

# PhysioLINK

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As we approach the end of 2019, it is an opportunity for us to reflect on all the brilliant things we have accomplished, and on our expectations for the year to come. I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to work with all of you these past months, and I look forward to continued growth, success, and development of new forward-looking initiatives for the department in 2020.

As the famous actor, director, producer, and screenwriter Danny DeVito once said: *"It's fun to be on the edge. I think you do your best work when you take chances, when you're not safe, when you're not in the middle of the road....."* Here's to taking chances together.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!

**Scott P. Heximer, PhD**  
Interim Chair,  
Department of Physiology

## HONOURS & AWARDS



Congratulations to our former Chair, **Graham Collingridge**, featured in the Financial Post section of the National Post on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The section highlighted Graham's leadership role as the new director of the Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases. Established almost 30 years ago through the vision and generosity of Dr. Mark Tanz and named in his honour, the Tanz Centre provides international leadership in research, education and discovery related to neurodegenerative diseases. The Tanz Centre is housed in the

Krembil Research Tower at Toronto Western Hospital.  
<https://pressreader.com/article/282205127772202>.



The International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences awarded **Dr. Ren-Ke Li** the prestigious 2019 Naranjan Dhalla Award last month for Innovative Investigators in Cardiovascular Science to recognize his distinguished achievements. This honour was presented to him at the International Symposium on Cellular Therapy in Cardiovascular Medicine, Ankara, Turkey on 01 November 2019.

## DEPARTMENTAL TEACHING AWARDS

Congratulations to everyone all of the faculty members below on receipt of a Teaching Award at the Holiday Party.... outstanding! Your continuing dedication to the education mission of our department is enormously appreciated.

**Nohjin Kee** – Undergraduate Large Class Teaching Award

**Patricia Brubaker** – Undergraduate Small Class Teaching Award

**Denise Belsham** – Innovative Course Design and Excellence in Teaching Performance

**Jeff Kroetsch** – Robert Good Early Career Teaching Award

**Steve Prescott** – Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award

## KRAICER AWARD

This year's winner of the Jack Kraicer Doctoral Award is **Dr. Celeste Leung** from Professor Jia's laboratory. Celeste has made several important discoveries that have advanced knowledge in human cognition. Celeste has won more than fourteen university-wide or provincial scholarships and awards. Her research has resulted in 11 articles in high-impact scientific journals – six of which as first author.



Dr. Celeste Leung (Jia Lab)

## HOLIDAY RAFFLE 2019

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to all of the people who participated in this year's CP24/CHUM Christmas Wish Holiday Raffle. To the graduate students who sold tickets, all of the people who provided prize contributions, and especially those who bought tickets! **'We managed to raise \$1640 for the charity and this demonstrates the remarkable generosity of our faculty, students and staff.'**

A note of appreciation from the CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish follows this message.

Congratulations and happy holidays to all!

Denise Belsham

*From: CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish*

*Dear Department of Physiology and GASP, University of Toronto,*

*Thank you for your gift of \$1640.00 in support of the CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

*Thank you for helping to give a kid a Christmas!*

## **Holiday Party – Raffle Prize Master List 2019**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>NAME OF WINNER (LAB)</b>
1. \$50 Apple Gift Card	Scott Heximer	Tam (Matthews Lab)
2. \$50 Apple Gift Card	Scott Heximer	Yun Li (Yun Li)
3. \$20 Starbucks Gift Card	UPSA	Angus (Senterre Lab)
4. \$20 Starbucks Gift Card	UPSA	Michelle (Gramollini Lab)
5. \$50 Eaton Centre Gift Card	GASP	Jamila (Lu Wang Lab)
6. \$50 Eaton Centre Gift Card	GASP	Jamila (Lu Wang Lab)
7. \$25 Amazon Gift Card	Richard Horner	Darren Kadis
8. \$25 Indigo Gift Card	Richard Horner	Eily (Bolz Lab)
9. \$25 Amazon Gift Card	Richard Horner	Frances Skinner
10. \$25 Rexall Gift Card	Richard Horner	Helen Miliotis
11. Chocolates and Coffee Gift Basket	Belsham Lab	Michelle French
12. \$50 Ultimate Dining Card	Denise Belsham	Michelle French
13. Gift Basket with Gift Card	Thermo Fisher	Guangming Zhang
14. \$10 Timmie's Gift Card with Chocolate	Milton Charlton	Andrew (Brubaker Lab)
15. \$10 Timmie's Gift Card with Chocolate	Milton Charlton	Angus (Santerre Lab)
16. \$10 Timmie's Gift Card with Chocolate	Milton Charlton	Iulia (Feng Lab)
17. Leather Travel Bag	Toronto Tourism	Andrew (Brubaker Lab)

18. Galileo Thermometer	VWR	Maegan (Brubaker Lab)
19. \$25 Cineplex Gift Card	Jenny Katsoulakos	Andy (Belsham Lab)
20. \$50 Indigo Gift Card	Patricia Brubaker	Maegan (Brubaker Lab)
21. Gift Basket	Sarstedt	Emma (Belsham Lab)
22. \$100 The Keg Gift Card	Norgen	Calvin (Belsham Lab)
23. Gift Package with \$100 IDT lab credit	IDT	Jenny (Chair's Office)
24. Gift Package with \$100 IDT lab credit	IDT	Jamila (Lu Wang Lab)
25. \$50 Yorkdale Gift Card	Helen Miliotis	Chris (Matthews Lab)
26. \$100 Winners Gift Card	Steffen Bolz	Sarah (Brubaker Lab)
27. Two Movie Tickets	Zhong-Ping Feng	Paula Smellie
28. Two Movie Tickets	Zhong-Ping Feng	Alex (Brubaker Lab)
29. \$50 Eataly Gift Card	Takara Donahue	Calvin (Belsham Lab)
30. \$100 Eataly Gift Card	Takara Donahue	Calvin (Belsham Lab)
31. Bottle of Liquor	Mike Wheeler	Danny (Bolz Lab)
32. \$100 The Keg Gift Card	Michelle French	Migel Torres (Moffat Lab)
33. \$100 The Keg Gift Card and Lindt Gift Basket	Cedarlane	Carlos Yusta (Belsham Lab)
34. Overnight stay at Westin Harbour Castle Hotel (\$300 value)	Marriott International	Liz (Matthews Lab)
35. Grand Prize: Apple iPad 7th Generation with fingerprint recognition (\$500 value)	Department of Physiology	Eva Eng

## NEWS FROM GASP

First of all, thank you to our wonderful volunteer participants who absolutely killed it at our presentation karaoke at this year's Holiday Luncheon (Ankur, Brian, Cindy, and Scott, you are the real MVPs). The holiday luncheon festivities were followed by our after-party at VIP Lounge and Billiards Club, which was a blast. A special shout-out to Dr. Brian Cox for coming to the after-party, this sort of faculty-student interaction is what we dream of!



Thanks to everyone who has been attending our events all year, and we wish you all the happiest of holidays! See you in 2020 :)

Shahin Khodaei (PhD Trainee, Orser Lab)  
GASP President



**Happy Holidays Everyone**

**See you in the New Year!**