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TOP STORIES:

UGME Welcomes the Class of 2026



This month, the UGME program warmly welcomed the Class of 2026 to our program. Over three weeks, students participated in Introduction to Medicine—a comprehensive orientation comprising information sessions and workshops, which included greetings from our deans, the Indigenous Health Chair, and Diversity and Inclusion Chairs. Students also engaged in professionalism sessions, got acquainted with preclerkship and clinical skills, explored communication through improv, delved into student affairs and mistreatment awareness, as well as reviewed effective communication strategies. [Click here](#) to rewatch any sessions.

Amid these sessions, our students enjoyed ample opportunities to connect with each other. They also had the chance to explore each campus within our distributed medical education network through three all-campus Hamilton days, along with dedicated days at NRC and WRC campuses.

The UGME program hopes that that these activities proved valuable, fostering a strong foundation for the journey ahead. In the following weeks, photos and videos captured during iMed will be posted to the UGME program's social media channels. UGME faculty and staff wish the Class of 2026 all the best as students venture into Medical Foundations 1!

“Bones of Crows” Film Screening: Honoring National Truth & Reconciliation Day



Experience the moving journey of “Bones of Crows,” a 2022 film depicting a Cree woman's life from childhood to matriarchy, navigating Canada's residential school system.

Join us on September 29, 2023, for an in-person screening across Hamilton, Niagara, and Waterloo Regional Campuses. This event supports McMaster's [Indigenous Health Learning Lodge](#) and offers a chance to connect with local community organizations.

Date & Time: Friday, September 29, 2023, 9 AM - 1 PM

Locations:

- Hamilton: Jackson Square Landmark 6 Cinema
- Niagara: Landmark Cinemas St. Catharines
- Waterloo: Landmark Cinemas Waterloo

[RSVP here](#), tickets available for each location.

Tickets: By donation - please bring DIAPERS and FEMININE PRODUCTS for local community agencies. Your attendance matters in honoring Indigenous culture and supporting a crucial cause.

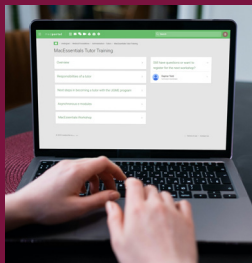
FACULTY/STAFF CORNER:



Leadership Announcements

We wanted to share the exciting news of the appointment of [Dr. Heather McLeod](#) (left) as Director, Medical Foundations 4, effective July 1, 2023, [Dr. John Smith](#) (center) as Curriculum Coordinator, PBL (Problem Based Learning), effective August 1, 2023, and [Dr. Kim Lewis](#) (right) as Director, Research and Scholarship, effective November 1, 2023, with the Undergraduate Medical Education program.

Please join us in wishing Dr. McLeod, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Lewis congratulations on their new positions!



Join UGME as a Tutor

The UGME program is looking for new tutors! Become a PBL expert by completing asynchronous e-modules and our virtual MacEssentials Tutor Training Workshop on **September 20 at 6 pm**. Check the [MacEssentials webpage](#) for eligibility and next steps.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to enhance your tutoring skills with MacEssentials Tutor Training.

STUDENT CORNER:



Welcoming Co-Chairs for Diversity and Inclusion

The UGME Co-Chairs for Diversity and Inclusion, are committed to promoting equity and respect within our program. They will be pivotal in promoting equity and respect within our program.

For McMaster medical students seeking an appointment, Dr. Natasha Johnson will be available during the following times:

- Tuesday afternoons (in-person appointments): 2:25 – 3:25 pm
- Friday mornings (virtual appointments): 11:30 – 11:55 am

For appointment requests or urgent matters, please email: macmeddiversity@mcmaster.ca. In case of immediate assistance, you can contact [Patricia Drochner](#) (MD Admissions).



Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to you and your guests from Dr. Paul O'Byrne, Dean of the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, for the Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony.

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton ON, L8P 4Y2

This special event marks a significant moment in your journey, and we would be honored to have you join us. As you celebrate this milestone, light refreshments will be available for all attendees. Kindly RSVP by October 10, 2023, by responding to FHSevents1@mcmaster.ca.



Caroline Hircock: Canadian Medical Hall of Fame 2023 Awardee

Caroline Hircock, McMaster UGME Class of 2024, has been honored with the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame 2023 Award. She is dedicated to Hamilton community initiatives, involving drop-in centers for the homeless, an ODSP clinic, and leading MacHealth DNA, focused on delivering health services to marginalized groups. Caroline's research focuses on the intersection of surgical care and homelessness, aiming to inform policies addressing inequalities; she's also passionate about qualitative research, which amplifies the patient voice in medical literature and has led multiple projects in this field. Congratulations, Caroline! [Click here](#) to read more.

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literary and arts magazine

Calls for Submissions: BREATHE MAGAZINE

Breathe is a literary magazine dedicated to exploring mental health and wellness in the medical field. The publication showcases visual art, poetry, and prose from health care trainees (such as medical students, residents, fellows, nursing students, PA students, PT/OT students, pharmacy students, etc.) throughout Canada.

Submissions are open for their second issue! They welcome all forms of literature and art related to mental health and wellness. Refer to their [submission form](#) for comprehensive guidelines and submission instructions.

Amid the persistent stigma surrounding mental health in medicine, Breathe aims to illuminate the challenges faced by health care trainees nationwide and advocate for enhanced mental well-being. Your experiences matter. For inquiries, reach out to breathe.artsmagazine@gmail.com.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIR, STUDENT PROGRESS: Seeking a faculty member who will be responsible for the oversight, implementation, and quality improvement of student progress processes in the MD Program within the distributed UGME network. [Click here](#) for more information.

SUB-UNIT PLANNER, GASTROENTEROLOGY: Seeking a faculty member to oversee the planning, delivery, and evaluation of the Gastroenterology subunit within MF3 within the distributed UGME network. [Click here](#) for more information.

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