



## Seen and Heard...



'Dear Scientists': Four-year-old wants McMaster to bring back mammoths - now!



Recognizing the first Wilson Leadership Scholars



McMaster celebrates volunteer service



McMaster iSci professor named one of Ontario's top teachers



Welcome to the April 2016 edition of *McMaster Highlights: Hamilton Edition*, the monthly newsletter keeping you up to date on what's happening at McMaster.

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## McMaster students recognized as good neighbours



Twenty students have been recognized for their outstanding contributions as members of the Westdale community this year.

The Exceptional Student Neighbour Awards were presented in the Student Centre by representatives of McMaster, Hamilton Police Services, the Ainslie Wood/Westdale Community Association and the City of Hamilton.

The awards recognize students who enhance the residential communities surrounding campus. All of the students were nominated by area residents, many of whom wrote letters of commendation to the awards organizing committee.

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

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## improve patient care

McMaster is receiving two of five large federal grants for pioneering developments in patient care. The Honourable Dr. Jane Philpott, Canada's Minister of Health, was at McMaster to announce these grants.

The grants will go to McMaster's Chronic Pain Network, and the Chronic Disease Network (IMAGINE). Both the networks are national collaborations of patients, researchers, healthcare professionals, educators and government policy advisors.

Dr. Norm Buckley who is leading the Chronic Pain Network is chair of anesthesia for McMaster's Michael G. Degroote School of Medicine and scientific director of the Michael G. Degroote Institute for Pain Research and Care.

The IMAGINE Network is led by Dr. Paul Moayyedi who is a professor of medicine and clinical research and leads the Farncombe Family Digestive Health Research Institute at the University.

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## Big Ideas, Better Cities presents Climate Change & Environment: Navigating from Risk to Resilience

Big Ideas, Better Cities series is hosting its final set of events, part of [Climate Change & Environment: Navigating from Risk to Resilience](#) this week (April 18-22). Big Ideas, Better Cities is a year-long series of events showcasing how McMaster research can help cities respond to 21st century challenges.

### Events this week included:

[3rd Annual Spring Water Forum](#) - Leading McMaster and international experts were part of the forum that featured talks and panel discussions on some of the most pressing water-related challenges facing cities today and explored how the latest research is helping communities develop paths to urban water security.

[The Critical Role for Electric Mobility](#) - Hosted by the McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics (MITL), this one day conference featured McMaster, national and international experts exploring how electric vehicles are poised to transform everyday lives, impact our economic activities and help re-shape our cities locally and around the world.

### Join us for the remaining events this week:

[McMaster Environmental Crawl](#): This Thursday April 21, join McMaster experts for demonstrations and tours in labs across campus and learn more about the groundbreaking environmental and climate change research currently underway.

[Big Ideas, Better Harbour](#): On Friday, April 22, join leading McMaster and community experts for a conversation aimed at exploring ways to build a healthy, thriving harbour. This event includes feature talks and a panel discussion, moderation by Chris McLaughlin from the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC), as well as a "Blue Drinks," networking celebration, co-hosted by the Canadian Water Network. Speakers include, Chris Phillips, Senior Advisor to the General Manager of Planning & Econ. Dev at the City of Hamilton and Dean of Humanities and Hamilton historian, Ken Cruikshank.

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## Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development visits McMaster



The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, was at McMaster University earlier this month to highlight the benefits of the new \$2-billion Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund for improving research and innovation infrastructure at universities and colleges across the country.

"Canada's post-secondary institutions are front-line agents in fostering science and research excellence," says Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. "They help to train the workforce of tomorrow and create the knowledge and insights necessary for the private sector and policy makers to build a thriving, clean economy. These investments will create good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper today, while also delivering economic growth for years to come."

Announced in Budget 2016, the fund will enhance and modernize research facilities on Canadian campuses and improve the environmental sustainability of these facilities.

"This Government of Canada investment in our universities is important and appreciated; it will have real results for our students, researchers and communities," says Patrick Deane, McMaster's President. "McMaster shares the Government's commitment to sustainable growth and innovation and is thankful for this much-needed opportunity."

Minister Bains also toured McMaster's world-leading Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Infectious Disease Research.

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

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