

Faculty of Science update to the President, September 16, 2016

Since our last report of May 26, 2016, the Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report:

Dean's Office:

The Faculty of Science celebrated convocation awarding 100+ Bachelor of Science degrees. This year's Governor General Silver Medallist, **Alyssa Zucchet** from Biology is off to Med School at UBC Okanagan, as are 4 other UFV Science graduates. Several of our graduates have also gone into graduate programs at UBC, SFU, USask, etc. It is noteworthy that a former student, **Andrew Alexander**, Science Dean's medallist 2014, who is doing a PhD at

Biology:

Following the retirement of Beth Gillespie, Biology hired a new tenure-track faculty member: Dr. Nathan Bialas, a cell and molecular biology expert who works with tiny worms called *Cenorhabditis*. Nathan is actually not new to UFV, as he worked as a sessional since 2009. Nathan has a PhD from SFU and has extensive teaching experience.

July 2016 was an exciting month for Biology Professor **Alida Janmaat** and Biology Student **Chris Hinz**. They attended the 49th Annual meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology held in Tours, Loire Valley, France. Chris presented their poster entitled: Does *Agriotes obscurus* avoid the fungal entomopathogen, *Metarhizium brunneum*?

Biology student, **Vivienne Beard** has been busy representing UFV at scientific conferences (eg. Genetic Society of America's meeting in Orlando) as well as attending the 58th London International Youth Science Forum held in London UK July 27-August 1, 2016.

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