



# **College of Medicine Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event**

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## Faculty Renewal of Probation

Department of Anatomy,  
Physiology, and Pharmacology

- **Dr. Justin Botterill**
- **Dr. Heather Szabo-Rogers**

Department of Community  
Health and Epidemiology

- **Dr. Tracey Carr**
- **Dr. Jacob Alhassan**

Department of Medicine

- **Dr. Julie Kosteniuk**

## Faculty Granted Tenure

- **Dr. Changting Xiao**, Department of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology
- **Dr. Peter Pioli**, Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Immunology

## Faculty Promotion to Associate Professor

Department of Anatomy,  
Physiology, and Pharmacology

- **Dr. Changting Xiao**
- **Dr. Anand Krishnan**

Department of Anesthesiology

- **Dr. Peter Hedlin**

Department of Medical Imaging

- **Dr. Scott Adams**

Department of Medicine

- **Dr. Brett Graham**

Department of Oncology

- **Dr. Tahir Abbas**
- **Dr. Osama Ahmed**

Department of Pathology and  
Laboratory Medicine

- **Dr. Ninad Mehta**

Department of Pediatrics

- **Dr. Charissa Pockett**
- **Dr. Keefe Davis**
- **Dr. Susan Bobbitt**

- **Dr. Kathleen Felton**

- **Dr. Daphne Yau**
- **Dr. Sarah Tehseen**

Department of Psychiatry

- **Dr. Stephen Adams**

Department of Surgery

- **Dr. Ray Deobald**
- **Dr. Peter Graham**
- **Dr. Russ Murphy**
- **Dr. Alek Vitali**

## Faculty Promotion to Professor

Department of Medicine

- **Dr. Payam Dehghani**
- **Dr. Gudrun Caspar-Bell**

Department of Oncology

- **Dr. Franco Vizeacoumar**

Department of Pediatrics

- **Dr. Tim Bradley**

## Retirements

- **Dr. Kerri Kobryn**, Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Immunology
- **Dr. Mirosław Cygler**, Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Immunology
- **Dr. Bonnie Janzen**, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology
- **Dr. Anne Leis**, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology
- **Cathy Cuddington**, School of Rehabilitation Science

## College of Medicine Awards, 2026

Friends of the College of Medicine Award

- **Heather Thiessen**, Patient Partner

Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) Community Award

- **Sandra Hintz**, Clinic Manager, Maidstone Medical Clinic
- **Crystal Kuras**, Emergency Nurse Supervisor, Tisdale

#### Louis Horlick Spirit of the College of Medicine Award

- **Dr. Jason Baserman**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

#### Sydney Inskip Service Award

- **Jalene Jepson**, Manager Academic Programs, Department of Family Medicine

#### Excellence in Education Support Award

- **Dua Abbas**, Physician Assistant Professional Practice Co-Lead, Master of Physician Assistant (MPAS) Program
- **Justine Assié**, Clerkship Nurse Coordinator, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- **Carla Flogan**, Quality, Safety, and Continuous Improvement Facilitator, Department of Anesthesiology

#### Excellence in Research Support Award

- **Dr. Mariam Alaverdashvili**, Provincial Research Facilitator, Department of Psychiatry

#### Staff Leadership Excellence Award

- **Amanda Galambos**, Program Coordinator, STBBI Treatment Education Program for Saskatchewan (STEPS)
- **Crystal Maslin**, Health Human Resources Expansion Project Manager, Office of the Provost and VP Academic

#### Annual Excellence in Research Award

- **Dr. Ana Mendes-Silva**, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry
- **Dr. Ahmed Mostafa**, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

#### Mingling Minds in Research Award

- **Dr. Camelia Adams**, Professor, Department of Psychiatry

#### Career Achievement in Research Award

- **Dr. Franco Vizeacoumar**, Senior Scientist, Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, and Professor, Department of Oncology

#### Excellence in Teaching Award

- **Dr. Landon Baillie**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology
- **Dr. Angela Lapetsky**, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine
- **Dr. Tessa Laubscher**, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine

#### New Teacher Award

- **Dr. Michelle Collins**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology
- **Dr. Paul D'Alessandro**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

#### Faculty Leadership Excellence Award

- **Dr. Julie Stakiw**, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Oncology

#### Faculty Development Captivator of the Year Award

- **Dr. Emily Sullivan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine

#### Faculty Development Deirdre Bonnycastle Champion of Change Award

- **Dr. Lynsey Martin**, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine
- **Department of Family Medicine Faculty Development Program:** Dr. Rob Haver (Moose Jaw), Dr. Jeffrey Irvine (La Ronge), Dr. Asma Gargoum (Regina), Dr. Alanna Kurytnik (Prince Albert), Dr. Mike Barnett (North West), Dr. Emily Sullivan (Saskatoon), Dr. Mahmood Beheshti (South East), Dr. Alta van Breda (Swift Current)

#### Team Achievement Award

- **Anesthesia Quality Improvement for Residents (AQulRe) Committee:** Wasim Al-Khanati, Dr. Jessica Bruce, Carla Flogan, Dr. Vicky Loessin, and Dr. Lei Xia. Department of Anesthesiology

#### Putting People First Award

- **Debbie Briere**, Interim Clinical Skills Coordinator, Master of Physician Assistant (MPAS) Program
- **Dr. Trustin Domes**, Academic Director, Master of Physician Assistant (MPAS) Program
- **Shayla Kluchewski**, Administrative Coordinator, School of Rehabilitation Science
- **Dr. Cathy MacLean**, Director Faculty Development
- **Undergraduate Medical Education (UGME) Social Committee:** Kim Basque, Shannon Bay, Tami Golding, Lisa Krol, and Wren Mynhardt

*Thank You!*

Thank you to our College of Medicine faculty members who served on the **College Review Committee**. The committee undertook the significant task of reviewing 38 departmental recommendations for renewal of probation, tenure, and promotion, and 51 salary review cases. They dedicated countless hours and considerable effort towards these crucial decisions, and we are deeply grateful for their hard work in supporting their fellow faculty members.

Thank you to the College of Medicine **award adjudicators** for volunteering their time in service of recognizing their fellow members. Adjudicators were tasked with making difficult decisions and did so with a high level of professionalism and care.

Thank you to all **award nominators and supporters** for taking the time to submit a nomination for deserving colleagues. Nominees always deem it a significant form of recognition in itself.

Thank you to the **Faculty and Staff Awards Committee** who gave advice on the new awards and processes.