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HLI New Faces – February 2024

Name:	Annie Bae
Position:	FLEX Student
Lab/Group:	Leung Lab
Introduction:	Hi everyone, my name is Annie and I am excited to be returning to HLI this summer! I am a first year medical student at UBC. I like to watch sunsets, crochet, and play volleyball in my free time.
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	Spending time with friends, family and my cats! Going to the gym and playing volleyball
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Thailand and Vietnam!
Who is the most famous person you have met, or who would you like to meet?	I have met Sandra Oh (Christina Yang)





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Name:	Briony Gray
Position:	Research Associate
Lab/Group:	SPIRO project (Pat Camp's lab)
Introduction:	"Hi my name is Briony but if you see me around feel free to call me Bri! I'm excited to begin working for the SPIRO project within HLI. I'm faculty staff with an interdisciplinary background in geographies of vulnerability and health, community resiliency, disaster and data management, and have spent most of my career as a researcher based in the UK. In my spare time I enjoy being in the mountains and staying active."
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	Hiking, running, snowboarding, surfing, dancing, yoga, writing
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Everywhere, but next on the list is Fiji
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Home made curries





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Name:	James Liggins
Position:	Technician
Lab/Group:	MRI Core
Introduction:	Hi, my name is James and I'm very happy to be joining the team here at HLI. I graduated from SFU in 2023 with my degree in physiology. Outside of work I am a big-time baker (like everyone else, I started baking sourdough during the COVID lockdowns) and enjoy running. I can't wait to get to know everyone at HLI!
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	I want to visit Spain
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Korean fried chicken
Who is the most famous person you have met, or who would you like to meet?	I sang backup for Michael Bublé when I was 11





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Name:	Ashwini Rajasekaran
Position:	Staff (Tech Scientist)
Lab/Group:	Tebbutt Lab
Introduction:	Hello, I am happy to be returning to Scott Tebbutt's lab and Vancouver again. I am going to be continuing to work on projects related to biomarker discovery. One of my interests is to explore and understand diverse cultures, practices around the world. I would love to get to know and interact with people in and outside the scientific community. Looking forward to it!
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	Learning about child psychology (as a mother I try to understand my kid better each day 😊)
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Australia
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Iranian cuisine
Who is the most famous person you have met, or who would you like to meet?	Dr. Eric S Lander





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Name:	Fahimeh Shidmoossavee
Position:	Clinical Research Manager
Lab/Group:	DeMarco Lab
Introduction:	Hello, I'm Fahimeh, and I'm thrilled to be a part of Dr. Demarco's team, where I eagerly contribute to the fascinating research on protein biomarkers. Looking forward to getting to meet you all!
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	Outside of work, I enjoy gardening in my small garden, hiking to explore the great outdoors, and cooking—particularly crafting and baking Persian desserts for my son
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Greece
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Akbar Joojeh (Persian Restaurant)





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Name:	Milan Tomassen
Position:	Student
Lab/Group:	Hackett Lab
Introduction:	Hi, my name is Milan. I am a second year master student from the Netherlands and I will be joining Hackett lab for a period of 5 months. Although I am a Dutchie, and my favorite food is “stamppot boerenkool”, I also enjoy other foods from around the world that do contain flavour. I enjoy drinking beers in good company and having a good time together. I am excited to be here in Vancouver, and I hope to gain many new experiences.
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	I like to hang out with friends, go to the gym, play online games or watch a movie or series.
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	New Zealand
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	A good Thai Curry
Who is the most famous person you have met, or who would you like to meet?	I would like to meet Barack Obama
Name one movie you think deserves a sequel?	Inception





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