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March News

As the world begins to stir from its winter slumber, we are thrilled to bring you the March edition of the INFORMED newsletter. With spring just around the corner, our campus is abuzz with excitement, fuelled by the exciting discoveries coming from the laboratories of Dal's Faculty of Medicine.

This month, we invite you to join us to read through the latest advancements in medical research, where our dedicated researchers are pushing the boundaries of knowledge and innovation. From how breastfeeding and vaccines work together to improve outcomes for newborns to a glimpse into the very first cohort of Master of Physician Assistant studies students, there are great things happening at Dal's Faculty of Medicine in 2024.

As winter begins to thaw and the promise of spring looms on the horizon, read on to learn more!



Vaccines and mother's milk: Investigating a life-saving combination for newborns

Amenyogbe's research involves the intersection between an affordable, easy-to-administer vaccine called BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Guérin), breast-feeding, and babies' abilities to fight off the infections that are the leading cause of infant deaths.



Shaping the future of health care

Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine has recognized the inaugural class in its groundbreaking Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program at a special stethoscope ceremony.



Euphoria! Impresses crowds, judges

Crowds flocked to the Dalhousie Arts Centre on February 17, 2024, as Dalhousie medical students took to the stage for the 54th performance of Euphoria! to raise funds for Chroma NB, a non-profit organization that provides support for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in the Saint John Region.



News & Updates

More exciting updates from Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine are below. To learn more or donate, visit our [website](#).



Get your ride on with Give to Live's 2024 The BIG RIDE.

On June 21 - 23, 2024, riders will cycle along the Celtic Shores Coastal Trail ending in beautiful Inverness.

Funds raised from The BIG RIDE go directly to advance cancer research through the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute at Dalhousie University.

Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada recognizes Dalhousie learners, faculty, and staff

Each year, the [Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada \(AFMC\)](#), the academic partnership of Canada's faculties of medicine, recognizes distinguished individuals for their leadership, excellence, and achievements in academic medicine.

Congratulations to this year's recipients from Dalhousie.



In Memoriam: Ms. Verna Moore

Verna Moore, daughter-in-law to Molly Moore, the namesake of Dalhousie's Molly Appeal campaign, passed away earlier this month. She turned 90 years old in November 2023 and was a generous donor following in her mother-in-law's footsteps. Our condolences to Verna's family and friends – her legacy will live on.

Read more about Molly and Verna [here](#) and read Verna's obituary [here](#).

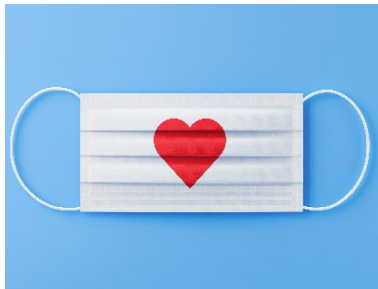


In case you missed it...



Dal Med student helps African Nova Scotian youth discover a passion for STEM

Inspiring more Black students to study medicine can only happen when young Black students are encouraged and supported in the STEM fields, according to Dal [Medical Science](#) alum Ariel Provo (BScMS'21).



Federal government invests \$34.4M in Dal research to unlock innovation in clean tech, heart health, ocean science and more

The Government of Canada announced \$34.4 million in funding to propel Dalhousie University research in battery science, heart health, ocean ecosystems and much more.



Dal's 2024 OpenThinkers forge new frontiers in research

Dal's [OpenThink initiative](#) officially returns for its fifth year starting this week with 16 ambitious PhD students from across the university forming the program's 2024 cohort.