

# UGME NEWS

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Your guide to the latest news from the  
McMaster University Undergraduate  
Medical Education Program

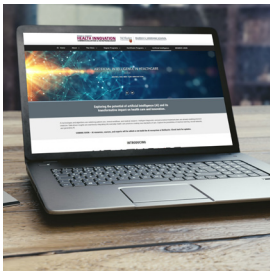
Educating and inspiring future physicians to improve health and well-being for all through clinical excellence, innovation, scholarship, leadership, and social accountability.

## TOP STORIES:



### Welcome Class of 2026!

The start of the academic year is just around the corner, with Introduction to Medicine (iMed) beginning on August 8th. iMed promises an engaging orientation, packed with fun activities and events, allowing faculty leaders and staff to meet the newcomers personally. iMed lays the foundation for Problem-Based Learning (PBL), enabling students to tackle medical challenges critically and to understand the breadth of their essential professional roles as future physicians.



### AI in Healthcare Rounds

The Marnix E. Heersink School has recently launched ai.mcmaster.ca, a brand new website dedicated to unraveling the immense potential of AI and its groundbreaking impact on healthcare and innovation.

Complementary to this initiative, each month the McMaster Health Innovation, Commercialization & Entrepreneurship program will host virtual AI In Healthcare Rounds to explore the latest advancements and applications of AI in healthcare through engaging discussions and case applications facilitated by McMaster AI experts.

Dive into the future of healthcare!

## FACULTY/STAFF CORNER:



### Dr. Keyna Bracken Promoted to Professor in Department of Family Medicine

We are excited to announce the promotion of Keyna Bracken to Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Bracken's exemplary leadership and dedication to high-quality education have made a significant impact both locally and internationally. Her passion for comprehensive family medicine and commitment to patient-centered care have shaped future doctors. Congratulations, Dr. Bracken, on this well-deserved achievement! [Click here](#) for more information.

## STUDENT CORNER:



### White Coat Fitting for Class of 2026!

Attention Class of 2026 medical students! Don't miss the White Coat Fitting event on Monday, August 14, 2023, from 3 pm to 6 pm at MDCL 3118. Get ready to don your official white coat and embrace the beginning of your medical journey. This is a significant milestone, so be sure to mark your calendars!



## Unveiling the Mac Med Mural Project: Inspiring Art in Healthcare Settings!

We are thrilled to showcase the remarkable creations from the Mac Med Mural Project (MMMP)! Led by McMaster UGME Class of 2025 students, Tara Behroozian and Sanjum Hunjan, this talented group of medical students at McMaster University has combined art and wellness in healthcare.

The MMMP's mission is to create a visually pleasing environment for patients, their loved ones, and healthcare workers while offering medical students a chance to de-stress and bond with peers. These tiles embody themes of hope, resilience, and strength, making a positive impact on patients and healthcare workers alike.

To see the full collection of painted tiles, please check out our [Instagram](#).



## Waterloo Regional Campus Hosts Inaugural Teddy Bear Clinic

On July 15, 2023, the Waterloo Regional Campus held their inaugural Teddy Bear Clinic at Waterloo Public Library, Eastside Branch. We had many eager children waiting to bring their teddies, stuffies and dolls for a visit to the clinic.

The Teddy Bear Clinic was founded by medical students from our Niagara Regional Campus. The purpose of the clinic is to teach young children about routine doctor's visits, hospital settings and living a healthy lifestyle. The goal is to alleviate fears associated with medical procedures in a safe, fun and child-centered environment with the help of teddy bears!



## Students Shine at Anatomy Connected Conference

[Congratulations to Austine Wang](#) (McMaster UGME Class of 2025 Hamilton student) for her exceptional achievement at Anatomy Connected! Her outstanding presentation on the McMaster Embalming Scale (MES) earned her second place in the Educational Research Platform Presentation Award category.

Led by Dr. Bruce Wainman, Dr. Kristina Durham, Dr. Yasmeen Mezil, and Dr. Danielle Brewer-Deluce, Austine and 18 other talented students showcased their work at the world's largest gathering of anatomical science researchers and educators. What a proud moment for Austine and the entire team!



## Dr. Dimitrios Oreopoulos Memorial Scholarship

Calling all UGME medical students with Greek heritage! The Dr. Dimitrios Oreopoulos Memorial Scholarship Program is now accepting applications until December 15, 2023. Dr. Oreopoulos was a pioneer in peritoneal dialysis, impacting millions worldwide. This scholarship honors his legacy as a compassionate physician and humanitarian. Approximately two to three scholarships, each valued at \$2,000, are awarded annually. Click here for the [scholarship guidelines](#). Click here for the [application form](#). Any questions can be directed to Vasilias at: [HellenicMedicalAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:HellenicMedicalAssociation@gmail.com).

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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