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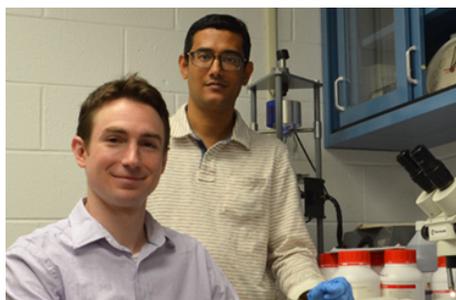
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MONELL CENTER

Welcome to the latest issue of The Monell Connection. Please take a few minutes to catch up on all that is going on at Monell — we have much to share with you, from news of our breakthrough science and vital discoveries to stories about the remarkable people who help make it happen.

February 27 was Anosmia Awareness Day. As the world's premier research institute focused on the sense of smell, Monell is proud of our efforts to advance targeted research and educate the public about smell loss. Visit [our anosmia webpages](#) to see the Faces of Anosmia and learn about all that we've accomplished so far.



Robert Margolskee, MD, PhD  
Director & President



## Unraveling the Enigma of Salt Taste

A multidisciplinary team from Monell has further unraveled the enigma of salty taste detection. Their findings may lead to new approaches that can help reduce the sodium content of food while retaining desirable salty taste.

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## Odor of Alzheimer's Disease

A recent study reports an identifiable odor signature from mouse models of Alzheimer's disease. The odor signature appears before significant Alzheimer's-related brain pathology, suggesting the possibility of a non-invasive tool for early diagnosis.

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**Children's Ability to Detect Sugar Varies Widely**  
Recent Monell research finds that school-aged children have widely different sensitivity to sweet taste, which is in part genetically-determined. The study may help reduce sugar consumption and improve children's nutritional health.

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### Welcoming New Faculty...

Marco Tizzano's research on *chemesthesis*, the third chemical sense, may eventually lead to new treatments for asthma and migraines.

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**...And Congratulating A Member on Retirement**  
After 36 years of scientific discovery, Chuck Wysocki has made a significant mark on Monell and on the field of chemosensation. We look back at his career and many achievements.

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### Tributes

Monell mourns the passing of two friends, whose dedicated support has helped sustain the Center for many years.

[Read the Tribute to Jules Blake](#)

[Read the Tribute to Patricia Kind](#)



### Sponsor News

News about our upcoming Spring Colloquium, ***Chemosensory Receptors: New Locations, New Functions, New Opportunities***, and an additional eight companies that are now Monell sponsors.

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