

# CHANGEMAKER **BOILER CHANGEMAKER**

**The Boiler Changemaker Award recognizes:**

The School of Health Sciences  
Graduate Student Executive Board

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The School of Health Sciences Graduate Student Organization Executive Committee has adjusted many events in addition to expanding on previous programs to engage graduate students and postdocs. This included innovative virtual hangouts for trainees that covered career development topics while also providing a feeling of community through social events. Further, they transitioned orientation for new students to a virtual session. Allowing students to make connections with senior students.

The board also hosted a successful in-person retreat for trainees which provided students and postdocs with an opportunity to present their research, engage in a career development session, and network. This retreat was the first in-person event for our school and one of the first for the college. Hosting this event took a tremendous effort by the group to meet COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Throughout the last year the board has launched a website for our graduate students to communicate information including student accomplishments,



seminars or interests, event pictures, and announcements. The website includes novel components such as the highlighting of students and alumni in monthly spotlights. Overall, these significant efforts and innovations enriched the training environment permitting students to participate in necessary career development opportunities and interactions during the last year.

***Do you know a grad student who is making big changes? Nominate them at: [bit.ly/BCMAWARD](https://bit.ly/BCMAWARD)***