

## McGill Physiology Career Night 2024: Speaker Information

### Safiya Rizwan:

- 1) Name and title as you would want it listed in the program: Safiya Rizwan
- 2) Current job title: Orthoptic Student
- 3) Company/University/Hospital where you work: Dalhousie University with IWK Children'
- 4) Recent photo of yourself:



### 5) Short bio:

My name is Safiya Rizwan and I am a second year master's student in the Clinical Vision Sciences program through Dalhousie University and the IWK Children's hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Through this program, I am studying to be an orthoptist. An orthoptist is a clinician who specializes in strabismus and paediatric ocular care. I am also a recent graduate of McGill University. In 2022 I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science with Honours in Physiology. It is an honour to be back as alumni!

**Roberto Cipriani:**

- 1) **Name and title as you would want it listed in the program**  
Roberto Cipriani, Founder & COO/CTO, Paper
- 2) **Current job title**  
Founder & Chief Operating Officer/Chief Technology Officer
- 3) **Company/University/Hospital where you work**  
Paper – [paper.co](http://paper.co)
- 4) **Recent photo of yourself**



**5) Short bio**

Roberto is the Founder and COO/CTO at Paper. He leads the technology, product, people, and operations teams that drive their Educational Support System that offers every student the opportunity to excel.

Growing up as the son of Italian immigrants who came to Canada following the promise of better opportunities, the importance of education has always been instilled in him. This led him to complete a bachelor of Science in physiology and pursue a graduate degree in computational neuroscience from McGill University. During his years in academia, he discovered a knack for computer science and data analysis, which led him to leave his studies and pursue a career in technology.

After meeting his co-founder Phil, a former educator who saw firsthand the inequities present in school systems and was on a mission to fix it — Roberto was motivated by Phil's idea to bridge this equity gap and was inspired by the opportunity to make an impact in education.

In 2014, Roberto and Phil teamed up, and since Paper's inception, they have been committed to unlocking opportunities to empower every student in their learning journey by elevating access to academic support.

**Eric Harvey:**

- 1) **Name and title as you would want it listed in the program: Eric Harvey, BSc (Honours Physiology), MDCM**
- 2) **Current job title: PGY-3 Anesthesiology Resident**
- 3) **Company/University/Hospital where you work: McGill University Health Center**
- 4) **Recent photo of yourself:**



- 5) **Short bio: I'm a born and raised Montrealer who completed my bachelor's degree in Physiology at McGill. I am currently doing my residency to become an anesthesiologist. When I'm not working, I enjoy many activities, including basketball, snow-boarding and reading.**

**Elizabeth Cooper:**

- 1) **Name and title as you would want it listed in the program: Elizabeth Cooper BSc, DC, MBA**
- 2) **Current job title: Biopharma Consultant**
- 3) **Company/University/Hospital where you work: MAACS Biopharma Consulting**
- 4) **Recent photo of yourself:**



**5) Short bio:**

Elizabeth (Liz) has been in the healthcare and biopharmaceutical industry for 30 years. She spent nine years living in the US, practicing as a Chiropractor before moving back to Canada in 2001. Most of Liz's positions in biopharma have been in forecasting/opportunity assessment, business/corporate development, mergers & acquisitions, new product planning and marketing in large/small pharma companies, contract research organizations and consulting firms.

Currently Liz is a Principal in IQVIA Canada's Consulting & Analytics group. Previously she was a Director of Commercial Insights & Advanced Analytics at TGaS, a division of Trinity Lifesciences.

Liz is passionate about mentorship and the advancement of women! For over seven years, she Chaired the Mentorship/Advising/Peer Committee (MAPs) for Montreal's Women In Bio Chapter. Currently Liz is the Chair of MAPS at the International level while remaining on Montreal's Steering Committee and Events Committee. Liz is also a career coach, focused on women in the life sciences. She has guided 100s of women towards their personal career goals. In addition, she is a sought-after speaker, presenting topics ranging from team-building, pitch deck presentation skills, career planning, and leadership communication.