

## DHPLC workshop at the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame event

On the snowiest day of the year, November 30, the David Hardwick Pathology Learning Centre (DHPLC) did its first outreach workshop since COVID at the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame event in BC Children's Hospital. Over fifty High school students with a strong interest in health care professions (and their teachers) came to one of two 90 min workshops where DHPLC staff described their career journey and gave them a sampling of what it is like to think like a pathologist. Using selected gross anatomy specimens from the DHPLC, groups of 4 students had to solve the mystery of what happened to the patient with the provided specimen by answering guiding questions. In the end, each group had to present their hypothesis. If they were correct, their answers matched the medical record found on the accompanying DHPLC specimen card - thus validating their critical thinking. Concurrent to this, Dr. Wang brought a microscope with a breast cancer sample, walked students through what they were seeing, and described the process of histopathological analysis. Most students couldn't get enough of the workshop and attended far beyond the end time!

At the end of the workshops, the students knew a basic understanding of the role of pathology in health care and experienced some of the critical thinking and visual skills needed in pathology.

