It's that exciting time of year when first-year students, with their unbridled enthusiasm, join us on campus with returning students. The renewed activity and energy in the hallways is contagious. Meet some of these new members of the FoMD family in our Fresh Faces series on our website where you can read this story about one of our newest professors in Pharmacology, Anna Taylor.

On August 18 we hosted an alumni reception in Toronto where local alumni welcomed the June 2017 graduates who had moved to Toronto for residencies and graduate training. It proved to be a great success and we will be hosting similar events over the coming months.

The University of Alberta’s Alumni Weekend is September 22–25. The FoMD has
many exciting events planned on Friday and Saturday and if you are in Edmonton I hope that you will join us. You can register for all the activities [here](#). Our alumni office would be grateful for your [volunteer help](#).

- All alumni are encouraged to wear your alma mater’s colors on **Green and Gold Day, Friday, September 22**. Proudly share a selfie or memory on Twitter or Instagram, tagging @UAlbertaAlumni. Each social post provides a donation to either the Campus Food Bank or Student Mental Health. [Learn more or sign up here](#).

- On **September 25**, the Alumni Association will be honoring all the Alumni **Award winners** including four of our FoMD alumni. All the recipients are featured in the latest edition of [New Trail](#). Please join me in extending congratulations on their accomplishments!

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**Our Alumni**

**Alumni Q & A : Tak Mak**
Tak Wah Mak, ’72 PhD, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame laureate returned to his alma mater to inspire UAlberta’s future generations of health leaders. [Read here](#)

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**Q & A : Jillian Popel**
Jillian Popel, ’12 MD, new faculty member joins the Division of Hospital Medicine and the Child and Adolescent Protection Centre at the Stollery Children’s Hospital. [Read more](#)

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Dean's Lecture Series
Errol B. Marliss, '64 MD, Presents "The Convergence of Insulin Resistance of Glucose and Protein Metabolism: Clinical Implications"
Sept 18. Read more

Research News

New promising gene therapies to treat muscular dystrophy
UAlberta researchers have made two new discoveries, uncovering promising gene therapies to treat gene malfunction and heart failure in Duchenne patients. Read story

Can heart damage from chemotherapy be prevented?
UAlberta study starting this fall is hoping to prove that diet and exercise go beyond general health and could prevent toxic side effects of chemotherapy. Read story

What's up at FoMD

FRESH FACES || Getting to know the new arrivals in the MD Program
With the beginning of a new school year, the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry welcomes several new MD students into the fold. Read here

FoMD in the News
Here is a round-up of news stories in August featuring researchers and learners from Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry. Read story
Connecting Alberta-based health technology companies
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First PhD student in obstetrics and gynecology at UAlberta shares her experience paving the way on women's cancer research Read here

Volunteering Opportunities
We're looking people from across Canada to build a list of alumni speakers. Do you have a hidden talent? A keynote address? Interesting research? Tell us about it here.

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Upcoming Events

Thanks to all who attended this year's MSA Fall Social
September 18 at 12 p.m.
Dean's Lecture Series
Oborowsky Degner Seminar Hall (1–040 LKS) Li Ka Shing Centre for Health Research Innovation

September 19 at 6 p.m.
The Leonardo Art Science Evening Rendezvous (LASER) Series
Art–Science Interface
FAB 2–20, University of Alberta

September 22–23
Alumni Weekend – Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry activities
(Kick-off BBQ, TGIF, gala dinner, luncheon, tours and more)
Download the Alumni Weekend App and take part the in Green and Gold Day Challenge!

September 25 at 6:30 p.m.
University of Alberta Alumni Awards
Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Register for Alumni Weekend events here.

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