We are thrilled to have the opportunity to share some of the research and outreach activities our students at WSU Vancouver are engaged in. WSU Vancouver is one of the many campuses of the Washington State University system. As a land grant institution, WSU is committed to advancing knowledge through meaningful research, innovation and creativity; and to extend and apply knowledge through local and global engagement that will improve quality of life and enhance the economy of the state, nation and world. We are also committed to high quality education of undergraduate and graduate students to create the leaders of the future. Our Chancellor, Dr. Mel Netzhammer who is here today, is committed to advancing the research and educational mission of the University.

We are here today to specifically share some of the research and outreach activities around the brain that our students are engaged in. We have hundreds of billions of brain cells in our head! With this many interconnected cells, it’s not surprising that there are over 1,000 brain and nervous system diseases and disorders, which create a huge emotional and financial burden on our country. Our Neuroscience faculty at WSU Vancouver focus on issues around hearing loss & communication disorders, drug addiction, and basic cell biology related to cancer.

Today we've brought highly talented and highly committed students who conduct research in biomedical labs at WSU Vancouver that have been supported by federal grants. Please ask them any questions you have - I’d like to let a few of them introduce themselves to you first.