'Twas the end of a year
And all through the halls
Queen’s people were absent
They were all on Zoom calls

And here in Health Sciences
They called on the Dean
To see what we’d accomplished
Despite COVID-19

Family Medicine gave
vaccines for the flu
Like Oprah with new cars
One for you, one for you

They transitioned to zoom
For online patient care
The patients they loved it
There was so much fanfare

In the School of Nursing
The grants they came through,
Dr. Sears won the Reznick
Dr. Tramner won too

An award for Nursing Research
From the CASN
Awards for Drs. Woo, Lucktar-Flude,
And Dr. Pulling just then
The awards they kept coming
In Oncology
Drs. Hammad, Rubagumya
And Gyawali

In Diagnostic Radiology
An impressive grand slam
A new partnership with Nairobi
And a fellowship program

Amidst this pandemic
In Psychiatry
A rapid response team
Looked out for you ‘n me

And a psychotherapy clinic
That I must promote
For vulnerable people
To be accessed remote

Now PM&R
You know is quite small
Yet this year they received
The best gift of all

They needed more doctors
The Ministry agreed
With two new physiatrists
They’ll meet Kingston’s need

In Urology
A virtual mock exam
And some CIHR funding
For the urology fam

Critical care said
“we’ll take some too”
CIHR replied
“5 years’ funding for you”
And next thing you know
OBGYN came a call-in’
The women’s health mentorship
Program, they’re all in

And in DBMS
Two Banting awards
Capiccioti and Colpitts
Struck all the right chords

And the QGEM
Went to iGEM and won
Who knew the Health Sciences
Could be so much fun

Then Dr. Yi Ning Strube
Won a teaching award
And the Ophthalmology department
Stood up and roared

They had much to celebrate
In the Ophthalmology camp
Including research with the first
Remote controlled slit-lamp

And the surgeons they were
Incredibly proud
When two of their own
Were picked from the crowd

For funding from SEAMO
On medical ed
Drs. Phillips and Wood
Now have plans laid ahead

Our partnership with SEAMO helped our physicians weather the storm, providing financial stability during COVID-19 in many forms. This year we received permission to recruit 35 new docs,
And moved to digital health care – our physicians really rock!

As the Dean I was proud
By the awards and alliances
Then I turned my attention
To public health sciences

They had found a new head
And two new faculty
And placed more than 75%
Of their grads don’t you see

Then in Pathology
And Molecular Meds
The awards they kept coming
They must now have big heads

Silver and gold medals
Hung round their necks
As the CFI bureaucrats
Wrote very large cheques

And in the department
That we like to call Peds
A gene therapy program
Had some great funding needs

They earned millions of dollars
12 to be exact
And they celebrated with virtual
Pats on the back

But it wasn’t done there
As you all will now see
The good news continued
At rehab therapy

Five faculty were funded
From federal programs
And they launched 22 doctoral
comprehensive exams

The scholarship ramped up
In PGME
They couldn’t stop publishing
‘bout CBME

On hospital discharge
Anesthesiology wondered
How do our patients
Fare after their slumber?

They started a trial
That ran via screen
On post-surgery patients
During COVID-19

The Department of Medicine
Saw the TIME network grow
And their attention to
Gender diversity shows

They engaged in great research
And were awarded money
And they gave much away
Through philanthropy

And speaking of money
And giving it away
Emergency Medicine
Raised $35K

For the Lionhearts who are
Working out in the street
Getting food to those
who need it to eat

When we look back on the year
And this volatile ride
It makes me as Dean
Swell with incredible pride

We took on a pandemic
And we moved to online
And despite all the roadblocks
Continued to shine

So, to all in Health Sciences
Let’s keep having fun
with continued success
and a happy and healthy 2021.

Poem written by Vidal Chavannes