

Monthly Report to the Provost – Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report for the month of **January 2021**:

Dean's Office:

We welcome **Rebecca Fry** to the Dean's office temporarily while **Caroline Majeau** is on leave. Rebecca has already been quite busy filling Caroline's shoes. We wish Caroline a speedy recovery.

The Faculty of Science with the Pre-Med Student Association at UFV hosted a Q&A session via ZOOM with Dr. Charles Ikejiani, Orthopedic Surgeon from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario on January 14th, 2021. He pre-recorded a presentation at <https://youtu.be/qJzGN89NQEg> where he shared his journey into medicine and offered some advice to students who are planning a career in medicine. **Dr. Lucy Lee** contributed a picture to UFV's 2021 EDI calendar. One of her paintings graces the month of

We welcomed **Dr. Walid Abdemagil** as a sessional lab instructor in Chemistry, to teach some of our face-to-face labs, as a replacement to a last minute resignation of one of our regular sessionals.

Mathematics & Statistics Department:

COVID-19 forced the mathematicians and statisticians to work from home, but this does not stop students from sending congratulations to their instructors. Here is one that came recently and it is worth sharing: "I took Stats 104 with **Gillian Mimmack** last semester and I just want to let you know she is a very caring and thoughtful teacher. She was available whenever we needed help and was very patient. She encouraged us to ask for help and she spent as much time with us as was needed to make sure we understood the material. It was a difficult course and I really don't believe I would have passed the course if she hadn't been so generous with her time."

School of Land Use and Environmental Change (SLUEC)

A big congratulations goes out to SLUEC who won both the CityStudio Award and the Peoples Choice Award at the City of Abbotsford's virtual event: <https://letstalkabbotsford.ca/citystudio-virtual-hubbub-fall>. Dr