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Hi Everyone.

Continuing on my theme of highlighting innovation within the Department, this week’s Departmental Acknowledgment goes to **Farhan Bhanji** for two educational innovative efforts that are certainly outside the box.

Farhan took the lead with students in the Faculty of Medicine for a CPR Education blitz for the World Restart a Heart Day that took place on October 16th. This resulted in the largest such activity in Canada in which 2500 students at McGill on a single day were taught hands-only CPR. There is no doubt that many amongst these 2500 students will one day be called upon to use this skill and the result will be saved lives.

Farhan also spearheaded last year at the Simulation Centre and at the Simulation Summit, an effort directed at interdicting human trafficking. This effort brought together health care professionals, the police, and perhaps most importantly, survivors of sex trafficking. The goal was to effectively recognize when trafficking was occurring and develop strategies to effectively intervene to break the process and end servitude. Once again there is no doubt that Farhan’s efforts in this regard will lead to lives that are returned to the basic human right of autonomy over one’s own body and person.

Thanks Farhan for making a difference by being innovative.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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