International Visitors Tour Human Anatomy

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International Recruitment

THE HUMAN ANATOMY PROGRAM

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University of Guelph Admissions Services - International Recruitment, hosted international visitors from 17 countries on a tour of Southwestern Universities. The 26 attendees were academic counsellors from high schools, independent consultants for the various school boards and private recruitment agents from The Bahamas, Caribbean Islands, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Italy, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Equator, Singapore, British Virgin Islands, USA, UAE and Vietnam. As part of the program, Human Anatomy was asked to showcase the laboratory and the program at the University of Guelph.

It was a truly enjoyable and interactive experience for the human anatomy personnel as well as for our visitors. We were able to showcase some of our special specimens and digital images of dissections done by Human Anatomy graduate students and provide details of the in-depth lecture, dissection- and prosection-based human anatomy courses. We were also able to discuss the small group, interactive teaching and learning experience undergraduates receive in the two BSc. Honours programs of Biomedical Science and Kinesiology. The value of the program was explained for future careers in medical, dental, the healthcare industry and life sciences research. We described the huge degree of respect and dignity that body donors receive, and the close connection we have with body donor families. We discussed the impact this "gift of learning" has had on donor families and also the hands-on education it has provided Paramedics, Firefighters and Health Care Professionals in addition to university, college and high school students in Ontario.

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The visitors had many questions and some were in complete awe at having had this "once in a lifetime opportunity" to see inside the human body in a laboratory so deeply respectful and caring of its students and donor families.

All of the visitors commented on the calibre of the University of Guelph Human Anatomy Program. We had numerous people congratulating us on the excellence of the program and telling us that they wanted their children to study in Canada in our laboratory.

One visitor was in tears at how passionate and caring we were and she strongly wished she could



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donate her body to this program. Two visitors asked if their children could get in touch with us directly and a gentleman from North Carolina wanted his daughter to study here "as nothing like this is available there".