An international clinical trial of a new stroke treatment, led by the University of Calgary’s Hotchkiss Brain Institute, generates headlines and accolades around the world. The ESCAPE trial, led by Drs. Michael Hill, Mayank Goyal, Andrew Demchuk and their colleagues, shows that a new clot retrieval procedure can dramatically improve outcomes in patients after an acute ischemic stroke. The procedure represents the most significant and fundamental change in stroke treatment in the last 20 years.

The Faculty of Environmental Design launches Alberta’s first Master of Landscape Architecture program, adding a third component to the strong, inter-related triad of graduate programs the faculty offers in environmental design.

The Faculty of Nursing announces the creation of the Guru Nanak Dev Ji DIL (Heart) Research Chair. Chairholder Kathryn King-Shier will lead research into heart health specifically within the South Asian population, which is at greater risk of heart disease.

The university earns an Alberta Top Employer award and is named the first and only Canadian recipient of the Seal of Distinction, a workplace award recognizing work-life programs, policies and practices that help faculty and staff balance responsibilities associated with work, academic and personal life.

The Hotchkiss Brain Institute will lead the Brain and Mental Health research strategy, bringing together researchers from various disciplines across the university to build strength in the priority research theme.

Researchers in the Faculty of Science make important advances to support the imminent deployment of the quantum Internet — an infallibly secure, powerful and rapid information vehicle that could soon revolutionize the sharing of highly sensitive data such as banking, medical and confidential government data.

NSERC awards $2.7 million in Strategic Projects Grants in support of six projects at the University of Calgary, representing a convergence of talent with a focus on problem-solving.

Lesley Rigg is appointed dean of the Faculty of Science for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2015. An internationally recognized scholar with more than 18 years’ experience working in post-secondary education, Rigg’s research interests include biogeography with an emphasis on forest ecosystems and vegetation.

Nancy Chick is appointed the University Chair in Teaching and Learning, and academic director of the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning.

Wayne Harris Jr. is named the head coach of the Dinos football team. Harris has been involved with the Dinos as a player, alumnus, assistant coach and, most recently, the team’s defensive co-ordinator.

A trio of psychologists release their findings on dishonesty in the workplace. The results demonstrate that everyone uses impression management techniques at work to some degree and that co-workers have a hard time spotting deliberate manipulation.

Doctors can diagnose rare diseases more quickly, saving precious treatment time, thanks to research on rapid DNA sequencing and analysis at the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute.

Three members of the Faculty of Nursing community are recognized with awards from the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta. Nicole Letourneau earned the Excellence in Nursing Research Award; Nancy Moules was awarded the Excellence in Nursing Education Award; and Tyler Hume, an alumnus, was given the Rising Star award.

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