

# THE MONELL CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONELL CENTER

Welcome to the latest edition of the *Monell Connection*! The holidays are here, and with the New Year in sight, we have several bits of exciting news to share with you. Read on to learn more about our new discoveries and how we share them with the world.

Thank you for being a part of our community.

Happy New Year,



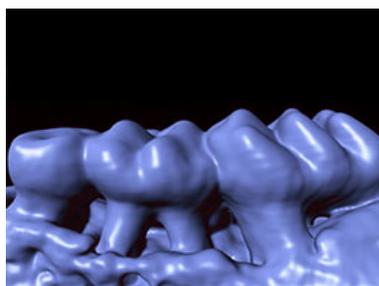
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## A Look at the Past Year

Our 2018-19 Annual Report describes Monell's continued explorations into the ways taste and smell affect our lives and our health.

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## Guardian of the Gums

Newly discovered chemical-sensing cells in the gums protect the mouth by standing guard against infections that damage soft tissue and destroy the bone that supports the teeth.

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## Monell Apprenticeship 2020

The Monell Science Apprenticeship Program brings high school and undergraduate college students to the Center each summer. We are currently accepting applications for the Summer 2020 eight-week, paid internship.

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## Monell in the Community

Monellians can often be found outside the Center sharing their knowledge about the biology of taste and smell and how it is intertwined with everyday life. This past fall [Pam Dalton added scent](#) to a University of the Arts & Arts Alliance week-long event called *Temporary Liveness*. [Famed author Bill Bryson](#) prominently mentioned Monell in his new book, *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*, and visited the Free Library in Philadelphia in October on his book tour. In November, [Joel Mainland mixed and shared scents](#) with his traveling olfactometer at the launch of a new fragrance by Guggenheim Fellow awardee Anika Yi. And rounding out the year, Monell staff and postdocs shared the [science behind the scent of stress](#) at the last Franklin Institute Science After Hours program of 2019, which was based on the holiday classic *Home Alone*.

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