

For immediate release — Thursday, April 21, 2016

## High school students participate in annual Let's DO Science Day

High school students from across southern Alberta will participate in a variety of science activities at the University of Lethbridge on Thursday, April 27. Let's DO Science Day will be filled with numerous fun, hands-on science activities for enthusiastic students, exposing them to several different streams of science and encouraging them to think about potential careers and futures in post-secondary education.

The students will engage in an array of activities exposing them to state-of-the-art scientific problems and procedures, challenging their scientific knowledge. Among other activities, students will have the chance to



investigate odorant compounds in a chemistry activity, learn about illusions and how reflection and diffraction can trick our perceptions, dissect sheep brains in neuroscience and learn about decision making and social influence in psychology.

At the end of the day, students will be awarded prizes for their achievements and active participation. During lunch, students will be treated to a special presentation by Dr. David Logue from the U of L Department of Psychology.

Let's DO Science Day is organized each year by science graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Lethbridge who volunteer for the national Let's Talk Science Outreach program. It is their goal to share their passion for science with high school students, to increase the public accessibility of science and to inspire students to pursue careers in science. The activities for the event have been designed by graduate student and faculty volunteers between several different science disciplines. Overall, more than 20 graduate and undergraduate student volunteers, along with faculty members, will assist during the day to make it a fun and inspiring experience for everyone involved.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 27, 2016 between 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: University of Lethbridge

4401 University Drive Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 3M4

(Note: In the morning and afternoon, students will gather in University Hall, Room C640. Throughout the rest of the day, students are scattered in small groups across campus in teaching labs and classrooms – the Let's Talk Science team can bring interested media to these locations)

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