

McMaster Highlights

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LOCAL IMPACT

DeGroote Women's Professional Network

A sold-out event in January launched DeGroote's new Women's Professional Network. It is a passionate collective of professionals, faculty, community leaders, McMaster alumni and students dedicated to the advancement of women in business and society. This initiative will facilitate events, mentorship, philanthropic endeavours, and student engagement within the Southern Ontario business community.

The new Network was formally unveiled at Burlington's Ron Joyce Centre. Rick Goldring, the Mayor of Burlington was also present at the launch.

As part of the dynamic suite of offerings, participants were able to meet and mingle with new colleagues, take part in professional development events, connect with mentors and mentees and contribute to local philanthropic endeavours.

DeGroote Women's Professional Network unites women of all ages, at various stages of their careers. Events include the Breakfast Series, Cocktail series and DeGroote Executive Education series, along with a wide range of other engagement opportunities and activities. Broad participation from female leaders across the McMaster and DeGroote communities is encouraged.

Natasha Sharma BCom '00 is already on board.

"Nothing promotes change, growth and development quite like a group of ambitious professionals coming together for a shared

cause," says Sharma.

"That's why I'm thrilled about the launch of the DeGroote Women's Professional Network. Through continuous learning and mentorship, we can empower ourselves with the ability to transform our lives, and the lives of others."

"Women, in particular, gain a lot from the connections that emerge from these types of networks," adds Milena Head, Professor, Information Systems, and Academic Director of the EMBA program at DeGroote.

For more information, click [here](#).



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AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Strong showing at John Molson MBA competition for DeGroote team

In January, the 35th John Molson MBA International Case Competition (MBAICC) took place in Montréal. Hosted by Concordia University's John Molson School of Business, the MBAICC is the largest and oldest case competition of its kind in the world.

Thirty six teams of MBA students from across the globe compete over the course of a week for the grand prize of \$10,000. The team from DeGroote had a very strong performance, winning three cases and having a split panel on the remaining two.

They finished with the highest points in their division (fifth highest in the overall competition) and were the only Ontario team in the semi-final round. While they didn't make it to the

final round, they received accolades from the judging panel of senior business leaders and had, as indicated by the judges "among the best presentations that the panel has seen to date."

For more information, click [here](#).



Did You Know? McMaster's Student Applications and Ranking Numbers on the Rise

- McMaster University remains a popular choice among students pursuing postsecondary education in Canada.
- Student application numbers have increased in 2016 at McMaster, despite demographic trends in Canada.
- Almost 36,000 undergraduate applications have been submitted to McMaster from students across Ontario Secondary Schools for Fall 2016.
- McMaster consistently ranks in the top 100 universities in the world due to its innovative methods of teaching and learning and its commitment to research excellence.
- The **DeGroote School of Business** climbed to 9th in the country in the Canadian Business rankings, listed as one of the Top 10 MBA Schools by Reputation.
- McMaster ranked 5th in Canada in the Global Employability University Rankings in 2015.
- McMaster placed first in Canada in both total corporate income at \$588.7 million and total research income as a percentage of total university income at 35 percent.
- For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#).

Big Ideas, Better Cities: Building Healthy Communities

How can we reduce the stigma of Alzheimer's in our aging populations? How can art and culture help build vibrant cities? How can we care for our most isolated and vulnerable?

These were just some of the many questions raised at *McMaster presents Walrus Talks Healthy Cities*, the most recent set of events in McMaster's Big Ideas, Better Cities series.

Walrus Talks, held at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre featured a unique line-up of creative, cultural, civic, community and academic leaders who spoke to an audience of more than 200 people from across the region about some of the critical factors in building healthy cities.

Speakers included McMaster experts Jennifer Heisz, associate director (seniors) of the Physical Activity Centre of Excellence (PACE) who discussed mental health challenges associated with aging, and Gerry Wright, Director of the Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Infectious Disease Research who spoke about how infection has shaped, and is shaping, our cities.

Walrus Talks was part of four days of events showcasing how McMaster researchers are helping to build healthy cities in Hamilton and around the world.

Please join us for the fifth and final event in the Big Ideas, Better Cities series, Climate Change and Environment: Navigating from Risk to Resilience, which will take place from April 18-22, 2016.

For more information, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events at the Ron Joyce Centre

Breakfast Series featuring Amy Hunter Vodarek

- March 22, 2016
- 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Ron Joyce Centre, South Service Road, Burlington
- For more information, please visit [here](#).

Knowledge @ DeGroote seminar: Hidden Profits Panel

- April 5, 2016
- 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Ron Joyce Centre, South Service Road, Burlington
- For more information, please visit [here](#).

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