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**Dr. Teresa Chan (00:00):**

Hello everyone. This is Teresa Chan. I'm really excited to bring you this season's greetings right now, during this episode, we're not going to have a full episode, but I wanted to give a special shout out to all of you, MacPFD Spark listeners. Thank you so much for making this podcast a great success. We should be cracking a thousand listens very soon and it's always a milestone. And so, I'm so grateful for all of you for tuning in. I'm also very grateful for all of the new and exciting opportunities that we have for faculty development. I am so proud of the MacPFD team and all that they've done to rise to the occasion during the pandemic, whether it's blog posts, podcast episodes, webinars, or any of the digital content we've created. We're just so excited that everyone's come onside to really create this new digital program with faculty development.

**Dr. Teresa Chan (00:51):**

And I'm so excited to be part of that journey and digital transformation. Finally, I really wanted to raise awareness of our website and all of the really cool opportunities there are out there for you to come along on your journey as well, to learn new things. We have some really, really cool initiatives they're going to be piloting in the next year. So stay tuned. We've got some really amazing course opportunities. So programs that spend multiple weeks. we've got the mindfulness self-compassion courses coming up in January. We have Rock the Podium, which is a speaker development series. It's piloting next winter as well. And we're really excited to be linking up with the MDGII, the Michael G DeGroote innovation initiative, to be able to offer a faculty version of one of their programs called the Chip program. So, make sure you listen up and take a look at what is available for you to develop yourself and take you to that next level and stay tuned for more exciting events that are going to be coming up in the new year.

**Dr. Teresa Chan (01:52):**

So thanks again for being one of the nearly 1000 listeners that have logged in and listened to MacPFD spark podcast. We're so excited that you've decided to come on the journey with us. And if you don't mind just log into your SoundCloud, your Apple podcasts, or wherever you're listening and give us a rating because that's a great way to show your love so that other people can find this podcast as well on their podcast apps. So in the spirit of the season of giving, I'd love to give my, thanks to all the people that make McMaster Program for Faculty Development, such a great success. All of the faculty that actually come out and attend our events, all of our volunteers who power all of the work that we do behind the scenes. And of course, the core of our staff who support our volunteers and faculty and everything that they do. Thanks, especially to Nick, for producing the podcast and until then Neil for being an amazing, amazing manager for the unit. So, thank you so much to everyone and season's greetings.