate students: Convocation Day! Our dept. hosted a Graduation Awards Ceremony for course prize and gold medal winners, followed by a lunch for the graduating class. For many students, graduation brings a bittersweet mix of beginnings and ends. Graduates go



2010 Biochemistry Graduates

forth into the real world to start new, exciting chapters in their lives, while leaving behind toiling years of study, tuition fees,

and exams. Sadly, graduating can also mean parting ways with school friends and the university community.

Eight of our graduating students will continue with graduate studies in the Biochemistry Dept. at Western.

Congratulations to all of our 2010 Biochemistry graduates!

The Long, Lazy Days of Summer...

Most undergraduate students relax during the long, lazy days of summer. The time off allows students to unwind and recharge after a hectic school year. Not so for 15 second- and third-year students from UWO, Queen's, and York who signed up for our [Biochemistry Undergraduate Summer Research Program](#). Over the summer, these stu-

dents worked in our Biochemistry labs on specific research projects using basic biochemical techniques. Students presented their results in a poster session in August on such topics as cell-cell junctions, apoptosis, the cell cycle, enzymes, metabolism, DNA repair, transcription, and mobile DNA. Participating students appreci-

ated the great opportunity to experience a research environment for the first time. Many students wanted to continue with research in the future.

Thanks to all who participated in and organized the program.

All the best to our budding biochemists!

Publication News

[Western News](#) featured a [publication](#) in Nature Genetics from the lab of Dr. Robert Hegele and collaborators. The article describes the use of genome-wide association studies to study hypertriglyceridemia.

A [PERSPECTIVE article](#) in Genes and Development mentions a [recent publication](#) about

advances in retinoblastoma protein (Rb) research from the labs of Drs. Fred Dick and Nathalie Berube.

A [commentary](#) in Molecular Microbiology outlines the importance of a recent [publication](#) by Ewan Gibb and Dr. David Edgell regarding mobile introns and host genes.

See more recent publications from UWO Biochemistry faculty [here](#).

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