

# FHNS NEWSLETTER

Your monthly updates about FHNS Community



## NEWS OF THE MONTH

### MASTER PROGRAM ACCREDITATION APPROVED



### READ MORE

Our Master of Applied Human Nutrition (MAHN) program has received official accreditation status from Canada Accreditation.

### READ MORE



Congratulations to Bradley Feltham, (Ph.D. Candidate) for receiving the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), Teaching Award of Merit, Graduate Student Category.

**NACTA  
TEACHING  
AWARD  
RECIPIENT**  
Bradley Feltham

## Message to freshmen & returning students

Welcome to a new school year full of exciting opportunities! We believe in every one of you and your great potential. At the U of M, you will explore intriguing topics, have stimulating discussions, and go on an adventure of discovery with your instructors and buddies. Remember, we, at FHNS, are a close-knit community. Your voices, opinions and participation are valuable to us; your many viewpoints improve our learning environment as well as quality of communication. Together, let's make this year a year of exceptional accomplishments!

Dr. Just Beta



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2024

PEMBINA HALL

19 September, 2024

## OPPORTUNITY TO MEET & GREET

This Ice Cream Social Event 2024, organized by the FHNS Outreach Committee, was a delightful social event for faculty, support staff, graduate and undergraduate students getting to know each other over icecream produced by our very own Dairy Club. Eleven students bodies and research teams nicely set up fancy but informative booths by showcasing their posters, flyers and samples, designing interactive games, and giving away amazing (and surprising) prizes for attendees in order to demonstrate their passion in research as well as in food and nutrition education and community building.



The Dairy Club generously provided four favors of ice cream with five tempting toppings for the event to all the attendees.





# FAFS QUIZ & DEBATE COMPETITION

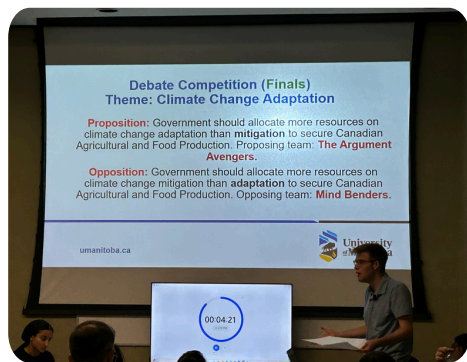
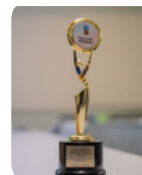
RICHARDSON CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH  
20 September, 2024

## CHALLENGES & CHANCES

The FHNS Graduate Student Association, in collaboration with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, organized a quiz and debate competition among students in the faculty. Quiz competitors tackled a series of challenging questions, ranging from characteristics of dietary fiber, to carbon dioxide reduction projects, to national food insecurity policies, in order to showcase their basic knowledge of food and agricultural sciences. The debaters had an opportunity to argue intellectually and passionately, along with empirical data and facts, for their position on compelling issues in food and agriculture such as Trade and Food Sovereignty and Climate Change Adaptation. The preliminary rounds held in August and the teams who had advanced battled out in finals.



Event committee & volunteers (left to right): Shanella Senadhiraja, Harshani Hewage, Thilini Dissanayake, Ravinder Singh, Adewunmi Giwa, Mayuri Bane, Tahmina Rahman, Nnedinso Aguwa, and Chamali Kodikara.



**Event Advisors:**

- Dr. Cristina Rosell, Professor and Head, Dept. of FHNS
- Dr. Dilshan Benaragama, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Plant Science
- Dr. Julieta Frank, Professor, Dept. of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
- Dr. Ranjan R. Sri Ranjan, Professor, Dept. of Biosystems Engineering
- Dr. Nandika Bandara, Associate Professor, Dept. of FHNS
- Dr. Argenis Rodas-González, Associate Professor, Dept of Animal Science

**Event Committee:**

- Ravinder Singh
- Mayuri Bane
- Tahmina Rahmana
- Nnedinso Aguwa
- Adewunmi Giwa
- Tomer Hatzir
- Chamali Kodikara

**Event Volunteers:**

- Lauren Gislason
- Harshani Vidana Hewage
- Thilini Dissanayake
- Shanella Senadhiraja
- Sunita Karki

# Workshop & Webinar

TUE  
29

## IFTSA COMPETITION KICK-OFF WEBINAR

Institute of Food Technologists Student Association (IFTSA) will host a webinar to introduce six exciting competitions for graduate and undergraduate students who are passionate about product development, research, or food science trivia in 2024-25.

>>> [MORE INFO](#)

>>> [RSVP](#)

# Fun & Learn

ONLINE

## UM SUSTAINABILITY INTRANET SITE LAUNCHES

UM Office of Sustainability has launched an intranet page with helpful tips and resources for faculty and staff to find the information they need to be sustainable in their work routines.

>>> [MORE INFO](#)

# Announcements

## SSHRC MASTER OF SCIENCE OFFER

Looking for a M.Sc. offer? Here is one for you.

>>> [MORE INFO \(IN FRENCH ONLY\)](#)

## MASTER OF APPLIED HUMAN NUTRITION (MAHN) OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The 2025-26 MAHN Applicant Manual has been posted and applications are now open until Jan 6th for the Fall 2025 intake. Information session will be offered in November, stay tuned for more details! Resume, cover letter and interview workshops will also be announced shortly. We strongly encourage those considering applying for Fall 2025 and Fall 2026 to attend to learn more and ask questions.

>>> [2025-26 MAHN APPLICANT MANUAL](#)

## REMEMBERING DR. JAMES D. HOUSE

Dr. Jim House will be remembered for his kindness and leadership, leaving a legacy in both his work and in the hearts of those who knew him.

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