Integrative Learning at the Mayo Clinic

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The Mayo Innovation Scholars team presented their research and recommendation for a new biomedical technology in development at the Mayo Clinic.

The Mayo Innovation Scholars Program (MISP) offers a unique opportunity for business and STEM students to collaboratively evaluate a novel biomedical innovation in development at the Mayo Clinic. This year, seniors Ellie Butler (Healthcare Leadership and Long-Term Care Administration, Spanish), Zach Whitchurch (Business with concentrations in Healthcare Leadership and Marketing), Hannah Wollenzien
(Biology; Chemistry; Neuroscience), and Nick Binger (Mathematics, Data Analytics, Computer Science) comprised Concordia's 2017 MISP team. Since October they have been drawing on the academic strengths and research experiences of one another for a transdisciplinary look through the lens of Mayo Clinic Ventures business and licensing managers as they conducted their own evaluation of a novel technology developed to offer better and more accurate clinical information to physicians when deciding how to treat a common cancer. They submitted a business report and presented their research and recommendation for the technology to an audience that included other MISP teams, faculty mentors, Concordia alumni employed at the Mayo Clinic, as well as the Mayo Clinic Ventures business manager and the inventor of the technology at the Mayo Clinic on 9 March 2017. Along with a number of other Minnesota Private Colleges, Concordia has participated in MISP since its inception in 2006 by director John Meslow, retired Executive Vice President and President of Medtronic's Neurological and Spinal business, and past Concordia Regent.