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Charles got his Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from Nanjing University in China. In the summer of 2018, he graduated from Rutgers University with a Ph.D. degree in Neuroscience. His research focused on studying the transcriptional control during auditory neurogenesis, using a stem cell-based system. He has been working at Flywheel Partners as a senior analyst since May 2018.

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Fatu graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 2007 with a B.A. in Biology and continued on to receive her M.S. from Thomas Jefferson University in Cell and Developmental Biology. This past Fall she received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University in Immunology/Cancer Biology. As a graduate student Fatu participated in the iJOBS program, was a writer and editor of the iJOBS blog, and participated in the Eagleton Fellowship Program. Currently, Fatu works for a private foundation which funds early biomedical researchers, The Rita Allen Foundation, as part of their communications team. In addition to science communications/science writing, she also has an interest in science policy and teaching.
Bob O'Hagan is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Montclair State University, where he researches post-translational modifications of microtubules that act as signposts to regulate the structure of the microtubule cytoskeleton as well as the function of molecular motors that deliver cellular cargoes. Bob received his Ph.D. at Columbia University, where he studied the molecular basis of the sense of touch with Nobel Laureate Dr. Martin Chalfie After a brief first post-doctoral position with Dr. H. Robert Horvitz at MIT, Bob moved to NJ for a second post-doctoral position with Dr. Maureen Barr at Rutgers, where he studied the molecular genetics of ciliary structure and function. Bob O'Hagan remained at Rutgers as an Assistant Research Professor before starting his own lab at Montclair.

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Dawn is an alumnus of the Biology Department of The College of New Jersey, and of UMDNJ where she pursued her Masters degree in Neuroscience. At the University of Rochester, Dawn received her Ph.D from the Department of Pathology for her dissertation on the impact of iron deficiency on brain development and work conducted in the Department of Biomedical Genetics. Shortly thereafter, she became a medical writer and has gained a wealth of experience in the Medical Communications field by translating her solid foundation of scientific concepts and project management skills into successful publication initiatives. Dawn is now a Scientific Director with 7 years of publications and medical affairs experience, and has a comprehensive understanding of compliance and good publication practice. She has participated in and lead the development of primary manuscripts, congress abstracts and presentations, symposium programs, advisory board agendas, and a spectrum of analytic as well as training projects for assets in various stages of the product lifecycle.
Anna Dulencin is responsible for developing Eagleton Institute’s Science and Politics Initiative which includes the Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop and the Institute’s latest project, the Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship. The Initiative explores how science, technology, and politics intersect; the political systems that connect them; and how deeper understanding and clearer communication within and across these disciplines can benefit policymakers, scientists, and the larger public. Dulencin is committed to increasing public investment in science through informing policymakers and engaging scientists in politics. She draws from her interest in neuroscience-based communication methodologies as a powerful tool to translate complex scientific concepts, generate interest, and inspire action.

Before joining Eagleton, Dulencin served as a biomedical research consultant at the New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence Coordinating Center, then based at Montclair State University and supported by the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism. There, Dulencin provided biomedical research support to the Center for over 20 independent grants as a science communication liaison between various stakeholders, including researchers, educators, service providers, advocacy groups, family members, and government officials.

As a neuroscientist, Dulencin has experience in medical and bioengineering research, including stem cells reprogramming, pathogenesis of neurodegenerative disorders, and genetics of mental health disorders, specifically Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder, which were the focus of her doctoral research.

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Kristen Labazzo, PhD, MBA is an Assistant Professor of Practice of Biomedical Engineering, and the executive director of the Medical Device Development Center at Rutgers University. She has a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Rutgers University, an executive MBA from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and a BA in chemistry from Caldwell University. Dr. Labazzo has 15 years of lab experience in cutting-edge science including biomaterials, stem cell biology and tissue engineering/regeneration. She has also utilized her dual science/business background working in corporate communications at Celgene and in development at
Liberty Science Center. Passionate about STEM education and preparing the next generation of scientists, Dr. Labazzo mentored several interns and ran the internship program at Celgene Cellular Therapeutics where she worked for 10 years, and sits on advisory boards for several high schools with STEM programs. Dr. Labazzo’s recent work focuses on Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies, and is thrilled to be a part of the Matheny Collaboration where she mentors students who draw inspiration from the clients at Matheny for their device ideas. Dr. Labazzo was named the 2019 Engineering Governing Council Student’s Professor of the Year for Biomedical Engineering, and was recently awarded a grant by the Avantor Foundation to support the Matheny Collaboration. She was also recently appointed to the Matheny School Board, and chairs the Technology Committee.