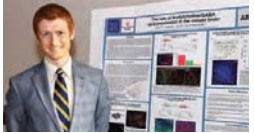


BRASS Scholars Spotlight

Posters Add Scientific Interest To 2019 Tea & Toddlies



▲ Patrick Hunt, M.D. Ph.D. (2016-2017)



▲ Carli Domenico, Ph.D. (2015-2016)



▲ Zach Kadow, M.D. Ph.D. (2016-2017)



▲ Kristyn Hoffman, Ph.D. (2016-2017)

Once again, this year, the presentation of BRASS Scholars' posters added intellectual interest and great conversations to the 2019 Tea & Toddlies fundraiser. Four BRASS Scholars set up their scientific posters and graciously 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.

BRASS Scholars Giving Back to BRASS

Our Amazing Ambassadors



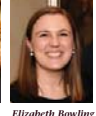
Patrick Hunt
M.D. Ph.D.
(2016-2017)



Kristyn Hoffman
Ph.D. (2016-2017)
Husband Matt Hoffman



Dr. Matt Baker
(1996-1997)



Elizabeth Bowling
Ph.D. (2015-2016)



Andrea Ortiz
Ph.D. (2017-2018)



Linda Zhang
M.D. Ph.D.
(2018-2019)



Joanne Hsu
M.D. Ph.D.
(2015-2016)

Joanne Hsu produced a video with her mentor, Dr. Margaret Goodell, incorporating three generations of BRASS Scholars in the Goodell lab. She and Linda Zhang presented this video at Tea & Toddlies because Dr. Goodell was at a scientific seminar and was unable to be there to receive the Diana Brown Memorial Mentor of the Year Award. • Patrick Hunt has assisted the Scholar selection committee for the last two years, and in 2020, he will be the scholar representative chair. Linda Zhang began assisting him this year and will continue to do so for the next two years. • Patrick Hunt and Elizabeth Bowling also produced a video that accompanied the BRASS scholarship applications that were sent out in July to all incoming students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Patrick, Elizabeth, scholar Andrea Ortiz and BCM Scholar Liaison Dr. Matt Baker all talked about how much BRASS has helped them in graduate school, providing incoming students with a much better understanding of the BRASS scholarship program. It was a highly effective marketing tool. • Kristyn Hoffman created a video for Tea & Toddlies showing various highlights from the last two years of BRASS Scholars collaborating with each other, having fun and being an integral part of BRASS events. Her husband, Matt provided technical assistance and it played throughout the evening of the event. All of the scholars volunteer and help with the five or more brain labs conducted by BRASS every year. • Kristyn also reorganized the working flow of the brain lab classroom, resulting in a major improvement. She assisted Dr. Matt Baker in writing a major grant request from NIH for two additional state-of-the-art Virtual Anatomy Dissection tables worth over \$1 million.

BRASS Highlights

BRASS Scholars Spotlight

On June 5, BRASS members and BRASS Scholars attended Joanne Hsu's Ph.D. defense, a 2015-2016 M.D./Ph.D. BRASS Scholar. Her topic "The Role of PPM1D in Clonal Hematopoiesis and Therapy-Related Myeloid Neoplasms" was presented to a scientific panel in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Joanne completed her Ph.D. in just 4 years, and she is now back in medical school. The accelerated completion of her Ph.D. was enhanced by the purchase of a very sophisticated and crucial piece of research equipment for her lab with funding from the Houston Live Stock & Rodeo. She is an inspiration to all of us in BRASS, both for her amazing intellect and her wonderful outlook on life. We all lovingly referred to her as "Sunshine" because that's just what she is! In a note to BRASS, she thanked all of us for coming to be a part of her Ph.D. defense and wrote, "your support and encouragement means so much to me, thank you for always going the extra mile for me and for all the BRASS Scholars. It has truly been a privilege to be a part of the BRASS family. I know that BRASS has not only enriched my Ph.D. journey, but has also contributed so much to our lab's research progress. Thank you for your friendship and support".



▲ Front: Joanne Hsu, Elsie Eckert, Tamara Klotz Bonar, Linda Kuykendall, Michael Gundry(2013-2014), Linda Zhang(2018-2019), Back: Les Eckert, Dr. James Bonar, Jo Ann Petersen, Peter VanDerlofske

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BRASS Scholars

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?
Contact Elsie Eckert at 713-789-2434 or
ejs@elsiesmithdesign.com if you have tickets to
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You have the right to decline future education and development communications. If you do not want us to contact you for our fundraising efforts, please contact the Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations at 713.798.4714 or optout-development@bcm.edu.

Welcome New Members

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Kristi and Tom Harrison
Dr. Fred Pereira
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The Element

October 2019



▲ New BRASS members Anne and Chris Richardson delight and surprise everyone with a \$25,000 gift donation to be used for BRASS Scholars' research grant requests.



▲ Myra Wilson surprises Steve Brown when she announces he has been selected as the 2019 BRASS Angel of the Year.



▲ Dr. Margaret Goodell is awarded the Diana Brown Memorial 2019 Mentor of the Year Award by her students and BRASS Scholars, Joanne Hsu and Linda Zhang

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A Message from the BRASS President

Dear BRASS Members and Supporters:

Welcome to fall and another season of celebrating the outstanding work being done by BRASS and our BRASS Scholars. The continued and dedicated support of our generous donors and their belief in BRASS has created countless research opportunities and breakthroughs for these brilliant student scientists.

My special thanks to:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for their continued support of BRASS and their \$95,000 donation for 2020 that funds 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 again contributing a \$50,000 gift to their endowment that continues to fund discretionary research stipends for each BRASS Scholar while they are in the lab and working to complete their Ph.D.

Ed McMahon for presenting \$500 of unrestricted funds to each BRASS Scholar currently in the Ph.D. program.

New members Anne and Chris Richardson for surprising BRASS with a gift donation of \$25,000 that helped supplement the grant requests submitted by our BRASS Scholars for research equipment and scientific travel, that was unable to be funded by BRASS at that time.

The BRASS Executive Committee for their continued support and insight

It is with great enthusiasm we welcome to the BRASS family our four new 2019-2020 BRASS Scholars, recently introduced at our Scholars Reception at Dr. Kelly Larkin and Fernando Parra's beautiful home. You will definitely enjoy meeting these four gifted and talented BRASS ambassadors whose goals and ideals are the heart of our organization. Look for detailed stories for each of them in our next newsletter

- ▶ Ashley Hayden – Ph.D.
- ▶ Vicki Mercado – M.D./Ph.D.
- ▶ Chiraag Kapadia – M.D./Ph.D.
- ▶ Rowland Pettit – M.D./Ph.D.

These outstanding scientists bring us to a total of 68 scholars since our inception in 1995. 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

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▲ Elsie Eckert

BRASS Highlights

BRASS Welcomes the New Dean



▲ Dr. Carolyn L. Smith

Dr. Carolyn L. Smith has been named Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine, where she is also professor of molecular and cellular biology, and urology. Dr. Smith attended the University of Toronto for her bachelor of science, and completed her Ph.D. biochemistry training at the University of Western Ontario, before undertaking postdoctoral training at Baylor College of Medicine and then joining the faculty as an assistant professor in 1996.

Dr. Smith's research interests focus on the molecular pharmacology of estrogen receptors, regulation of gene expression by transcriptional coactivators and corepressors, tamoxifen resistance in breast cancer, and steroid hormone action in urothelial carcinomas.

Dr. Smith has served as the director of the Tissue and Cell Culture Core for the Center for Reproductive Biology and the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology since 1994, and has extensive experience in culturing established cell lines, isolation of primary cell cultures, and development of cell culture models (e.g. 3D culture models). She has published over 100 papers and been continually funded by the NIH and other agencies since 1996. She has served on numerous study sections for the NIH, Department of Defense and the American Cancer Society, most recently as a member of the Extramural Grants Council.

Dr. Smith has mentored six Ph.D. students and 24 postdoctoral fellows in her laboratory. She previously served as the director of the Quality Enhancement Plan for SACSCOC, Associate Director of the Translational Biology & Molecular Medicine graduate program, Assistant Dean for Curriculum, and Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Academic Program Development. She currently serves as the Director for Responsible Conduct of Research training for all Baylor College of Medicine graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Her current interests include administrative and academic approaches to modernizing graduate education and postdoctoral training programs. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Smith to the BRASS family.

2019 BRASS Tea & Toddies - Celebrating 24 Years

A Celebratory Evening of Fundraising and Fun

April 16, 2019 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. The Wishmaker Ballroom at the Hotel ZaZa-Memorial City was the perfect setting for celebrating our endowment donors, presenting awards, visiting with friends and getting to know the BRASS Scholars, learning more about their research. Steve Brown was awarded the 2019 Angel of the Year Award. Dr. Margaret Goodell was honored with the 2019 Diana Brown Memorial Mentor of the Year Award. Underwritten by the Hotel Zaza and Jo Ann Petersen, more than \$58,000 was raised to help support and further the BRASS mission of "the pursuit of excellence in biomedical research" for the Graduate school of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine.

A Salute to the Incredible Generosity of Our Donors

We are grateful to have these individuals and foundations as our BRASS partners. It was an honor to recognize them at our 24th Annual Tea & Toddies and have them share with everyone why they believe in the BRASS mission and why they are BRASS research partners and benefactors.



▲ Since 2007, Judi & Jack Johnson and the David & Eula Wintermann Foundation, have donated more than \$1.5 million to BRASS, funding \$3,000 a year to each eligible scholar for discretionary spending for research supplies, lab equipment and other needed agents to perfect the research process.



▲ Since 2011, The Donald E. McMahon Scholar Education and Recruitment Endowment and Ed McMahon have provided funds for scholar recruitment as well as research equipment for three different research labs.



▲ Since 2008, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, with support from HLS&R Executive Board members Don Jordan and Ed McMahon, has given \$95,000 a year, providing funding for more than 35 requests from BRASS Scholars for scientific meeting travel, highly sophisticated lab equipment, research supplies and laboratory reagents.

2019 BRASS Tea & Toddies - Celebrating 24 Years



Celebrating 24 Years



1. Chris Richardson, Don Jordan, and Lisa Chandler
2. Drs. John and Cora Gonzalez
3. Elsie Eckert, Ed McMahon and Lisa Chandler
4. Myra Wilson and Patrick Hunt
5. Ed McMahon and Hershey Grace
6. Joanne Hsu and Toyosi Adewumi
7. Don Jordan, Ed McMahon, Tom and Kristi Harrison
8. Dr. Mike Mann and Jo Ann Petersen
9. Michelle Collins and Wanderson Rezende
10. Michael Bickham, Carolyn Mann, Debby Leighton, Doe and Henry Florsheim
11. Ed McMahon, Jack Johnson, Elsie Eckert and Dr. Trey Westbrook
12. Myra Wilson, Don Jordan, Ed McMahon and Judi Johnson
13. Myra Wilson and Dr. Kathryn Jones
14. Keana, Zach and Tres Criss and Kalli Deans
15. Linda Kiykendall
16. Kristyn Hoffman and Craig Moffatt
17. Matthew Penna and Linda Zhang
18. Dr. Matthew Baker and Robin Simon
19. Mike Taylor and Jo Ann Petersen
20. Kristi and Tom Harrison
21. Felicia and Jay Fogal
22. Stephen Hicks and Sarah Herzog
23. Linda Zhang and Johnathan Baik
24. Patrick Hunt and Kristyn Hoffman
25. Kalli Deans, Linda Zhang and Elsie Eckert
26. Elizabeth Bowling and Jarey Wang
27. Ed McMahon and BRASS Scholars

