Join us in celebrating our most recent PhD’s:

- **Rida Iftikhar** “Role of elevated adipose triglyceride lipase (ATGL) in lipid droplet (LDs) utilization to promote colon cancer growth reinforced by obesity”, Mentor: Suzana Savkovic, defended 11/29/21.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spring registration is NOW OPEN!**
- **Save the Date:** BMS Retreat is March 24-25, more details to come!
- First-year students can now register for either BMSP 7770 Systems Biology or BIMI 6200 Introduction to Data Science for Biomedical Informatics in the Spring semester. Contact the BMS office if you have any questions.
- **The Counseling Center** is open to all BMS students. They offer same-day appointments via telephone 504-314-2277, but students will need to call early in the day (before 9:00 am) if they want a same-day session. Right now, most sessions are via zoom. The Counseling Center has hired a new therapist, Brandy Alexis, for the Downtown Health Center and are on-boarding her now.

  Counseling Center email: counseling@tulane.edu  
  Counseling Center website: campushealth.tulane.edu/counseling

- **The Office of International Students and Scholars** has re-established Downtown Office hours every Wednesday from 1-4 pm, Tidewater Building, Room 1225 (Career Services Office).

### Student Services Update from the Office of Student Affairs

- **Carolyn Barber Pierre Center for Intercultural Life (Uptown)** was established to retain underrepresented students throughout their time at the university. It provides resources via the following offices:
  - Office of Multicultural Affairs
  - Office of Gender and Sexual Diversity
  - Office of Religious Life.

  https://intercultural.tulane.edu/GraduateStudents

- **Health and Wellness programs at the Downtown Campus:** M. Scott Tims reported that the Downtown Health Center now has one dedicated therapist on site. They have another open position but have not yet been able to fill it. Russell Argenal (rargenal@tulane.edu), Senior Health Promotion Specialist, is developing Wellness session specifically for students on the downtown campus.

- **Title IX at Tulane:** The former Title IX Coordinator, Meredith Smith, recently resigned. Tulane’s Interim Sexual Misconduct Response and Title IX Coordinator is Julia Broussard jbrouss@tulane.edu. This office will be launching a new survey on sexual violence on campus next semester.

- **Goldman Center For Student Disabilities:** The Goldman Center has moved to the Basement of the Howard Tilton Library, Suites B-25 and B-30. The Center is currently short-staffed, so students should get their requests for accommodation into the center as soon as possible.

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**Donut Day!**

- **3rd Wednesday of every month in the BMS office!**
- **December 15th, 9-11 AM, 1524 Hutchinson**

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If you have any announcements, publications, awards, milestones, and presentations to share in the newsletter, please send them to lgoodwin@tulane.edu!

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#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Last day of class:** December 21, 2021
- **Spring Semester begins:** Monday, January 10, 2022

(Note: Individual Course Directors may start their courses as late as the week of January 17)
NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS


RECENT PUBLICATIONS


MILESTONES

-Committee formed: Arissa Mercer
-Prospectus: Zhe (Jason) Zhang
-Admission to Candidacy: Julie Thompson

AWARDS

Jaikin Harrell
OGPS Three Minute Thesis
People’s Choice Award Winner

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Matilda Mostrom
5th year BMS PhD Student
Mentor: Dr. Amitinder Kaur
Hometown: Ornskoldsvik, Sweden
Undergrad: Univ. of LA, Lafayette
Hobbies: Olympic weightlifting, Waterskiing
Favorite Hangout Spot: My gym or Snug Harbor
Favorite Southern Food: Jambalaya or Sno-balls

What made you choose Tulane?
- I was struck by the translational research being performed at the Tulane National Primate Research Center. It is a beautiful campus surrounded by Louisiana nature, which is a nice break from working on experiments in the lab or office.

What are your future goals and research interests?
- I hope to finish my thesis in a few months. Once my boyfriend matches for residency in March, I will be looking for a job with more clinical science in industry to get closer to the interface between science and patient health. I’m most interested in immunology of infectious disease and rare diseases.

Also spotlighted this month in Diversity in Action magazine is our very own Toni Bell-Kareem!
You can access the feature via the link below:
https://medicine.tulane.edu/sites/medicine.tulane.edu/files/pictures/bench_to_bedside_Tulane%20On%20Campus%20NovDec_84-85.pdf