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INFORMED NEWSLETTER





May News

As we welcome the vibrant bloom of May, we are excited to present the latest edition of **INFORMED**, your monthly update on the groundbreaking medical research and inspiring stories from Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine. This month, we are delighted to share a number of compelling features that highlight the remarkable achievements and community spirit that define our institution.

One story celebrates a \$600,000 gift from RBC Foundation that supports inclusion in health care programs at Dal. We also spotlight the inspiring journey of Dal Med alum, Dr. Luke Chen, who has made his way back to Dal to study rare diseases. We'll also learn about Dr. Jeanette Boudreau's work in cancer research, one of the speakers at our upcoming Breakthrough Breakfast, get a sneak peek into the exciting research happening in her lab.

As you explore these stories, we hope they inspire you as much as they inspire us. Thank you for being a part of our community and for your continued support in driving excellence in medical research and education.



Ophthalmologist, author receives Gold-Headed Cane Award

Dr. R. Rishi Gupta became the 23rd recipient of the Dr. G.W. Archibald Gold-Headed Cane Award on May 4, in a ceremony at Theatre A in Tupper medical building during the Canadian Association for Health Humanities' Creating Space Conference.



Channelling the power of natural killer cells to beat cancer

When Dr. Jeanette Boudreau envisions the future of treating pancreatic, ovarian, and colorectal and cancers that are difficult to cure, she can't contain her excitement.

Boudreau, an immunologist and the Scientific Director of the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute, is pinning her hope – and her knowledge – on Natural Killer (NK) cells.



Rare disease specialist returns to Dal

Twenty years after he graduated from Dalhousie Medical School, a doctor nicknamed Canada's "House" has returned, hoping his expertise in diagnosing mystery illnesses will lead to the creation of an Atlantic Centre for Rare Diseases.

Dr. Luke Chen (MD '03) is a hematologist who has become the go-to resource across Canada for advice to other physicians treating a basket of rare inflammatory diseases.



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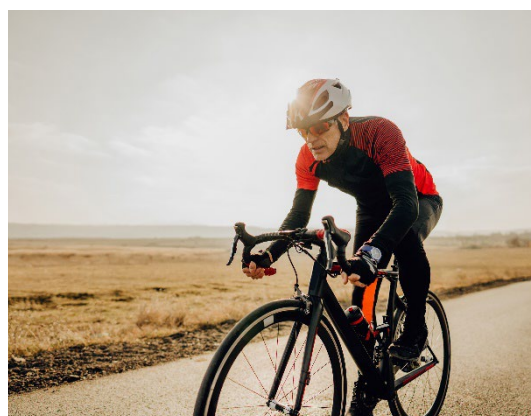
More exciting updates from Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine are below. To learn more or donate, visit our [website](#).

RBC and Dalhousie partner to transform health care education

RBC Foundation announced a game-changing \$600,000 gift to Dalhousie University to bolster initiatives that foster inclusivity within the health professions.

The three-year commitment, announced Thursday, (May 16) intends to improve the participation of African Nova Scotian/Black (ANS/Black), and Indigenous students at Dalhousie by building on the university's existing programs.

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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.



In case you missed it...



Dal startup space partners with province to boost biomedical innovation

One of Dalhousie's key facilities for startup development will double the number of companies in its flagship program over the next three years thanks to new financial support from the Government of Nova Scotia.



Harnessing the power of viruses to kill cancers

In the global hunt for both a cure and cancer treatments, researchers are finding it may be the very viruses we try to shield ourselves against that hold great promise in fighting the deadly disease.



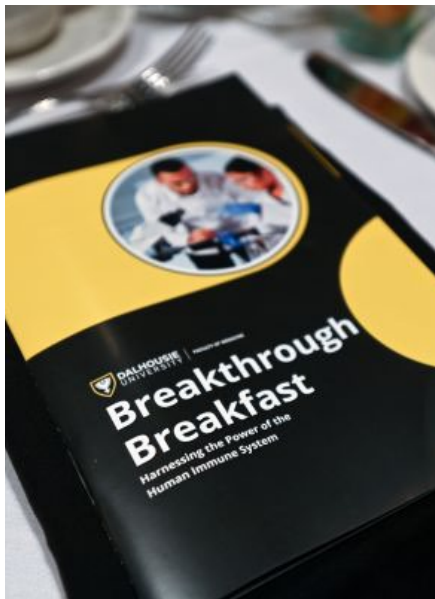
Introducing Dal's honorary degree recipients for Spring Convocation

Science, architecture, economic development, medicine, technology — each of these fields has become richer due to the contributions of the six individuals being presented with honorary degrees at this year's Spring Convocation ceremonies.

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You're Invited to the Breakthrough Breakfast!

Designed to celebrate groundbreaking research and medical innovation, the Breakthrough Breakfast Series will showcase a different area of medical discovery, featuring esteemed researchers at the forefront of their fields.

From Cardiac research to Cancer, Immunity and Vaccinology, Neurosciences & Brain Diseases (including mental health and Alzheimer's disease), to Healthy Aging and Frailty, the series spans a diverse spectrum of crucial medical topics. Each event will include researchers, graduate students, patients, or community members who have contributed to or benefited from this research.

Pioneering Possibilities in Cancer Research

Dalhousie is the hub of a world-class cancer research community in Atlantic Canada. More than 50 principal investigators lead a vigorous team effort, involving approximately 250 postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, research assistants, coordinators, and technicians. Over a delicious breakfast, we'll hear from three researchers who are working together and with partners across the region to understand cancer and find ways to better detect, diagnose, treat, and prevent this too-prevalent disease.



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