The 2018/19 Academic term is underway. I hope everyone was able to take some time to enjoy the beautiful summer we experienced this year. As always, CHS faculty, staff and students were busy over the summer months. The CHS Undergraduate Medical Education Committee (UGME) was especially busy conducting a review of the Clerkship component of the Public Health rotation and the Longitudinal Population Health Course. The team prepared an extensive report in preparation for the upcoming Max Rady College of Medicine Accreditation site visit (April 2019). Their efforts and the resulting report have been cited at UGME governance committees as an example of full commitment to the Accreditation process. We congratulate the team for their hard work and for the ongoing refinements to the UGME curriculum.

The 2018-19 academic year is off to a great start. At the October convocation, 13 CHS undergraduate and 17 graduate students received their degrees. Congratulations to you all! In September, we welcomed 33 new students into our graduate program (8 PhD, 18 MSc and 7 MPH), 34 into the CHS Undergraduate Program, and 4 into the Bachelor of Health Studies (BHSt) program as part of the Interdisciplinary Health Program (IHP). As Dr. Moses has outlined in previous Newsletters, Community Health Sciences plays a large role in the Interdisciplinary Health Program via the Family Health concentration, in addition to delivering required courses for all IHP students. When the Departments of Family Social Sciences and Community Health Sciences merged as part of the Academic Initiative Structure in 2014, the plan was to expand the Interdisciplinary Health Program and establish a Family Health stream in the BHSt program. The BHSt program was approved by Senate in December 2017 and we will work with the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences to promote its success.

The application to suspend admissions to the Family Social Sciences program (CHS undergraduate program) has been approved and January 2019 will be the final student intake. From September 2019 onward, students interested in Family Health will be directed to the IHP program. Students currently in the FSS program will be able to complete the degree program they entered or they can transfer to the IHP program. The FSS undergraduate program will officially close once the final student has met degree requirements for graduation. CHS looks forward to our role in delivering curriculum on Family Health as part of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Interdisciplinary Health Program. We anticipate that the expertise of CHS faculty will continue to draw large numbers of students who have interest in the promotion of family health.

We have had great success in terms of research funding and dissemination activities. The details of the work and achievements of the Department are included in this edition of the Newsletter. I congratulate faculty, staff and students on their successes and wish you all a meaningful and productive academic year.
AFIFI, TO. was the 2018 recipient of The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research from The Royal’s Institute of Mental Health Research. The annual national Prize provides funding to outstanding star researchers in the field of mental health. It recognizes those with a demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality and a clear ability to work in partnership with other disciplines and/or research teams external to the institution with which they are affiliated. ($100,000).


Janelle Boram Lee, a 2nd year CHS MSc student, was awarded the Women’s Health Research Foundation of Canada Graduate Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year.

FAMILY SOCIAL SCIENCES

There were 34 new student admissions in Fall 2018 bringing the total number of students in the Family Social Sciences Program to 126. A New Student Orientation was held on September 4, 2018. The Program is delivering 18 FMLY courses, four of which are on-line study. The Grand Opening of the revitalized student lounge (Human Ecology building) was held on September 10, 2018. Students, faculty and staff from Community Health Sciences and Food and Human Nutritional Sciences, as well as the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, attended.

New student representatives on the CHS Undergraduate Committee are Pascaline Ciroyi (FSS Yr 4) and Jamela Foronda (IHP Yr 2).

Three students were awarded the Norma E. Watts Walker Award and one student was awarded the Betty Morton Christian Scholarship and Bursary Award.

The new Family Health Concentration (Bachelor of Health Studies Degree, IHP) which consists of all FMLY courses, started in Fall, 2018. FMLY also delivers four core courses to the IHP program (Bachelor of Health Studies and Bachelor of Health Sciences).

FMLY 4300 Field Placement provides students with the opportunity of gaining experience in a professional and supervised setting where concepts learned in academic courses can be applied. This year Family Social Sciences has partnered with 15 community organizations providing placements to 19 students.

A mingling event for faculty and students is being planned for January 2019. Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AWARDS

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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**BIOMEDICAL YOUTH CAMPS**

**Summer Camp, July 16-20, Bannatyne Campus:** One hundred and One hundred and forty (140) participants descended upon the Bannatyne campus for a week of fun, hands-on science activities. BYP collaborated with the Office of Rural and Northern Health and UM Access Program to bring fifteen (15) participants from northern and First Nations communities to this weeklong program.

**Northern Camps, July 23-27:** this year, RFHS students and Office of Community Engagement staff facilitated a week-long camp for twenty-five youth from Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN). The camp was held at Oscar Lathlin Collegiate at OCN for participants in Grades 7-12.

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As part of orientation activities for Rady Faculty of Health Science (RFHS) students, the Office of Interprofessional Collaboration provided community site visits to organizations/schools around Bannatyne campus as part of students’ introduction to the broader community. Organizations provide students with overview of their programs, services, populations served and any volunteer or service learning opportunities available.

This year these visits took place on the afternoon of September 21st. Four hundred and eighty RFHS students were grouped into interprofessional cohorts from colleges and programs within the faculty and visited sixteen community organizations or schools. That is, each cohort included at least one student from Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Occupational, Respiratory, Physical therapy and Physician Assistant programs.

Cohorts will continue to meet over the first two years of their program and have opportunities to work interprofessionally on assignments that are part of the new, longitudinal interprofessional curriculum.

**SERVICE LEARNING UPDATES**

The first cohort of medical students completed their Year 1 & 2 service learning curricular requirement as of May 2018. As this requirement is still fairly new (implemented with the Class of 2020 in September 2018), the service learning team – consisting of Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) Longitudinal Course Coordinator, UGME Population Health Coordinator, and Co-Leads of Office of Community Engagement, and support staff – implemented changes to service learning based on student and community partner feedback in the areas of scheduling, communication and general processes.

Currently, there are 220 first and second year medical students completing service learning with 36 community organizations. Examples of service learning sites include: organizations addressing food insecurity, access to youth recreation and after-school programming, educational supports and tutoring, and community resource centers.

**CANU PROGRAM**

The after-school program for youth in grades 7-9 began in October and will run until the end of February 2019. Approximately 70 participants meet weekly at the Bannatyne campus from 3:30-6:30 pm for an afternoon of hands-on, health science activities. 80 RFHS student volunteers facilitate these sessions, including 28 medical students completing service learning hours with this program.

**WISH CLINIC**

The WISH (Winnipeg Interprofessional Student-run Health) Clinic was host to a great event this August! To celebrate the summer days, WISH hosted a Family Fun Day and Teddy Bear Clinic at the Mount Carmel Clinic on 886 Main Street, Point Douglas. It was a fun day for volunteers and community members. There was a free picnic lunch and raffle for the adults, not to mention an interactive drumming performance by the Buffalo Gals! The Buffalo Gals are a traditional Indigenous drumming group made up of women from the community who focus on healing and coming together. This time they managed to get some audience involvement as some community members were invited up on stage to learn the basics of drumming and the traditional teachings involved. Speaking of the kids! That’s where volunteers shined the most as there were many activities for kids to choose from. As the name suggests, the main focus of the day was the Teddy Bear Clinic, where each child was given a teddy bear, many of which were wonderfully donated by the fine folks at Bannatyne. Each child then had his or her teddy “treated” by our volunteers from each college. Nursing and Medicine students did triage and diagnosis, Pharmacy folks had a handle on medicine and casting, with PT and OT volunteers making sure splints and assessments were done right. Every year, the experience of going to see a health care professional for any ailment is a less scary endeavor for many of the kids in the community. Let’s Talk Science also came and did some great activities, along with Fit Kids Healthy Kids and the folks from the Fire House safety program. To top off the day, the University’s Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science donated 600 cups of ice cream for all attendees, which made for a great treat for kids and adults in the sweltering heat, and even volunteers enjoyed the treat at the end of the day’s events.

Looking into the Fall term, WISH’s regular Clinics will be starting up, and we’re always looking for new volunteers to come join us from 1:30pm to 4:30pm every Sunday at Mount Carmel Clinic. This year we’re looking into several health education days along with 3 offsite immunization flu clinics between late October and early November. Get your flu shot and become a volunteer! If you would like any more information about WISH or want to become involved you can find us at https://wishclinic.ca.

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