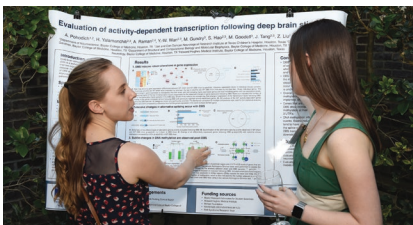
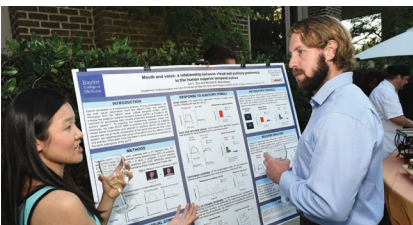


BRASS Scholars Spotlight

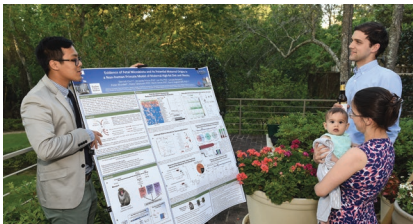
Poster Presentations Add Scientific Interest to T&T



▲ Amanda Koire, M.D./Ph.D. (2013-2014)



▲ Lin Zhu, M.D./Ph.D. (2013-2014)



▲ Derrick Chu M.D./Ph.D. (2013-2014)



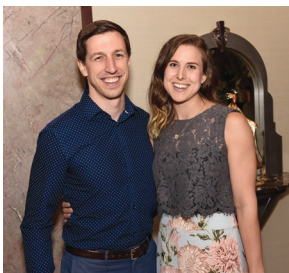
▲ Zachary Criss, Ph.D. (2014-2015)

Adding insight and intellectual interest to this year Tea and Toddies fundraiser, four of our BRASS scholars set up their scientific posters and brilliantly shared with guests what their research entailed as well as their findings.

A scientific poster is a popular method of presenting research findings succinctly at meetings and conferences. Posters summarize a scholar's research project using a mix of text and diagrams/images.

A poster allows a scholar to condense the aims, methods, results and conclusions of their research into a portable form of presentation. It also allows interested peers to understand their research in their absence, simply by reading through their poster. Presenting research in the form of a poster at meetings or conferences can also boost the scholar's CV as it shows potential employers that they are motivated and creative.

BRASS Scholars on the Move and Doing Great Things



▲ Kassie and Stephen Manning

Emily Packard Dawson, Ph.D., 2012-2013 BRASS scholar, defended her thesis in September of this year. Her thesis was titled "Developmental Defects Underlying Testicular Germ Cell Tumorigenesis". It concerned the defects that occur embryonically that contribute to the initiation of testicular cancer. Emily accepted a postdoctoral position in Dr. Ruth Lehmann's lab, she is the director of the Skirball Institute at NYU's Langone Medical Center.



▲ Emily Packard Dawson and Andrew Dawson



▲ Robert Seilheimer and Claire Ortbal

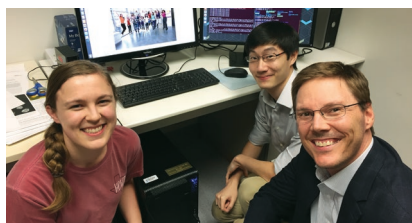
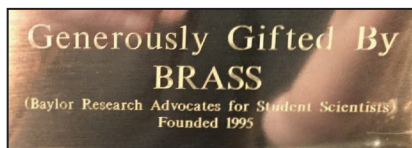
Robert Seilheimer, M.D./Ph.D., 2011-2012 BRASS scholar, defended his thesis on October 10, his thesis was titled "Genetic, Pharmacologic, and Physiologic Dissection of Retinal Circuits Underlying Ganglion Cell Function and Dysfunction." Rob will diligently be back on campus on October 23 to resume his studies for his M.D. at BCM.

BRASS Highlights

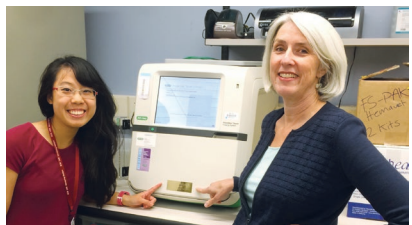
BRASS Scholars Research Enriched by Generous Funding

Commemorative donation plaques are now proudly displayed on the pieces of lab equipment that BRASS has donated to our BRASS scholars' labs. Generous funding from the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and Jack and Judi Johnson through the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation have made the purchase of this lab equipment possible. Our BRASS Scholars, already tremendous assets to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, become even more sought after by the labs, because of this much needed funding that is utilized to purchase the expensive equipment that often individual labs often can't afford. It helps ensure our scholars and their labs will be able to continue on with their ground breaking research.

"We are very grateful for the Chemidoc Touch Imaging System (for protein and DNA imaging) that BRASS donated to our lab. It has quickly become one of the most treasured and frequently used instruments in the lab and has saved all of us countless hours to develop our western blot films. I wish you could have seen all the excitement from everyone in the lab when we got it. Our deepest gratitude to BRASS and all your support!" said Joanne Hsu BRASS scholar.



▲ Elizabeth Bowling, Ph.D. and Jerry Wang, M.D./Ph.D. with their P.I. Dr. Trey Westbrook



▲ Joanne Hsu, M.D./Ph.D. with her mentor Dr. Margaret Goodell



▲ Larissa Nitschke, Ph.D. displays new equipment purchased for Dr. Huda Y. Zoghbi's lab.



▲ Charlene Hannah Emerson, Ph.D. with her mentor Dr. Allison Bertuch



▲ Emily Packard Dawson, Ph.D. with her mentor Dr. Jason Heaney



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In Memory of Barney Kogen
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BRASS Scholars

Getting to Know Them

Want to host a scholar get-together?
Can't make an upcoming arts or sporting event?
Have extra tickets for a gala or a luncheon?

One of the best things about being a member of BRASS is the opportunity to spend time with the BRASS scholars; you will have the time of your life!

Contact **Elsie Eckert** at **713-789-2434** or **ejs@elsiesmithdesign.com** if you have tickets to donate or you'd like to arrange for a get-together or go to dinner with them.

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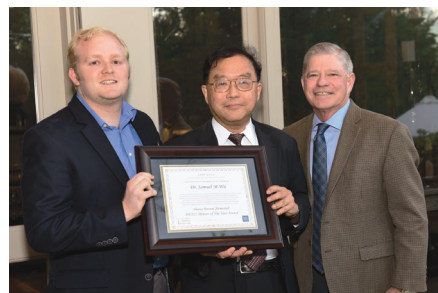
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▲ Myra Wilson surprises Jo Ann Petersen when she announces she has been chosen as the 2017 BRASS Angel of the Year.



▲ Robert Seilheimer and Steve Brown present Dr. Samuel Wu the Diana Brown Memorial 2017 Mentor of the Year Award.



▲ Don and Sidney Faust are honored for opening their hearts and their Squirrel Creek Ranch home.

A Message from the BRASS President

Dear BRASS Members and Supporters:

It is with profound sadness that I share with you that the BRASS family has lost one of our dearest members and supporters. Barney Kogen died unexpectedly on September 8. Lifetime Benefactors of BRASS, Barney and his wonderful wife Lynn graciously opened their beautiful home for many years for our Tea & Toddies event. They always made everyone feel so at home and just this year, Barney insisted that BRASS was welcome to continue to make *Kamp Kogen* the venue for all Tea & Toddies events for as long as we wanted to. Barney loved the mission of BRASS and with his keen intellect, he always appreciated the brilliance of our BRASS Scholars and the hope their research offered. He will be dearly missed by all of us.



▲ Elsie Eckert

As we welcome another fall season we once again want to extend a very special thank you to:

- ▶ Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo for their continued belief in BRASS and their \$95,000 donation that will fund research equipment and travel to scientific meetings and forums for our BRASS scholars.
- ▶ Judi and Jack Johnson and the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation for their \$50,000 gift that funds discretionary research stipends for each BRASS scholar while they work to achieve their Ph.D.'s.

Please join me in a big BRASS welcome to our four new 2017-2018 scholars who will be introduced at our upcoming fall scholar reception at Cora Sue and Harry Mach's home. You will definitely enjoy meeting these four brilliant and multi-faceted Ph.D. Candidates:

- ▶ Dominique Armstrong
- ▶ Arielle Raugh
- ▶ Andrea Ortiz
- ▶ Oluwatoyosi "Toysee" Adewunmi

Our BRASS Scholarships are increasingly effective in attracting the best and the brightest students who add to the College's ever-growing expertise in biomedical research. We could not do it without your support, so it is with heartfelt appreciation I once again say THANK YOU!

~ Elsie.

2017 BRASS Tea & Toddies - Celebrating 22 Years

An Amazing Evening of Friends, Fun and Fond Memories

April 5, 2017 found Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists once again raising their glasses to toast the bright future of biomedical research at our annual Tea & Toddies fund raiser. More than \$45,000 was raised to help support and further the BRASS mission of “providing funding and support for the best and brightest students” through endowed scholarships and research awards.

The captivating surroundings of the gardens and the Kogen home were the perfect backdrop for this fun and festive evening.



Dr. Scott Basinger Don & Sidney Faust and the Goodman family Don Faust and Alex Goodman Don & Sidney Faust and Cora Sue & Harry Mach

BRASS Salutes Sidney and Don Faust for Creating “A Healing Tradition”

With heartfelt appreciation BRASS was delighted in honoring Sidney and Don Faust at our 2017 Tea & Toddies fundraiser. For 17 years, Sidney and Don opened their hearts and their Squirrel Creek Ranch home for retreats for Texas Children’s Cancer Center patients and their families.

These weekend retreats were both unique and magical because the whole family was invited to come and enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation and have a much needed reprieve from the stress of hospitals, treatments, and day-to-day worries.

BRASS Scholars were selected for each of the 5 retreats held every year to be “Retreat Counselors”. They helped all the kids, patients and siblings alike, be kids again and provided the parents with some much needed time to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the ranch! Each retreat greatly enhanced the scholars lives and their perspectives as future doctors and caregivers.

There was, fishing, swimming, tennis, horseback riding, bike riding, hay rides, family bingo, a dress-up runway fashion show, mani & pedis for the moms. incredible food, and the wide array of exotic animals were amazing!!! It was indeed magical on all levels and it was an honor for BRASS to be a part of those 75 heartwarming and “HEALING TRADITION” retreats. Families at each retreat made memories and friends. Christopher Goodman, his wife Opal and their sons Cody and Alex who is a Texas Children’s Cancer Center survivor, were at the 75th retreat and were surprise guests for Sid and Don that evening. They shared their wonderful memories with all of us as they thanked the Fausts for their untold kindness. Dr. Scott Basinger, who attended and organized all 75 retreats shared many heartwarming and touching stories about what the retreats meant to the families as well as to the BRASS scholars.

The BRASS \$10,000 Club – Lifetime Benefactor Salute

A very special thank you to Jan Duncan for making a generous donation of \$10,000 to BRASS. We welcome her as our newest Lifetime Benefactor and are grateful for her kindness and generosity. Thanks, Jan!

2017 BRASS Tea & Toddies - Celebrating 22 Years



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| 2. Myra Wilson and Jan Duncan | 18. Myra Wilson and scholar Wanderson Rezende and Eric Bradley |
| 3. Jeanie and Marshall Smith and Julie and Dr. Adam Kuspa | 19. Scholar Larissa Nitschke and Walid Fakhour |
| 4. Robin Simon, Suzy Simons and Myra Wilson | 20. Dr. Matthew Baker, Michele Collins and Craig Moffatt |
| 5. Cora Sue Mach, Sidney Faust and Elsie Eckert | 21. Jack Johnson, Elsie Eckert and Judi Johnson |
| 6. Ed McMahon and Don Faust | 22. Scholar Charlene Emerson and Tyler McCubbin |
| 7. Denis DeBakey and guest | 23. Michael Bickham, Don and Sidney Faust and Lenny Matuszewski |
| 8. Francoise Marks, Peter and Celine VanDerlofske and Lenny Matuszewski | 24. Myra Wilson and Steve Brown |
| 9. Kenny Rogers, Myra Wilson and Dr. David Wright | 25. Keara and scholar Zachary Criss |
| 10. Myra Wilson, Dr. Jim Bonar and Tamara Klosz Bonar | 26. Scholars Amanda Koire, Derrick Chu and Paul Fahey and Sidney and Don Faust |
| 11. A savory presentation of desserts | 27. Lynn and Barney Kogen and Dr. Jim Bonar |
| 12. Ken and Andy Delery | 28. Hershey Grace and Ed McMahon |
| 13. Michael Bickham, Carl and Linda Kuykendall and Lenny Matuszewski | 29. Scholars Ktistyn Hoffman and Patrick Hunt |
| 14. Debby Leighton, Don and Sidney Faust and Cora Sue Mach | 30. Myra Wilson, Ulyesse and Barbara LaGrange |
| 15. Joe Cleary and Dr. Samuel Wu | 31. Henry Brooks and Barbara Lowrie |
| 16. Rod Crosby and the delicious buffet | 32. Jack and Judi Johnson, Ed McMahon and BRASS Scholars |