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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

When I travel and tour a historical monument, the first thing I usually do is read the informational plague. I know it probably sounds a bit strange, what with all the sights to see, but I find taking a few minutes to read a plaque can provide some insight that Google can't offer. Some are small and some are large, but they will always provide me with a wealth of information.

As I walked across the Brooklyn Bridge this summer, while marvelling at the architecture and realizing I probably wore the wrong shoes, I searched for a plaque to tell me more about what I was seeing. When was this bridge built? What was its story? When I finally discovered a little plaque, I found the walk a little more enjoyable knowing the bridge was built in 1883 and took 14 years to build.

Taking time to read where you are and learn a little while you travel enriches the experience.

That's how I approached editing this issue, which is titled "Know No Bounds." Learning about the places our alumni have been has been fascinating. There really are no bounds to where we go after graduation. Each story has been my own little plaque to read and gain insight.

What I love about travel and what comes up again and again in these stories is that it isn't confined to one novel. www.deehobsbawnsmith.com. definition. Travel holds many different elements: the journey, the destination, the homecoming. There are so many life events that can occur by just deciding to take time to explore. You can learn about the world, different cultures, and most importantly, about yourself.

> I hope you are able to travel away from your everyday and engross yourself in the travel stories of your fellow alumni.

> I'm excited to be the new editor of this historic publication and take this trip with you. I look forward to telling our U of S alumni stories for many years to come.

Leslie-Ann Schlosser



They say "not all who wander are lost" but I'll admit I was lost when I snapped this photo of San Antonio's Riverwalk plaque. I will also admit I fed the ducks.

If you're a U of S alumnus doing something big around the world, we want to know about it.

> Please send a note to alumni.office@usask.ca



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### It gives me great honour to bring greetings as president and vice-chancellor in my first *Green & White* message.

I'll begin by thanking Gordon Barnhart for taking the role of our interim president during a time of transition. He brought much stability and clear-thinking to the position and I commend him for his great service.

As this institution's 11th president and vice-chancellor, I am excited by the opportunity to lead one of Canada's top universities. It's an exciting time for the U of S and we are in a unique position to make Saskatchewan and Canada a leader in addressing global challenges through innovation and research.

Although it's my first spring on campus as president, I've had the pleasure of experiencing spring at the U of S since I first started as a faculty member in 1986. As always, this time of year reminds me of rejuvenation.

As the summer anticipation rises, it's hard not to think about stepping off these grounds and experiencing the world beyond these greystone walls.

For students, it may be travelling home after a long semester or spending time studying overseas. For faculty, it might be travelling for research or finally taking that long-awaited getaway.

The University of Saskatchewan has a rich history of travel. We encourage thinking outside the box and exploring beyond our landlocked province. Our international student centre, travel abroad excursions, alumni travel program and ongoing international research provide ways to expand our horizons even further than the campus space. It's part of our nature to explore, get out there and take risks.

Learning isn't just done in the classroom. Going beyond the walls that house the knowledge is the first step in increasing our global impact and spreading the innovative work done at the U of S.

The pages of this issue of the *Green & White* are filled with stories about our alumni travelling around the world and experiencing amazing things. You will read about how Saskatchewan measures up against its global travel competition and how our alumni are contributing on a global level. From lending a hand in foreign places to exploring the deepest parts of our world for research, U of S alumni prove they are not afraid to discover the unknown.

When all is said and done, travelling will enrich the mind, but nothing settles the soul like coming home. This fall, we all have the opportunity to come home to campus and take part in our Alumni Association's centennial. I encourage you all to take the time to come to an event in your area or travel back to campus.

Peter Stoicheff, PhD President and vice-chancellor University of Saskatchewan uofs.president@usask.ca



President Peter Stoicheff and his wife, Kathryn Warden, director of research profile and impact at the U of S, hiking in the Canadian Rockies.



### JOE GRIFFITHS AND THE 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS

TIM HUTCHINSON

Ernest Wynne "Joe" Griffiths was granted a rare honour at the University of Saskatchewan—a stadium was named after him while he was still working on campus.

Born in Wales, Griffiths joined the Royal North West Mounted Police prior to going overseas with the British armed forces in 1915. After his discharge in the fall of 1920, he came to the U of S and ran its entire Physical Education Department. During his tenure, Griffiths' personal coaching and guidance in swimming and track and field helped a number of teams and individual athletes garner national and international acclaim.

Griffiths was a coach with the Canadian track and field team at the Olympics in 1932, 1936 and 1948. University Archives and Special Collections holds a typescript of a diary he maintained during the 1936 Berlin games, and photographs he both took and collected, along with some memorabilia such as souvenir programs.

These diary excerpts provide a snapshot of Griffiths' observations, especially of the competition and the spectacle of the games, including Hitler's participation. The Berlin games were apparently the first in history to be threatened with boycott— ultimately unsuccessfully. In his diary entries, Griffiths largely stayed away from commenting on world politics, but noted at one point: "The more I see of things, the more thankful I am that I have the privilege of being over here to see the greatest spectacle in the history of the world."

## August 1st, 1936

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Today is the day of the Opening of the Games. We all got a good sleep last night, and everybody got up fresh and ready to go. The morning was spent in whitening shoes and primping up. At 1:45 P.M., we collected the troops and embarked for the Stadium.

The 200 buses were all in use to take the teams. Try and imagine what a procession that would be. After landing at the gates, we all lined up in our places ready to march in to the Field. We could see that the Stadium was filled to the brim already and countless thousands lined up outside. They blew a fanfare of trumpets and Mr. Hitler walked into the field right through our ranks, on his way to the Stadium. When he had taken his seat, we commenced the grand march into the Stadium, each nation in different colors. As we passed by Hitler's Stand, we gave a salute and wheeled around until we were facing him.

Then began the ceremony of swearing in, or rather taking the Olympic Oath. Somebody gave a speech, of which we couldn't understand a word, then Mr. Hitler said a few words, after which the thrilling moment arrived when the last bearer of the torch ran into the Stadium and lit the Olympic Torch. (3000 runners had carried the Torch 1906 miles from Olympia, Greece, through Bulgaria, Roumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Germany.)...

The sight was one never to be forgotten. The people of Germany have more imagination that the people of America, and while the form of the Ceremony is a set one, the little extra touches make it much more impressive.



Joe Griffiths signing autographs, apparently willingly.

### August 4th, 1936

Went to the Stadium in the afternoon. It was cloudy but kept dry. Jess Owens, U.S.A., was in the spotlight. Won his heat in the 200 M. in World's Record time, and broke the World's record in the broad jump.

The Canadians broke into the winning column, Loaring took second in the 400 M. Hurdles, McPhee third in the 200 M. and Phil Edwards third in the 800 M.



Canadian track athletes Phil Edwards and Bill Fritz. Edwards still holds the Canadian record for the most Olympic medals in track and field.

### August 5th, 1936

Autograph hunters are a pest. We start to sign one and before we are through, there will be a crowd of 50 around. It took me half an hour yesterday to get from the gates to a seat in the Stadium.

Today, I took my overcoat along and put it on when I got to the gate to hide my uniform and got through without being noticed.

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### **ONE DAY FOR STUDENTS**

On March 10, more than 500 donors gave more than \$63,000 to support students on One Day for Students, the annual day of giving at the U of S. This included a matching donation of \$27,000 from Professor Emeritus Kay Nasser (PhD'65) and his wife Dora Nasser (BEd'69). Their contributions will go towards the President's Student Experience Fund and the Nasser Family Emergency Student Trust.

The President's Student Experience Fund supports unique and innovative projects and activities that give students an opportunity to grow their knowledge, apply their learning or pursue once-in-a-lifetime experiences outside of the classroom. The Nasser Family Emergency Student Trust provides financial aid to students who experience unexpected financial hardship.



Learn more at give.usask.ca/oneday



In response to an evolution in size, scope and identity, it is time the University of Saskatchewan collectively updates its 1993 mission, vision and values statement. While the statement contains elements that are still appropriate, the university has changed on many fronts in the past 23 years. The university is ready to take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead and continue to serve our 150,000 alumni.

In January 2016, U of S President Peter Stoicheff asked a committee comprised of members from our community, both on and off campus, to develop a new vision, mission and values statement that succinctly articulates who we are, where we want to be in 10 years' time and the values that will guide us along the way.



### GRAND OPENING: GORDON OAKES RED BEAR STUDENT CENTRE

After years of planning and construction, the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre celebrated its grand opening in February.

The centre is the new home of the Aboriginal Students' Centre. The focus of the centre is to provide an inclusive and welcoming gathering space for the campus community.

After the grand opening festivities concluded, the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre hosted events during Aboriginal Achievement Week including a pipe ceremony, traditional song and dance performances, story-telling and information panels.

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### HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT TEAM CAPTURES NATIONAL HONOUR

A U of S student team won top prize at the National Health Care Team Challenge, a national case competition for students in the health sciences.

The team, consisting of: Amanda Geradts (nutrition), Jessica Landrie (advisor, nursing), Hallie MacLachlan (nursing), Carly Legault (veterinary medicine), Heather Thiessen (patient advocate/advisor), Lin Wang (pharmacy) and Matthias Muller (physical therapy), travelled to Halifax for the national competition in March, only six weeks after the provincial competition.

The team was successful in presenting a plan of action that was interprofessional and focused on patient-family centered care. The team worked collaboratively and applied their skills, knowledge, values and attitudes to their problem-based case.

### THREE NEW DEANS ANNOUNCED



St. Thomas More College

St. Thomas More (STM) College English professor, Arul Kumaran, has been appointed dean of the college for a five-year term effective July 1, 2016.

Kumaran came to the U of S in 1994 to complete his PhD. While finishing his doctoral work, Kumaran worked as a sessional lecturer at STM. Kumaran started as an assistant professor in 2005 before moving to associate professor and ultimately department head from 2012-2015.



College of Law

In January, Martin Phillipson was announced as the new dean in the College of Law for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2016.

In his time at the U of S, Phillipson has served in a variety of roles including viceprovost of organizational restructuring for the College of Medicine, acting viceprovost, faculty relations, and associate dean of research and graduate studies in the College of Law.



College of Kinesiology

The College of Kinesiology has appointed Chad London its new dean for a five-year term beginning November 1, 2016.

London will join the U of S after serving as dean of the Faculty of Health, Community and Education at Mount Royal University in Calgary. London's research has focused on leadership, including moral decision-making of leaders, international education initiatives to enhance global learning for students and leadership styles of athletic directors.

### **STUDENT TRAVEL PHOTOS**

Seventy-five photos were submitted for this year's Study Abroad Photo Contest, an initiative run out of the International Student and Study Abroad Centre. Students who have studied abroad, including international students, were invited to submit pictures that most picturesquely portray their time abroad. In early April, 664 students, staff, faculty and alumni voted for their favorite photos.



'The Silent Frozen World' by Fan Fan was the second place winner in the 'adventure and sport' category.

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### **THE CHAMPIONS**

The Huskies after their CIS women's basketball champion win.

Capping off one of the most successful seasons in team history, the Huskies women's basketball team won its first Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) National Championship, defeating the Ryerson Rams in the championship game 85-71 on March 20. Fifth-year guard Laura Tally scored 25 points, which was the cherry on top of a season in which she was named Canada West MVP and First Team All-Canadian.

"I can't be happier for this group of women," said head coach Lisa Thomaidis.

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The amount of time they dedicated to this program, I can't thank them enough."

HEAD COACH, LISA THOMAIDIS

## **HUSKIES: SEASON AT A GLANCE**



For Huskie updates or to see a full season schedule, visit huskies.usask.ca

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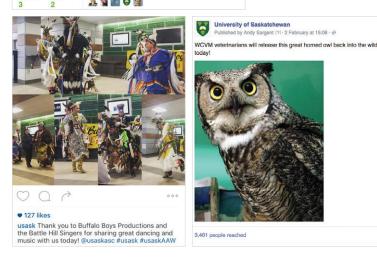
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### CanadianLightSource

Breast cancer therapy shows promise using BMIT X-ray micro-beams. @05ID2 @WorldCancerDay @usask @esrfsynchrotron





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### COMBATING INFLAMMATORY LIVER DISEASE

Dr. Ahmad Al-Dissi, assistant professor in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, has produced research that could lead to better treatment of cats who suffer from inflammatory liver disease (ILD), a condition that can dramatically impact a cat's health and vitality.

Al-Dissi's research focuses on the ability of metallothionein (MT)—a heavy metal-binding protein—to potentially reduce microscopic markers of liver disease. As research continues, early detection of symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, excessive urination and thirst remains important in curbing ILD.

Al-Dissi is conducting similar research with horses to evaluate the effect of MT on equine liver disease.



Unified head of the Department of Surgery, Dr. Ivar Mendez and his team have been developing innovations to support the future of health care. To address gaps in care, Dr. Mendez has developed robotic technology that can be controlled via smartphone. The robot can conduct ultrasounds, listen to hearts and perform electrocardiograms. The robot is also capable of doing some blood work and obtaining results in real time with rapid diagnostic tests.

Other research by Mendez has attracted a partnership with Harvard University, that will look further into how technology and stem cells can be combined to cure diseases such as Parkinson's disease, and strokes.

# Beyond the blacktop

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A vacation spent in one's home country rather than abroad, or one spent at home and involving day trips to local attractions.

### DEE HOBSBAWN-SMITH

Anyone travelling the TransCanada Highway across Saskatchewan might believe that there's no point in stopping. The highway runs like a flexible cable of light through the vast flatland and limitless skyline of southern Saskatchewan. From behind the windshield, you'd never suspect that an hour's drive north, the Great Sand Hills cradle dun-coloured sand dunes in an unexpected ecological reserve, or that south of the highway lies easy access to the Missouri Coteau, Grasslands National Park and the Cypress Hills, which harbour dinosaur fossils and a frontier past. Similarly, drivers traversing the truckers' route, Highway 16—the Yellowhead Highway—through the central stretch of the province gain little sense of the river valleys, parklands, and the boreal forests and lakes of Saskatchewan. Residents and travellers may be tempted to pack a roadie's picnic and simply whisk through the province en route to spending their holiday time and money elsewhere.

But don't. Saskatchewan is home to unexpected treasures that merit a staycation. The first step is to detour off the highway.

"The highway is on the easiest path, which is great for highway building, but if you want to see something more interesting, go north or south," suggested Robin Karpan (BA'73, MBA'77). He and his wife Arlene (BA'74, BEd'78) are the authors of multiple books. *The Great Saskatchewan Bucket List*, published by their own house, Parkland Publishing, has topped the bestsellers list of SaskBooks (Saskatchewan Publishers Group) for the fourth year in a row. They fell in love with nature travel as university students, parlaying it into freelance travel and journalism careers. In 1998, they founded their press, that specializes in travel and photography books of the world's natural places, especially in Saskatchewan. "We're from here and haven't yet found anywhere else we prefer to be," Karpan explained.

As an expat Albertan, I couldn't resist asking Karpan the obvious question: "With Alberta's scenic splendours next door, why would someone choose to staycation in Saskatchewan?"

He had a simple but persuasive answer: "There is just as much neat stuff here. We have the best canoeing in the





Prince Albert National Park is just one location featured on Jay Brown's website, saskhiker.com country, the best fishing, and, in the south, Grasslands National Park is the place to see the vanishing natural grasslands. Most of the Prairie has been converted to grazing, but it's still easy to see natural prairie in the park." Travel costs have become an issue with the falling loonie, he added. "The convenient thing, too, is that in Saskatchewan, you don't travel as far, and your money stays at home and helps the local economy."

What Karpan said rang a bell with me. My partner Dave and I relocated to our acreage west of Saskatoon in the summer of 2010, him from Regina, me from Calgary. Although I had deep familial roots in the province and Dave had lived in the capital for decades, neither of us knew much about what lay beyond our door, so we agreed to explore the landscape to give us both a stronger sense of place. We hit the gravel, finding our way to surprise after surprise. One July afternoon, I stood at the base of a dune in the Great Sand Hills, west of Swift Current, studying the options. To my west and north, the slopes climbed, their edges shifting and realigning in the wind. This narrow goat trail that twisted upward through the scrub presented the best opportunity, so I scrambled upward in my sandals, and gasped when I reached the summit and took in the view; I didn't know yet about the even bigger Athabasca Dunes in the north.

Over the years, we added more Saskatchewan destinations to our holiday itineraries exploring Emma Lake, Cypress Hills winery, La Ronge, Batoche and Val Marie, among others. Even though the dollar was strong, crossing the border into the United States didn't appeal to either of us; as dedicated locavores, we appreciated the concept of local in the broader sense, and wanted to spend our cash in our back yard. We didn't realize that we were on the cusp of a trend: a year later, the growing trend of staycations hit the country's mainstream, riding the coattails of the plummeting oil industry, downward-drifting Canadian dollar and never-decreasing airfares and stresses.

Holidaying at home has increased in popularity for folks wanting to make their funds go farther, and for people who have put off seeing home first. "We often get feedback from our books of people happy to discover places close by that they have heard of but haven't had the information on how to get there," Karpan explained. When I mentioned our expedition to the Great Sand Hills, he said, "Yes, that's a good example of a stunning but accessible spot that is not all that obvious."

Other practical reasons add to the attraction: "Gas prices have gone down, so it's easier to take road trips, and just wander around," he said.

To get the most bang for your buck as a local traveller, Karpan suggested camping, citing well-known camp grounds as well as regional parks and wilderness camping possibilities. He laughed when he admitted to having no suggestions for urban excitement. "We are not the people to ask. There are all kinds of festivals and urban stuff, but our main interests are getting out into nature and off the beaten track. Use our book just as a starting point: take some back roads and see where they end up."

Holidays are big business. If you use the Lonely Planet's most recent guide for expenditures on a Canadian vacation as a thumbnail estimate, expect to spend at least \$400 per day for a four-person family to sleep in a hotel, eat three squares, and rent a car, not including airfare or admission to any events or attractions. That alone can be enough to persuade anyone to staycation, using home as a base.

But here's the larger picture: according to recent statistics collected by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada, local travel by Canadians has been steadily increasing and accounts for 80 per cent of the country's \$16 billion tourism industry. The primary market for Saskatchewan's tourist services is Saskatchewan residents, who account for 86 per cent of visits to tourist attractions and events.

Nationally, travel and tourism support almost 500,000 jobs, according to the World Trade and Tourism Council's report. Tourism Saskatchewan's most recent figures show that tourism in Saskatchewan provides income for 65,000 residents, almost 10 per cent of the province's workers— in jobs that range from golf resort owners to cooks and baristas, bed and breakfast operators, museum guides and park rangers—generating about \$2.15 billion in travel expenditures. Of the approximately 4,000 tourism-related businesses in the province, 79 per cent are located outside of Saskatoon and Regina, employing 51 per cent of the province's tourism workers. ▶





#### Athabasca Sand Dunes

"The largest in Canada, largest this far north and unique in the world.

Major sand dunes are usually in arid desert areas, but the Athabasca dunes are a desertlike setting within lake lands and rivers in the boreal forest."

#### Grasslands National Park's Killdeer badlands

"In the east block, similar to Drumheller, expect exposed buttes and exposed sides of hills eroded, with a viewpoint you can drive to on the valley rim and look down."

#### **Cypress Hills**

"In the west block, against Alberta's border, the conglomerate cliffs are made of tiny stones naturally cemented together over time."

#### Crooked Bush, Thickwood Hills

"In this poplar stand, every tree, branch and twig is contorted. Why? One story dates back many years, when a local fella swore he saw a UFO land, and all its passengers disembarked and urinated. The trees were never the same."

#### Churchill River

"Upstream, see waterfalls, rapids, white water. Downstream, expect portages, lakes, waterfalls, wilderness camping sites. It's idyllic."

Those facts simply reinforce Karpan's suggestion to stay in the province but get out of town. He and Arlene prefer to holiday in the north, with canoeing trips along the Churchill River system at the top of their list.

Jay Brown (BCOMM'12), an inveterate hiker and creator of the blog *SaskHiker*, completely agrees that Saskatchewan's nature beats its urban offering. "The thing about Saskatchewan is that it has such diverse ecosystems, in the south or west or north," he said.

Brown made recent social media noise with a blog post that reprimanded an Ontario traveller for his uninformed tirade about Saskatchewan's cultural and natural landscapes. He came to the province's defence, saying, "Those who leave their egos and preconceived notions at the border will be surprised by just what they can experience."

One of Brown's favourite places to head to is Grasslands National Park, the country's largest dark-sky preserve, a designation by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada that protects areas in which no artificial lighting is visible. "From there, you can see stars you never knew existed," Brown commented.

Saskatchewan's other dark-sky preserve is Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, Brown's second pick as a hiking destination. "The region's unique geology was sculpted during the last Ice Age by glaciers two kilometres thick," he said. "But the Cypress Hills—the highest point east of the Rocky Mountains—were never affected, and were left with buttes and hills. From these buttes, amid the surrounding prairie and grasslands, you can see the curvature of the earth; it's simply stunning." He enthusiastically enumerates the region's draws: equestrian and mountain biking trails, lakes, cabins, backcountry hiking and RV campgrounds.

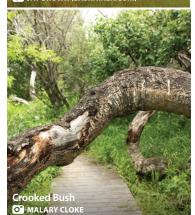
If you stay, make a staycation different from a regular at-home summer break. Beforehand, review some tourist resource material for places, events and attractions that you've never gotten around to visiting in your own home town or province. Set a budget and share the decisionmaking to satisfy all members of the family. Plan to do your summer chores in advance—mow the lawn, pay the bills—then take a break. Avoid daily routines and do only absolutely necessary household tasks.

Come up with a theme. Culinary tourism is an established trend: foodies might take cooking classes, assemble a gate-to-plate tour of farms, locavore markets and restaurants, or crawl through a region's sausagemaking facilities, liquor producers, gastropubs or ethnic cafés and grocery stores. Bookish types might catch the Moose Jaw Festival of Words, then build a tour of literary landmarks. Science geeks might opt for light and dark by visiting the Canadian Light Source or other urban observatories, then trek to a dark-sky preserve. Take the kids to local museums—art, natural or historic, cars or sports—or botanical gardens, zoos or historic sites, the swimming pool, lake, beach or river, or enjoy an urban bike ride or rural hike.

If you've followed one of the straight-line paved arteries out of Saskatchewan since your time at the U of S, on your return, detour off-highway and explore what lies beyond the blacktop.



O JAY BROWN (SASKHIKER.COM)







Mark Boots and Levi Goertz are helping people in developing countries access important information by using cell phones.

**SUBMITTED BY MARK BOOTS** 

# Leaving home to help

With 1.3 billion of the world's population living in poverty, can one person really make a difference?

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Leaving home to help people in need is a humbling experience. Consider the scale of the humanitarian challenge. 2014 saw a record-setting \$24.5 billion in international humanitarian assistance, according to the Global Humanitarian Assistance programme. A large slice of the pie went to address major crises—\$3.2 billion for the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, \$5.2 billion to assist people displaced by conflict in Syria, another \$2.3 billion in the South Sudan. With such need, can one person really make a difference? University of Saskatchewan alumni have proved that, remarkably, the answer is yes.

### A world bigger than me

Shauna Curry (BE'94) traces her interest in humanitarian work to her parents, who volunteered overseas. "I was aware of a world bigger than me from a very young age. I witnessed abject poverty for the first time on a childhood trip to Mexico. I wasn't allowed to drink the tap water, and I realized that not everyone had access to safe drinking water. It was a defining moment, and I was just eight years old," said Curry.

Today, Curry is improving access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation as CEO of the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST).

"Half the world's population is trapped in a cycle of poverty and disease because they lack access to basic needs. CAWST teaches people how to get safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in their own homes, using simple, affordable technologies," Curry said.

CAWST was co-founded in 2001 by Camille Dow Baker and David Manz (BE'72, MSc'74). Curry joined shortly after and has led CAWST's growth from clients in two countries to a network of 970 implementing clients in 78 countries. "We train and support local people on technologies and approaches they can implement themselves," Curry said. "Our training catalyzes action and creates a multiplier effect. This is how our small team is able to impact millions."

At university, Curry studied agriculture and bioresource engineering. Her early employment as an engineer deepened her commitment to serve society. In 1999, she embarked on a personal odyssey, one that would bring her career goals into focus. "I began a 14,000-km bike trip from Canada, through the United States and Mexico into Chile and Argentina. During the two years I was away, I thought a lot about what was fundamental to a healthy community, and what an engineer could do to help, and it kept coming back to water," said Curry. After her trip, Curry was determined to do something about it. "I was volunteering at a CAWST event when I heard Camille talking about exactly what I had designed in my head while on my bike—how a Canadian organization can truly make a lasting difference in developing countries. I knew I had to meet her," said Curry.

The meeting led Curry to a job as an international technical advisor at CAWST in 2004. She became head of global training and consulting services in 2005, assumed the role of CEO when Dow Baker retired in 2011, and hasn't looked back.

"Any time I return from a trip overseas, I come home to a place of privilege," Curry said. "The disparity is dramatic more than three billion people still live on less than \$2.50 a day, and 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty. Reconciling that disparity is painful, but I think it's important to continue to feel that discomfort and to not put on blinders."

To deal with the disparity, Curry draws on lessons learned from her childhood and from her years at university and early career that were influential in shaping her understanding of the engineers' commitment to society. More importantly, she draws on her ability to see the good in people. "My experience of the beauty in people and in our world is what drives me to protect our water and work toward a more equitable, secure society," Curry said.

"It's one thing to know, intellectually, that everyone is 'like us,' but to experience it first-hand is different. Everywhere I go, people are incredibly resilient. They have hopes and

dreams, they want to make their communities a better place. Education gives people the opportunity to change their own lives, and it's incredible to be able to support that through CAWST."

### Giving a voice to the voiceless

In 2012, Mark Boots (BE'08, BSC'08, PhD'13) helped launch VOTO Mobile, a tech start-up and social enterprise based in Ghana that gives a voice to people who typically haven't been heard.

"Mobile phone use in Africa is growing like crazy, but most people have basic phones rather

than smartphones. Our mobile phone notification and survey platform makes it easy to share information and gather feedback through interactive SMS or voice calls—in local languages," Boots said. "Our mission is to empower citizens with information that can improve their lives, and empower government and non-government organizations (NGOs) with feedback to deliver better services."

The idea grew out of a conversation between Boots and Louis Dorval, a friend from McGill University he had met through Engineers Without Borders (EWB). "Louis had just returned from several years in West Africa with EWB, and we were talking about some of the challenges facing NGOs and governments. The biggest was lack of data. Local citizens didn't have a voice in government services or NGO projects, and governments and NGOs didn't have any data on what local citizens needed. We partnered to develop a solution."

Boots spent two years in Ghana, travelling the country and making contacts with NGOs and local governments. He recruited local staff from the engineering college in Kumasi,



In 2014, 11.4 million people were using better water or sanitation as a result of projects implemented by CAWST clients.

Something that really surprised me when I first went out into the world was how useful it was to grow up on the Prairies. Even though I wasn't from a farm, my prairie roots enabled me to connect with people in rural areas."

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Fredlund meets with school-aged children in Vietnam.

a city of about 1.8 million that became VOTO's first office.

"Coming home was disorienting; reverse culture shock," Boots said. "People are talking about TV shows and you're thinking, 'this really doesn't matter.' You're aware of what comfortable lives we lead. We have our basic needs taken care of, so we can be more efficient at work, do other things, explore other possibilities. From my office in Kumasi, I would watch Araaba, our neighbour, working at her home. She was up at dawn and worked until well past dark, just taking care of her family's basic needs. It's time poverty, and I became very conscious of that. She literally doesn't have time to take courses, learn English or start a business, and this daily struggle keeps her in poverty."

In 2014, another University of Saskatchewan alumnus joined the VOTO team. Levi Goertz (BE'04) had met Boots and Dorval through EWB—it was actually Goertz who started the student chapter of EWB at the U of S.

"EWB is a great vehicle for making people's lives better," said Goertz, who spent two years in West Africa with the organization. "I had some really high highs and really low lows. Projects didn't always work out, but when they were successful, it was amazing. You got to see people make enough money to feed their family and put their kids in school."

Like Boots, Goertz dealt with reverse culture shock on his return home—his biggest adjustment was the "insane" amount and variety of food in grocery stores. He earned an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley and spent several years as a "shirted-tucked-in" corporate consultant, before being drawn back into the world of social enterprise.

"With EWB, there was always a sense of excitement to the travel, but you generally stayed in one area; it was

about getting the job done," Goertz said. "With VOTO, it's more like a business trip. I'm meeting with local people, professionals like myself, and we usually meet in air-conditioned offices in large cities."

Both alumni continue to travel—to Ghana and beyond. VOTO has expanded from Kumasi to a second office in Accra, Ghana's capital, and offices in Nigeria, Uganda, India, Senegal, Zimbabwe and Kenya. To date, the VOTO platform has been used by over 250 organizations (including UNICEF and World Bank) in 30 countries.

#### Feeding the soul

In 2015, Del Fredlund (BE'62) was recognized with an Alumni Association Achievement Award for his service, philanthropy and outstanding contributions to research and learning. As the man who literally wrote the book on unsaturated soils, he is best known for the latter. During a 34-year tenure in the College of Engineering, he co-wrote two textbooks, published more than 400 research papers and supervised more than 70 grad students.

But it is the former—service and philanthropy—that shaped his life. "There's a saying that I have always found to be true: 'if I live for myself, I feed my ego; if I live for others, I feed my soul," Fredlund said.

Professionally, Fredlund looked for ways to apply his research on unsaturated soils in some of the world's more arid regions. He trained people from Brazil, China, Greece, India, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Vietnam. He established technology-exchange programs in China, Kenya and Vietnam.

Vietnam touched him the most. "I lived much of my early life watching the turmoil there. I got an opportunity to go in 1993, and as the plane landed in Hanoi, I could look out the window and still see craters left in the fields by the bombs dropping during the war," said Fredlund.

That first visit inspired Fredlund to collect books to help supply an engineering library in Hanoi. During a cross-Canada lecture tour, he started each presentation with a plea for donations. "I explained that I needed to fill a shipping container. Within weeks, I had well over 1,000 books, and we eventually sent two 20-foot shipping containers," said Fredlund.

The Vietnamese government called the Canadian government to express its thanks. Soon after, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) approved Fredlund's proposal for a technology exchange program.

But Fredlund was also looking for ways to help on a human level. He has his own personal registered charity, Caring for You (CFU), and has worked closely with Canadian Food for the Hungry. "It is not a simple task to make a meaningful, long-term difference in someone else's life, in a foreign country, without first finding someone with similar charitable desires," said Fredlund

He found one contact in John Pham. Through Pham, Fredlund has supported a trade school and school for the blind in Hanoi, helped build schools in northern Vietnam, and supported between 30 and 50 students at schools in Hanoi.

Nguyen Thu, just 13 years old when Fredlund met her, is another trusted contact. "She and her mother were living on the street in Hanoi. I guess she heard me speaking English, because she came up and asked me to teach her—and she was determined. I said 'I'm sorry, I'm leaving your country, but I will send a photo of you and your mother if you give me an address.' I sent the photo along with money for English classes. She got it, and we began a correspondence."

Today, married with children of her own, Thu helps disburse CFU funds on the ground in Vietnam.

"Without these trusted contacts, I would be long retired," the 76-year-old Fredlund said. "I continue to work as a consultant at Golder Associates so I can fund programs in Vietnam."

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VOTO recruits local engineers and staff from a growing middle class of young professionals. I'm inspired by their ideas about building their own countries amplifying these ideas is the core of our business."

MARK BOOTS

# Bon voyage...

### Some of our most travelled alumni share their favourite memories and first-hand experiences while globetrotting.

The following are excerpts from our conversations and edited for print.

SEAN CONROY



**Alyson Crozier (PhD'15)** has set down roots in Adelaide, South Australia for a faculty position at the University of South Australia. Her solo travels led her throughout Europe, including Ireland and Germany, and Southeast Asia, including Cambodia and Vietnam.

#### Why did you travel to the locations you did?

Overall, I just wanted to get away from responsibilities and be out on my own to experience life. I spent four months travelling, and I learned so much about the world, different cultures, history and what I am capable of doing alone!



Deneille Dewar (BComm'03) travelled to South Korea to teach English after completing her degree in 2003. Having caught the 'travel bug', she continued to backpack through Thailand and India. Currently, Dewar lives in New York City and is vice-president, global

internal communications for the Global Brands Group. Dewar's career has also taken her to Hong Kong and through the Middle East, including Qatar and Oman.

## What's one of the best cultural experiences you've had?

During our backpacking adventure, my friends and I were all pretty ill from our time in India. When we got to Bangladesh a local man offered us his villa in a southern region of the country called the Sundarbands to rest and recover before continuing on our journey. The people in that village were unbelievably hospitable. They took care of us until we got back on our feet. On our final night in the village we sat around the campfire and sang "O Canada" and "My Golden Bengal," the Bangladeshi national anthem. That was an incredible experience.

### Darcy Hildebrandt (BMus'08) had

dreams of living internationally since she was a kid. Backpacking throughout Europe and travelling with the U of S Greystone Singers to Austria and the Czech Republic exposed her to the continent. She eventually found herself living in Edinburgh, Scotland. She and her



family will return to Saskatchewan soon, but will come home with fond memories and experiences.

### What's one of the best cultures you've interacted with on your travels?

Scottish people are fantastic. Their love of tartan, haggis, bagpipes, afternoon tea, ceilidhs, Scottish breakfasts, rugby, curry and the Highlands gives this country a unique feel. Though it's still part of the U.K., there is something a bit different about the Scots and they've welcomed us with open arms, helping us to survive the greyness and rain that inevitably covers this land.

As an undergrad studying engineering physics, **Gaelene Lerat's (BE'15)** area of study took her around the world. Competitions and research sent her to the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah with the U of S Space Design Team for the University Rover Challenge, the Andøya Space Centre in Norway for CaNoRock 10), and the Mullard



Space Science Laboratory in Holmbury St. Mary, England for scientific research related to her master's degree work.

#### What's the most exciting place you've traveled?

Travelling above the Arctic Circle to the Andøya Space Centre in Norway was definitely exciting. Its rocket range is surrounded by mountain ridges and ocean, and at night the green lasers at ALOMAR (Arctic Lidar Observatory for Middle Atmosphere Research) can be seen probing the sky from a nearby mountain top along with the aurora borealis.



**Fiseko Musonda (BA'13)** moved to Belgium to complete her master's degree. In addition to living in Canada, Belgium, France, South Africa and Botswana, her journeys have taken her to England, Hungary and the Netherlands. Now back in Saskatoon, Musonda believes the most valuable takeaway from travelling is not physical souvenirs, but intangible gifts.

## What was your experience visiting the World Peace Flame in The Hague?

The World Peace Flame is situated outside of the Peace Palace, which is home to the UN's International Court of Justice. Seeing that monument, and taking note of all the countries represented that came together and pledged their commitment to peace reminded me that regardless of the actions of a few, billions of people are committed to peace and seek it out.



**Motoaki Sato (BA'09)** came to the U of S from Japan to study English and urban planning. He holds his fondest memories of travelling to Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific Ocean. While he likes to soak up the sun, he also enjoys meeting people from around

the world, as he has visited the Czech Republic, Austria and Munich, Germany during Oktoberfest.

#### Did you encounter a language barrier on your trip? If so, how did you overcome it?

When I was in Germany, I could not speak German, but I studied English in Saskatoon, so I spoke to them in English. If we can speak English, we can travel anywhere in the world. I am glad that I chose Canada to study English.



A passion for music and culture has been the catalyst for **Colleen A.J. Smith's (BA'14)** travels across Canada and Europe. Smith's time in London resonated with her the most. As a huge fan of The Beatles, she walked the iconic Abbey Road in London and visited Apple Studios, where the band hosted its final rooftop concert.

#### What drew you to study abroad?

What drew me to study abroad in Canterbury was the promise of tangibly being a part of the historical past, while also being an active counterpart in its fluid change.

### Tell us where you've been.

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Leslie Tuchek (BusAdm'94, CEE'04) is a traveller who prides herself on venturing out and interacting with the locals and wildlife. Whether it is enjoying the sights of Patagonia in Argentina, surviving a tense boat trip down the Tambopata River in the Amazon basin of Peru or leading

nature tours, Tuchek has had many memorable and unique experiences as a world traveller.

#### What's a favourite memory of your travels?

High up on the Colca Canyon hillside in Peru, our bus stopped at a roadside craft stand. As my travelling companions explored the beautiful wares, I visited with a young Ilama I fondly called 'Blanca.' A rain storm was coming up so we offered the family a bus ride down the mountain to their village...the Quechua lady told me to pick up the baby and get him on the bus. Blanca and I were new travelling companions.



**Christine Young (BA'14)** currently lives and works in Seoul, South Korea but has covered a lot of distance since graduating from the U of S including Peru, Ecuador, Jordan, Egypt, Costa Rica, Honduras and China.

# What was one of the scariest things that happened to you while traveling?

My scariest travel moment was definitely when a friend and I ended up trapped in

a taxi at gunpoint on the Peruvian border crossing into Ecuador. I later learned that this situation is regionally referred to as secuestro express, which translates to "express kidnapping". The taxi driver and his co-conspirator demanded that we give them the equivalent of about \$250 USD. Since we didn't have that much cash on us, they drove us to the only ATM in the small town on the border... I'm not sure how or why, but this was the only time during my seven months in South America that my card was rejected. Fortunately, because of this we were able to convince them that there was nothing we could do to get the money and after a bit of arguing they let us go.

# Free from harm's way

You catch the "travel bug" and finally decide to pack your bags and do something about it. You never expect to pick up a travel bug of the non-metaphorical variety along the way. Nothing can spoil a trip worse than battling a nasty stomach bug.

With so many landscapes to see, places to tour and tasty street food to eat, staying safe and healthy while you travel can sometimes come as an afterthought.

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Right: Dr. Reeder working in the Democratic republic of Congo during his time with Doctors Without Borders.



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It's fair to say Dr. Bruce Reeder (MD '76) knows a few things about staying healthy while travelling.

Reeder has travelled all over the world with Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF). He's been to the Democratic Republic of Congo, to Kyrgyzstan, most recently to Central African Republic in fall 2015, and to Liberia during the peak of the Ebola outbreak in fall 2014.

"[Liberia] was perhaps the most medically dangerous mission that I've worked on internationally because of the risk of contracting Ebola," said Reeder, who is a physician and professor emeritus with the University of Saskatchewan Department of Community Health and Epidemiology.

The MSF treatment centre where Reeder worked cared for 100 patients and housed a rotating crew of 25 international staff, plus 250 Liberian nurses and doctors. Going into and coming out of the treatment centre, they had to have their temperature checked and wash their hands and feet in a bleach solution to prevent movement of the disease. The site was a "no contact mission," said Reeder.

"Volunteers could not have any physical contact with other people—not with patients or families but also not with expatriates. No hand shaking, no hugging, no kissing, et cetera."

Even though he is often preoccupied with the health of his patients, taking care of his own health is just as important for Reeder. In fact, he recommends putting the same amount of time into planning for your health as you do for the attractions you'll see. Prepare a few months ahead of time, as some vaccines take a while to become fully effective. Find out if there are any behaviours you should change, and locate the best medical facilities.

Part of that preparation should be understanding the risks you're taking, because oftentimes the risks may be different than how they're framed in the media.

For example, Ebola is rare to encounter, especially now that the epidemic is under control, but you do want to protect yourself against it, considering 50 per cent of people who contract it die. Currently in a number of countries, the risk of contracting Zika virus is moderate to high since, as with malaria, it is transmitted through the bite of mosquitoes. There are ways to prevent contracting it in the first place, like wearing long-sleeved shirts, and using bug sprays and bed nets.

Paul Hodgson, associate director of business development at the University of Saskatchewan's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization-International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) agrees with the importance of preparation. Hodgson currently travels over 100,000 miles a year. Through his work, he has most recently travelled to Morocco and China, and has also been to South Africa, Thailand and Kenya.

As an employee of VIDO-InterVac, he says the first concern on his mind is to make sure his vaccines are current. All major city centres in Canada will have an international travel centre that can give you the information you need, and smaller centres should have a travel health professional available.

Hodgson also recommends to be cognizant of your surroundings—even in places you may consider safe, like an airplane. He recently got back from China, where he was on an airplane for more than 11 hours.

"The bathroom was in constant use by a mixture of different ethnicities, which have different inherent bugs in their gastrointestinal tract. There was a mixture of young and old people, and the very young. It was basically a good breeding ground for bugs," said Hodgson.

There are several simple things you can do to make sure you're not getting sick before your vacation has even started: follow proper protocol for washing your hands, use paper towel to turn the water off and open the door, and clean the trays and armrests with an antiseptic wipe.

Once you get to your destination, food and water can be the most challenging: you're eating different foods cooked with different oils and drinking different water with different mineral content and bugs. The standard advice is to eat only fruit that you can peel, and choose cooked foods instead of salads that might have been washed with local water.

Sometimes these tips are easier said than done since part of the travel experience is immersing yourself in local culture, which typically involves eating the local cuisine. Even Hodgson admits "some of the street food smells fantastic and you're awfully tempted by it." It's a matter of finding a balance between taking care of yourself and enjoying yourself at the same time.

### Stay safe

Staying safe while travelling is also key to having an enjoyable trip, whether for business or pleasure. Canada has government offices all over the world that offer their services to Canadians travelling and living abroad.

As the ambassador to Guatemala and high commissioner to Belize, Deborah Chatsis (BE '83, LLB '86, LLD '15) is one of the people working to provide consular services to Canadians abroad.

"I've always had an interest in travelling," she said. "My father was in the army, and he and my mother lived in Germany for several years, so I grew up hearing about their travels. After I finished law school and joined the Ontario Bar, I decided that I wanted to work overseas. After considering several options, I decided to apply for the Foreign Service."

When she first started in the Foreign Service, she worked in the area of visas and consular services, and spent time in Beijing. She's also visited Southeast Asia, including Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar.

Today she represents Canada in interactions with the governments of Guatemala and Belize, and works closely with Canadian businesses that do business or are interested in doing business in Guatemala.

"I work with our team at the embassy to promote Canadian interests and values, working with the government and civil society to make progress in the area of human rights, sustainable economic growth, transitional justice and the rule of law," said Chatsis.

Embassies, consulates and high commissions can provide help with locating lost or stolen passports, finding medical services and contacting family back home. Chatsis recommends Canadians visit travel. gc.ca, or download the smart phone application Travel Smart–Canada, to get up-to-date, country-specific information, and to register with the Record of Canadians Abroad.

Travel for work or pleasure can be an enlightening and life-changing experience, and the better prepared you are, the more likely it will be a positive adventure rather than a frightening one.

# Health and safety tips



Information from "Well on your way: a Canadian's Guide to Healthy Travel Abroad" and "Bon Voyage, But... Essential Information for Canadian Travellers" via travel.gc.ca.

## Super traveller Don Newlin explores the world with the alumni travel program





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Top: Iceland; middle: Americas; bottom: Greenland

Find out more about the U of S travel program by visiting alumni.usask.ca/travel



Newlin and his brother Robert enjoy a pint on one of their many excursions with the alumni travel program.

Since 2011, Don Newlin (BCOMM '78) and his brother Robert have been regular faces on the U of S alumni travel program trips.

The pair has travelled together for many years, but with the help of the alumni travel program, they've been able to travel with ease to the likes of Australia, Iceland, Norway, Russia and a few places inbetween.

"What attracts me is the variety of trips offered through the (program). There's a good mix of land and sea travel programs. They usually have a pretty interesting mix of individual side tours or well-thought-out excursions that are interesting," said Newlin.

> Connecting with fellow alumni from around the country is part of the experience, said Newlin. He appreciates being able to network with other alumni who have a passion for travel.

> "You meet interesting people; not necessarily all from your college but from other places across North America. It's generally an interesting group of people to travel with."

With so many trips under his belt, he admits it's hard to pick a favourite memory. Each trip has its own unique flavour; some cater to the natural elements of a country while some focus on the historical origins. Newlin says each trip has its own favourite moments.

"If you're interested, particularly in nature, the Iceland/ Greenland trip stands out because it's not as populated of an area," he said. "When we were there, we visited beautiful scenic countryside."

"From the historical side, being able to see the Hermitage on the Baltic trip was a pretty amazing experience."

Newlin isn't retired quite yet, but he plans on taking the plunge in the next few years. With the extra time, he foresees many more trips with the alumni travel program in the near future and would recommend it to other fellow alumni, retired or not, who are looking for a safe, easy and quick getaway.

"It's well-organized. We've never had any problems on the tours and we've been on quite a few. You meet people that are interesting and interested in the same types of things you are quite often. I think it's a great way to get started," said Newlin.

# The Olympian

## She's tough. She's fierce. She's passionate. She's tenacious.

# And now, she's an Olympian.

### SCOTT DAVIDSON

Jillian Gallays (BSc'12) is no stranger to adversity. In July 2015, the U of S alumni and former Huskie wrestling team captain suffered a knee injury—the fourth of her career—at a training camp in Poland with the Canadian national wrestling team. The injury required surgery, which was done a mere four months before the Canadian Olympic wrestling team trials in December. The tournament determines who would potentially represent Canada at the 2016 games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For most athletes, a significant injury at such an inopportune time would be career ending.

But Gallays also knows what dreams are made of and she wasn't going to let an injury stand in the way of hers. For most people, competing at the Olympic Games is merely a lofty, unobtainable goal that can only be accomplished by the elite few. But for wrestlers like Gallays, the Olympics represent the highest level of achievement in their sport. Freestyle wrestling has no professional level; there is no league like the NHL or NFL for them to compete yearround. Furthermore, the Olympics only occur once every four years, making opportunities to compete at a high level few and far between.

At age 29, Gallays knew that a trip to Rio de Janeiro could be her last chance to represent Canada at the Olympics.

While her recovery from knee surgery kept her out of Olympics trials, Gallays was exempted from the tournament because of her standing in the world rankings and her injury. As a result, she had a wrestle-off against trials winner Samantha Stewart in February to determine who would be Canada's next Olympic hopeful in the women's 53-kilogram weight class. In the best of three series, Gallays came out on top: two to nothing.

After three attempts, four injuries, countless tournaments and hours spent on the mats, the dream was finally real; she was an Olympic team member.

"I'm excited and so proud that I get to represent Canada this summer. It's overwhelming; it gives me goosebumps thinking about it," said Gallays. "It's just been a dream for so long that it doesn't even seem like reality."



### Road to Rio

Gallays' journey to the Olympics began 16 years ago at Aden Bowman Collegiate in Saskatoon. Before wrestling, Gallays played a number of other sports ranging from curling to soccer to track and field. But in the ninth grade, she decided to try wrestling. Gallays admits that in her first few years, she wasn't very good and never won a city or provincial title in high school. However, in her senior year, she started practicing—albeit a little reluctantly—with the Junior Huskies, a program that serves as a feeder to the U of S Huskies.

"One of my teammates pretty much dragged me to Junior Huskies and from there, I was recruited to the [Huskies]. I didn't really know it was an option, but I did it because it kept me in school and it was something to do," Gallays said.

Gallays joined the Huskie wrestling team in 2004. Over the next six years, she became one of the program's most accomplished athletes. In 2006, Gallays made the junior national team and travelled to the world junior championships in Guatemala. She went on to win Canadian Interuniversity Sport national titles in 2009 and 2010 as a Huskie and also become a team captain. In 2012, Gallays graduated from the U of S with a Bachelor's of Science degree in kinesiology and a minor in math.

Gallays said without the Huskies, she wouldn't be the person she is today.

"Being a student athlete is such a challenge and it turns you into a better person once you get out into the real world. You have to plan your life carefully and work harder to balance everything," she said. "With my learning disability [dyslexia], I had no options. It was very challenging and I had to find different ways to learn and study. Being a student athlete just made it easier to be responsible for that."

Gallays also credits former Huskie coach Todd Hinds for her personal and athletic development. Hinds, who passed away last year, coached the Huskie wrestling team from 1996 until 2013.

"I don't know where I'd be without Todd Hinds. He's amazing. He got me on so many international trips and kept me focused," said Gallays.

Transitioning from student athlete to professional athlete after graduation is something many struggle with, and it was no different for Gallays. In 2013, she had to decide if she wanted to pursue wrestling as a fulltime athlete or work a regular job. Ironically, the sport of wrestling was also at a crossroads. It was controversially dropped as an Olympic sport as part of a cost-cutting initiative by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). After six months and massive public backlash, the IOC reinstated wrestling as an Olympic sport. In turn, Gallays moved to Saint Catherines, Ontario to train with the Brock Badgers, one of the top women's wrestling programs in the country.

The move paid off as her success started to grow. In 2014, Gallays won a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland before capping the year off with a third-place finish at the senior world championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She recalls the latter

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achievement as one of the most memorable experiences in her wrestling career. And finally, after winning her wrestle-off in February 2016 and becoming a member of team Canada, Gallys solidified her role in March 2016 when she took a gold medal at the Pan-American championships in Frisco, Texas. The win officially qualified her for the Olympic Games in the women's 53-kilogram weight class.

They say the road to the Olympics is never easy, but this was especially the case for Gallays, who was still struggling with her chronic knee injuries on top of the pressure to compete with the elite. Despite these challenges, Gallays pushed through, due to a combination of her love of the sport and the support of her friends, family and teammates.

"You'd think (the injuries) would break me, but (they) didn't. I've fought a lot of things in my life, so I think it made a stronger, tougher athlete both on and off the mat," she said. "The support from my friends and family was huge during those times."

As she prepares for the Rio Olympics, Gallays remains undeterred. In fact, it's these types of challenges that keep her wrestling and why she loves the sport.

"I love the challenge of it. There's always something new to learn and always something new to watch. It's incredible to see how hard it can be and what you can overcome," said Gallays.

Gallays, her training partners and teammates will head to Brazil at the beginning of August. They'll spend their first few weeks several hours from Rio doing final preparations for the games and acclimatizing to the hot, humid South American climate. From there, they'll head into Rio to stay at the Olympic Village and compete.

Wrestling has taken Gallays across Canada and around the world more than once. She has competed or trained in seven Canadian provinces and more than 20 countries, including the United States, India, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, Russia, Hungary, Croatia, Poland, France, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Panama and Venezuela. Gallays said that while every trip has its memories, there are a few standouts, which include Croatia's beautiful scenery and Russian's stark terrain.

Gallays said her favorite part of travelling to wrestle might be the team aspect of the trips and the bonds that are forged during them.

"Trips to big competitions are always great," she said. "There's always so much going on around you. Even though it's an individual sport, tournaments are team events and you survive because of your teammates and the friendships you make with them."

On a quick trip back to Saskatoon in April, Gallays was able to fit in a workout at the U of S wrestling gym in between media appearances. As she trained, the wall behind her displayed two banners, one of Viola Yanik and one of Gord Garvie, two past Huskie wrestling alumni who represented their country at the Olympics. Come 2017, Gallays' own face will hang from the walls and greet the future Olympic hopefuls who step foot on the well-used green mats.

While she's not the first Huskie to make it to the Olympic Games, Gallays says it's a humbling experience to represent her alma mater and Huskie wrestling at the highest level.

"I'm proud to be a Huskie. My experience at the University of Saskatchewan was incredible and I want to show the world that."



### Oh, the places she's been

Gallays reflects on her wrestling trips around the world

#### "

Croatia was the most beautiful country I've been to. The landscapes and architecture are like nothing I've ever seen.

The Japanese just train so differently ...that trip really brought me to the international scene and showed me that there's so much more out there.

I saw at least five car accidents in Uzbekistan and on one ride, I was pretty sure we were going to get in one."

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### @JillianGallays

Follow Jillian Gallays' Olympic journey on social media or through her website jilliangallays.com. Know other U of S alumni heading to Rio this summer?

Send us a note at alumni.office@usask.ca so we can cheer them on!

#### As the world's largest land carnivore, a polar bear should make an easy target for a field biologist. After all, males can weigh more than 600 kilograms, stand two metres at the shoulder and be three metres long.

Nonetheless, as Susan Blum (PhD'99) explained, it's a bit of a challenge.

"The helicopter's swaying back and forth, and then of course the bear is dodging and running around," she said.

"If you have a good pilot to get you in position, when you're in synch, the pilot will swoop in and there's just that split second where you have that perfect shot as you're hanging out the helicopter window."

Blum was the first female polar bear field biologist in the 1990s while she was completing her PhD, and worked two years for the government of Nunavut before taking a job in Research Services at the U of S. Under the supervision of U of S wildlife biologist Malcolm Ramsay, Blum looked at levels of industrial chemicals and pesticides such as PCBs and DDT in polar bears.

Blum explains these chemicals, widely used in the temperate latitudes, are carried north by air currents where they precipitate out into the Arctic environment. They are absorbed by ocean plankton that are eaten by fish, who are in turn eaten by the seals that make up a large part of the polar bear diet. At each stage of the food chain, these fat-soluble chemicals become more concentrated, something exacerbated by the bears' feeding preferences.

"Polar bears prefer fat," Blum said. "If there's a lot of food—like during seal pupping—they'll just eat the head off the seal pups, because that's where the brain and the fat is and there's not much else on them. With the adult seals, they'll just strip off the fat and leave the rest of the carcass."

Finding out what kind of chemical load the bears are carrying is a major operation. A critical step is setting out fuel caches and marking them with GPS coordinates—the Arctic is vast, and unpredictable weather can bury these vital supplies under snow.

When the team sets out in the helicopter in search of bears and one is spotted, the pilot drops most of the researchers and gear off at a safe distance, then comes back with a team member and a dart gun loaded with sedative.

Blum, a farm girl from Simcoe, Ontario who grew up target shooting with her dad and brother and later served in the Canadian Forces Reserves, was particularly good at the job. She explains that during her first research season, unbeknownst to the team, helicopter pilot Steve Miller had been keeping a log book of hits and misses for all polar bear research darters.

"At the end of the season he had a bottle of champagne and he came in clapping his hands," Blum said. "He says that out of everyone he had worked with, I had the best score."

# From pole to pole

Learning about life at the edge of the world.

MICHAEL ROBIN



Once the bear is down, the team gets to work weighing and measuring the animal, as well as collecting samples of blood, urine, feces, fat, milk, hair and a small clip of flesh from its ear. Depending on the projects underway, the process takes one and a half to two hours. The researchers must also be on their guard for other curious bears and sea ice conditions.

"We always had firearms with us," Blum said. "We carried handguns—a .44—and we would have a shotgun with us, then of course the dart gun."

Fortunately, extreme measures were never needed while Blum was in the field, although there were a couple of uncomfortable incidents. One was when the helicopter was delayed while she was the sole person finishing up with a bear. She had to make sure she had enough sedative to keep the animal safely unconscious, while snuggling up to it to stay warm in the frigid Arctic weather.

Blum wrapped up her field career in 2000, the same year her friend and mentor Ramsay died tragically in a helicopter crash at Resolute. At the time, he was helping a BBC television crew with a two-part documentary on polar bears; they asked if Blum would help them with the second segment. She was in Churchill when she got the call with a job offer from the U of S.

Since then, Blum has continued to share her passion for the bears through annual tours to Churchill organized through the U of S.

"Everyone should experience the North," she said. "Just the beauty of the Arctic and seeing everyone in their natural habitat, the whales, the seabirds, the muskox and the bears of course. I miss that; I miss the adventure."

This same beauty captured Michael Ferguson (PhD'99) as a young man, drawing him to the northern end of Baffin Island for much of his career as a wildlife biologist.

Growing up in Riverview, New Brunswick, Ferguson learned to love the outdoors.

From his grandfather, he learned to hunt, trap and fish the forest country along the Restigouche River near Moncton. By the time he was in junior high school, he was snaring snowshoe hares to make extra money from customers on his paper route—easy work for someone with his skills. "I always loved winter; I always liked snowshoeing and getting out into the forest," he said.

Ferguson recounted how his grandfather and his friends would grow frustrated with local wildlife biologists who would make poor decisions on things like hunting limits.

"I thought to myself, 'maybe I should be a biologist who talks to hunters and local people."

Ferguson completed a bachelor's degree at the University of New Brunswick, then moved to Carleton University for an undergraduate honours program in biology, where an enthusiastic professor sparked his interest in Arctic ecology.

After finishing a master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, he took a job as a wildlife biologist for what became the government of Nunavut, which was then part of the Northwest Territories. Based in Iqaluit, then known as Frobisher Bay, he planned on five years for his Arctic sojourn and then planned to move back south.

But about six years in, Ferguson was "decentralized" farther north to the other end of Baffin Island. At first, his family was not keen on the idea but the beauty of the place—the mountains, the sea ice, the people—sealed the deal.

"We just fell in love with Pond Inlet," Ferguson said, explaining that even now, living semi-retired in Norway, he considers the community his true home. Both his Skype and email addresses incorporate the Inuit word for the area around the community: Tununiq.

Ferguson completed his PhD with the U of S during his 24 years in the Arctic, working on methods to collect Inuit qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) or knowledge about caribou populations and ecology on Baffin Island, a subject outside researchers had yet to explore.

His own field studies were confounded not only by conditions—June brings with it melting and fog that stymies aerial surveys—but by the behavior of the local caribou population itself.

"Baffin caribou don't form big herds," Ferguson said, "On the great plain of the Koukdjuak, there have been caribou everywhere, but they were running around in groups of two, five—a large group would be 25 animals." Left: Susan Blum takes care of polar bear cubs in the late '90s while researching in the Arctic.

Middle: Veterinarians Gregg Adams (right) and Rob McCorkell outside the McMurdo base station in Antarctica.

Right: Adams and McCorkell fight the terrain to research pregnant Weddell seals.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SUSAN BLUM, MICHAEL FERGUSON AND GREGG ADAMS Caribou are an essential part of Inuit life and culture and seen not only as a resource, but also as a way to connect the community.

"I talked to a good Inuit friend of mine at the time and he said, 'what is a community feast without caribou? It is nothing."

Above: Viewing caribou swimming in Nettilling Lake near Baffin Island was part of Ferguson's experience up north.

Ferguson helped document Inuit elders' knowledge about caribou abundance and distribution over 80 years beginning in 1910. His scientific research supported their ideas about the ecological causes of population changed over their lifetimes, mainly periodic heavy grazing on winter ranges.

At the other end of the planet, Rob McCorkell (DVM'83, MSC'02, PhD '06) is creating knowledge about an entirely different animal.

It's high noon on the ice shelf off Ross Island and McCorkell, Gregg Adams and Michelle Shero are clustered around the south end of a northbound Weddell seal, trying to determine if she's pregnant.

Antarctica is a long way from rural Alberta, where McCorkell practiced as a vet for 14 years after securing his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) at the U of S.

The Saskatoon native pursued graduate studies under the supervision of Adams, the WCVM professor who pioneered the use of ultrasound pregnancy testing in seals.

"I've practiced on anything from fish to camels—you'd be surprised what you find in rural Alberta," said McCorkell, now an associate professor at the University of Calgary.

He lists snakes, lizards and wallabies among his former patients, as well as the more prosaic pigs, cows and horses. Seals, however, are something new.

"That's been the most exciting thing about veterinary medicine: variety," he said. "What's the same, what's different, how are they adapted to make their living?"

A pregnancy test on a three-metre, 400-kilogram marine mammal involves carefully inserting an ultrasound probe nearly a meter long through the rectum and up the lower digestive tract. Understandably, the seal in question is unlikely to hold still for such a procedure.

"They can spin and take your legs out in a hurry, and

they'll grab you with their mouths," McCorkell said.

Fortunately, the "seal team," as they're called by the other 800 or so scientists and support personnel at McMurdo Station, have come prepared. A hoop with a cone net and canvas hood at the end goes over the seal's head, which quiets the animal long enough for a team member to administer a sedative to put it to sleep for the duration.

Once the seal is safely unconscious it's weighed and various samples and other data are gathered.

Then it's time for Adams, McCorkell and Shero to move in with their rectal probe. This involves digging a hole in the snow under the animal, then shrouding researcher and equipment under a blanket to block out the brilliant light of snow and sun so the ultrasound screen can be seen. It's a challenging environment.

"But all is forgiven when we find a baby on the screen," McCorkell said.

Detecting those babies has been a missing piece in research on Weddell seals, Adams explains, despite their being the subject of study since 1969—the longest continuous field study of a long-lived mammal in existence.

The Canadians have filled a significant gap for project leader Jennifer Burns from the University of Alaska. She is working to understand how Weddell seals manage energy demands in one of the most extreme environments on Earth. McCorkell explains reproduction is an energyintensive process for any species.

Summer on Ross Island is bright and stark; a bare, windy land devoid of vegetation contrasting with snow and ice and the smouldering cone of Mount Erebus, the southernmost active volcano on Earth, as a backdrop.

For a seasoned Canadian country veterinarian, Antarctic summer provided no surprises.

"The extreme weather I experienced at home is far worse than I experienced in their summer," McCorkell says, explaining a typical day was about -15 C, but he emphasizes Antarctica is not a place to be complacent.

Fickle weather, whether it be storm or fog, means every member of the team gets field survival kits, including tents, supplies and training on how to use them.

"You need to be able to take care of yourself for a while because they may not be able to help you for a couple of days," McCorkell said.

McCorkell's Antarctic journey started when Burns asked Adams about using ultrasound on Weddell seals. Since six weeks was too long for Adams to be away from his other commitments, he asked McCorkell to split duties with him.

A visit to the Vancouver Aquarium got McCorkell some hands-on experience with seals, then it was a 16-hour trip to Christchurch, New Zealand, followed by another eight hours via US Air Force Hercules transport plane that "salted around the cargo like garnish."

"It changes your picture of the globe," McCorkell said, recounting the flight from Christchurch, occasionally peering out the windows at endless ocean in which floating ice gradually got thicker as they approached the bustling McMurdo base.

"It's really an impressive place to visit."

# Worldwide impact



### Where in the world are U of S alumni?

Here's a look at some of the recent influences our alumni have made around the world.

# Vancouver, BC

### John (Jack) Wilson Poole (BE'54)

Poole was the chairman of the Board of Directors for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. The successful bid was due in part to his hard work and determination. He passed away in October 2009, a few months before the opening ceremonies.





### Don Listwin (BE'80, LLD'01)

Listwin is the founder of the Canary Foundation. The foundation is dedicated to finding a test for the early detection of cancer. Listwin envisions a world that can isolate cancer at its earliest, more curable stage.



# London, UK

### **Robert Frederick Mulder (BA'64)**

Mulder is considered one of the world's experts in the field of 19th and 20th century European prints, particularly in the work of Picasso and Munch.

He sold his \$20-million collection of Picasso linocuts to Ellen Remai, who then donated them to the Remai Modern Art Gallery of Saskatchewan. He also donated six linocuts to the U of S.



# Delhi, India

### **Rahul Sharma** (BComm'95)

Sharma's company, Micromax, is the second-largest smartphone provider in India. In 2014, Rahul was inducted into Fortune magazine's 40 under 40 list of the most influential young people in business, at #21.

Others in the top 40 were Mark Zuckerberg (#2) and Ivanka Trump (#33).



### Carolyn Tastad (BComm'83)

Tastad became head of Procter & Gamble's North American division in 2015 and was named Fortune magazine's list of most influential women in the United States in 2015.



# Nashville, TN and Derbyshire, England

### Brett Wilson (BE'79, LLD'15)

Among his capital investments, Wilson is a minority owner of the Nashville Predators NHL team, and from 2008 to 2015 was one of four owners the Derby County Football Club in the UK's Championship League.

# Los Angeles, CA

### Kim Coates (BA'81)

Coates is a prolific character actor, best known for his most recent role as Tig Trager in the FX series Sons of Anarchy.



### Xiaoping Xu (Bob) (MA'92)

Xu is the Founder of ZhenFund and a co-founder of New Oriental Education & Technology Group, the largest provider of private education in China.



In 2004, *Forbes* magazine listed him as one of China's Top 100 Celebrities.



# Toronto, ON

### James (Jim) Edgar Till (BA'52, MA'54, DSc'08)

In 2005, Till and Ernest A. McCulloch were the first researchers to prove the existence of stem cells. Their discovery in the 1960s went on to change the course of medical research.

Current U of S students are also leaving their mark around the world. Visit usask.ca/greenandwhite/travel to see the places they've been.

# Montreal, QC

### Dr. David Mulder (MD'62)

Dr. Mulder is the chief surgeon for the Montreal Canadiens hockey team, where he has worked to increase awareness in the early diagnosis, treatment and prevention of head injuries. The trauma centre at the Montreal General Hospital was named in his honour in October 2015.





# Emeryville, CA

### Darwyn Peachey (BSC '78, MSC '83)

In 1993, Peachey received a Scientific and Engineering Oscar for his role in writing the RendeMan software that was the foundation of Pixar's filmmaking success. He has worked films including: *UP*, *Ratatouille, Toy Story, A Bug's Life and Toy Story 2*.

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Greetings, my fellow alumni.



Alumni Association's 100-year celebrations are under way.

In 1916, I imagine the grass was already growing thick in the

bowl, students were venturing out from the College Building to make the walk to Thorvaldson and faculty were busy with convocation ceremonies at Convocation Hall.

Fast-forward 100 years and you still see some of the same activity today. The campus is buzzing with the anticipation of summer but instead of slates and chalk, they are now equipped with smartphones and iPads.

So much has changed in 100 years, but much of the tradition that makes the University of Saskatchewan the philanthropic, community-focused institution remains the same. A large piece of that tradition stems from the ongoing contributions our alumni make worldwide.

We are students for only a brief time, but we're alumni forever. This year we reflect on the past century of alumni who have walked through the halls of campus and gone on to do great things. It's the opportune time to celebrate and remember as ambassadors for this university, we can enhance its reputation through our engagement and success.

In the same theme of tradition, the annual Alumni Achievement Awards are another great tradition that highlight the significant impact and contributions of our alumni. We count on you to nominate your peers and fellow alumni for these awards. Head to alumni.usask.ca/achieve to nominate.

Unlike 100 years ago, when it would have been next to impossible to communicate instantly with all of our alumni, we are privileged today to virtually connect you. The best way to keep informed about centennial events in your area is updating your contact information by contacting the Alumni Relations office by

It's hard to believe the visiting alumni.usask.ca, emailing alumni.office@usask.ca or calling 1-800-699-1907.

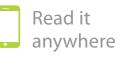
> I invite all my alumni brothers and sisters to come back to campus, reacquaint yourself with the beautiful architecture and scenery that is the U of S. and recreate some of the memories that were made all those years ago.

> The U of S Alumni Association is committed to bringing together alumni and friends from all walks of life. We're thrilled to share all the excitement of the centennial year with you.

Join us for the celebration!

#### Tanyann Belaney,

BA (Honours) Dean's List JD (LLB'05) U of S Alumni Association President



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Nominate one of our amazing University of Saskatchewan alumni for a 2016 Alumni Achievement Award.

The deadline for nominations is June 6. alumni.usask.ca/achieve

## **EVENTS**

### Join us!

Visit alumni.usask.ca for up-to-the-minute listings of events with other U of S alumni in your area.

(1) Alumni were invited to tour the new Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre on February 3, and hear from President Peter Stoicheff and lead architect Douglas Cardinal.

(2-3) On February 23, alumni at the Saskatoon speakeasy event sipped on Lucky Bastard Distillery cocktails designed by alumni who own the distillery.

(4) The second-annual bunny brunch and egg hunt saw future alumni hopping around campus in search of Easter eggs on March 12.







### ICYMI (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

A lot goes on between issues of the *Green & White...* Check out the alumni Facebook page and LinkedIn group to stay connected.

Update your contact information to make sure you get *Beyond the Bowl* monthly e-news, event invitations, college news and more. alumni.usask.ca/update

- facebook.com/usaskalumni
- in alumni.usask.ca/linkedin

# Notice of the Alumni Association's annual general meeting



The Alumni Association is proud to present Jaris Swidrovich (BSP'10), this year's USSU Young Alumni of Excellence award winner, as its guest speaker. Jaris is a doctor of pharmacy and a current lecturer at the U of S.

#### JUNE 22

6:30 PM: RECEPTION TO FOLLOW LOCATION: GORDON OAKES RED BEAR STUDENT CENTRE REPORTS AND AGENDAS WILL BE POSTED AT ALUMNI.USASK.CA/ASSOCIATION/AGM

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*Congratulations* to the following U of S honorary degree recipients:

Mike Babcock, head coach, Toronto Maple Leafs

**Cindy Blackstock**, executive director of First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and tenured associate professor at the University of Alberta

**Eric Grimson,** chancellor for Academic Advancement, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Rajat M. Nag,** distinguished fellow, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, India

**Keith Martell,** member of the Board of Directors and CEO of First Nations Bank of Canada

**Ray Ahenakew,** past president, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies

To read more on our honorary degree recipients, visit usask.ca/greenandwhite

# **Alumni Association Centennial**

Your alumni association is 100 years old and we want to celebrate with you! Keep your eyes open for information about centennial events and activities by visiting alumni.usask.ca/centennial

### **Alumni Reunion Weekend**

# Join us May 18 – 21, 2017 as we celebrate 100 years of our Alumni Association.

- Welcome reception
- U of S sessions featuring alumni, faculty and students
- · Lunch and learn
- · Campus tours
- College activities
- · Golden Grads convocation ceremony and dinner
- Pub night at Louis'
- Fun run (fundraiser for Alumni Association scholarships)
- Snake dance on campus
- Carnival in the Bowl
- · Campus tours
- Gala ball
- · Farewell brunch

### **Calling all snowbirds**

We want to chase our snowbirds to their sunny locations and bring the centennial celebrations to you but we need to know where you are first!

If you are one of our lucky alumni who head south to avoid the cold Canadian winters please complete this survey so we can invite you to events in your favourite sunny locations.

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# 1950

#### Mr. Zoltan D. Simo, BE'54, of

Mississauga, ON, retired in May 2014 from his career in engineering, manufacturing, business development and acquisitions, along with his positions as president, CEO, chairman and director.

#### Mrs. Faye Kernan, BSP'55, of

Saskatoon, SK, received the Prime of Life Achievement Award from the University of Saskatchewan's Retirees Association on September 28, 2015.

Rev. Joachim-Wedig F. von Schmeling, BA'56, of London, ON, was presented a Special Commendation by Canada's chaplain general, Brigadier General John Fletcher, for playing a pivotal role in conversations with the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate to explore chaplaincy innovations in the provision of chaplain services to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Prof. Emeritus James A. Dosman, BA'59, MD'63, MA'69, of Saskatoon, SK, was recognized for his outstanding lifetime accomplishments and achievements by St. Thomas More College (STM) as the male recipient of the 2015 STM Distinguished Alumni Award.

# 1960

**Dr. David S. Mulder, MD'62,** of Westmount, QC, was one of the major drivers in the restructuring of Quebec's trauma care system. On October 20, 2015 Montreal General Hospital renamed it's trauma centre the Dr. David S. Mulder Trauma Centre in his honour.

Kathleen E. McCrone, BA'62, of Windsor, ON, received the 2016 Alumni of Influence Award from the College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan on March 18, 2016.

**Prof. Emeritus Robin A. Morrall, MA'64,** of Saskatoon, SK, will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame on August 6, 2016.

Mr. Michel L. Riou, BA'65, Educ'68, BEd'70, JD'79, of Unity, SK, became the Treasurer of the Canadian Bar Association (SK Branch) and is a voting member of the National Council.

Mrs. Valerie-Jean Hume, BA'66, of Palm Springs, CA, was awarded the Sidney Harmon Award at the 2015 Desert Theatre League's Desert Stars Awards in Palm Springs, CA. Hume is an actress, director, producer, playwright, singer, musician, radio show host and theatre critic.

**Ms. Diane J. Selby, BEd'68, PgD'77, MEduc'89,** of Saskatoon, SK, was elected president of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan - Saskatoon Chapter for the 2015 - 2016 term.

**Mr. Joel D. Teal, BComm'69,** of Saskatoon, SK, received the ABEX Business Leader of the Year Award from the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce on October 24, 2015.

**Dr. Alan M. Rosenberg, BA'69, MD'74,** of Casa Rio, SK, was honoured with a master award by the American College of Rheumatology, one of the highest honors the ACR bestows.

That T. Ngo, BSc'69, SC'70, PhD'74, of Irvine, CA, received the 2016 Alumni of Influence Award from the College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan on March 18, 2016.

Mr. Guy C. Vanderhaeghe, BA'71, Arts'72, MA'75, DLITT'97, of Saskatoon, SK, was named Governor General's Literary Award winner for fiction, *Daddy Lenin and Other Stories*, on October 28, 2015.

**Mr. Paul R. Thagard, BA'71, PhD'77,** received the 2016 Alumni of Influence Award from the College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan on March 18, 2016.

#### Mr. Partha R. Das Gupta, PhD'72,

of Kolkata India, recently retired as principal adviser - Agronomy of Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture and was elected as state nominee to the Executive Council of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya - Agriculture University of the State of West Bengal, India.

**Mr. Ken K. Ziegler, BA'72, LLB'72,** of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

Ms. Patricia R. Katz, BSHEC'73, of Saskatoon, SK, delivered the presentation "Lighting a Spark – Navigating Mid Life Malaise" at the TEDXSaskatoon event held at Persephone Theatre on October 24, 2015.

**Mr. Kenneth G. Mazur, BE'73,** of Regina, SK, received the Community Recognition Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in November 2015, for his promotion and preservation of Ukrainian culture.

Mr. Wayne G. Wouters, BComm'74, LLD'12, of Ottawa, ON, was appointed to the Board of Directors for BlackBerry Ltd. on October 13, 2015.

Ms. Norma L. Wallace, BSN'75, of Saskatoon, SK, received the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour's (SFL) Bob Sass Occupational Health and Safety Award. The presentation occurred at the 2015 SFL annual meeting.

**Mr. Florian B. Possberg, BSA'75**, of Humboldt, SK, will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in July of 2016.

**Mr. Bob J. Schutzman, BE'75,** of Regina, SK, received the Roger Phillips Chamber Builder Award from the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce on October 24, 2015.

**Mr. Brian L. Derksen, BSPE'76,** of Dallas, TX, was named to the Board of Directors for ONEOK Inc. on December 29, 2015. Ms. Audrey P. Gauthier, BSN'77, BA'79, HOSADM'82, Arts'96, of Red Deer, AB, recently retired as area manager, public health, Alberta Health Services and celebrates 40 years in the nursing profession. She was previously employed by the Saskatoon Health Region and by the Vancouver Island Health Authority and was the recipient of the 1996 SRNA Excellency in Nursing Award for Nursing Administration.

**Mr. Philip J. Burton, BSc'78,** of Terrace, BC, is currently a professor of ecosystem science and management, and is also chair of northwest regional programs at the University of Northern British Columbia, based in Terrace, BC.

**Mr. Danny A. Shapiro, JD'78,** of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed chief adjudicator of the Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat in July of 2013.

Mr. Jeffrey D. Scott, , BA'79, Arts'81, LLB'84, of Regina, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

Ms. Marion R. Mutala, BEd'79, PgD'94, MEduc'95, of Saskatoon, SK, released new book on November 5, 2015 called *The Time for Peace is Now*.

**Ms. Karen L. Goa, BSP'79,** of Auckland, NZ, recently published her first novel, *My Father's Ears*, after authoring 250 medical publications, two travel books, numerous travel articles, and many short stories for Radio New Zealand.

**Mr. Don W. McIver, LLB'79, BComm'77,** of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

**Ms. Linda D. Braun, BSHEC'76,** of Saskatoon, SK, will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame on August 6, 2016.

**Mr. Brian D. Towriss, BComm'78,** of Saskatoon, SK, was awarded the 2015 Coach Dedication Award; Male, from Sask Sport Inc.

# 1980

Mr. Mike M. Hughes, BComm'80, LLB'83, of Eston, SK, was appointed

Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015. **Mr. Ken G. Kosolofski, BComm'81,** of

Regina, SK, received his ICD.D. designation following the successful completion of the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program.

**Mr. Kelly J. Lendsay, BSPE'81, MBA'94,** of Saskatoon, SK, received his ICD.D. designation following the successful completion of the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program. **Ms. Laura L. Kinzel, BA'82,** of Saskatoon, SK, retired in April 2015 as public program coordinator/educator at the Mendel Art Gallery (City of Saskatoon), after more than 30 years.

**Ms. Marla J. Rotnem, LLB'83,** of Calgary, AB, was awarded the 2015 Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers Association's Gary J. Bigg Champion of Justice Award for her outstanding work in protecting and advancing the rights of the individual through the practice of law.

**Ms. Barbara E. Gustafson, BEd'83, BA'87, MBA'01, CACE'06, PhD'15,** of Prince Albert, SK, was inducted into the Prince Albert Council of Women's Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Stacey G. McInnes, BEd'83, of Carnduff, SK, is currently semi-retired after teaching 32 years in the elementary grades. She taught K-8, core french and various other subjects.

**Mr. Curtis W. Evert, BSc'84**, of Calgary, AB, has been a geologist for almost 32 years and is currently the vice-president, exploration for Sherritt International Corporation.

**Ms. Mary E. Neufeld, BA'84, Arts'88, LLB'92,** of Regina, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

**Mr. Terry J. Zakreski, BA'84, LLB'88,** of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

**Mr. Ron W. Gilmour, BSA'84,** of Craik, SK, received his ICD.D. designation following the successful completion of the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program.

Ms. Maryann T. Deutscher, BusAdm'84, TEVOED'91, of Corman Park, SK, was appointed the position of senior manager, human resources with K+S Potash Canada.

**Mr. Michael W. Thomas, PhD'85,** of Stourport-on-Severn, UK, was shortlisted for the 2015 UK Novella award for his novella, *Esp.* 

Mr. John J. McKinnon, MSc'86, PhD'92, of Saskatoon, SK, was awarded the 2015 Canadian Beef Industry Award for Outstanding Research and Innovation.

**Mr. Bob A. Kirkpatrick, BComm'86, LLB'87,** of Casa Rio, SK, was named as the board chair of St. Paul's Hospital for 2015-2016.

Ms. Pearleen Kanewopasikot, BEd'86, BA'87, MEduc'15, of Edmonton, AB, currently teaches Cree and provides cultural and literacy support for the Edmonton Catholic School Division.

**Ms. Susan E. Mumm, BA'87, MA'89,** of Kingston, ON, will be appointed as Brescia University College's 12th principal effective July 1, 2016. **Mr. Mark H. Guillet, JD'87,** of Regina, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

Mr. Jeffrey W. Shevchuk, BComm'87, of Calgary, AB, was recently named western regional sales manager for BeeMaid Honey Ltd.

**Dr. Jay C. Cross, DVM'87,** of Okotoks, AB, was elected as a fellow to the Royal Society of Canada on September 8, 2015.

**Mr. Mike J. Hoffort, BSA'88,** of Buena Vista, SK, received his ICD.D. designation following the successful completion of the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program.

**Ms. Melanie A. Baldwin, BA'89, JD'92,** of Regina, SK, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Saskatchewan for 2015.

**Ms. Sarah B. King Head, BA'87,** of Fonthill, ON, was named honorary historian of the City of Thorold, Niagara, in September 2015.



Mr. Keith A. Willoughby, BComm'90,

of Saskatoon, SK, was presented with the Master Teacher Award from the University of Saskatchewan at fall convocation.

**Mr. Ron E. Jensen, BSc'91,** of Saskatoon, SK, received a sub permit from the Canadian Wildlife Service after prerequisite training in British Columbia to band hummingbirds in Saskatchewan in July 2014.

**Ms. Diane L. Harms-Gaskin, LLB'91,** of Calgary, AB, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Alberta for 2016.

Mr. Rex W. Newkirk, BSA'92, MSc'96, PhD'02, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as the research chair in feed processing technology at the University of Saskatchewan's Canadian Feed Research Centre.

Mr. John K. Gormley, JD'92, of Saskatoon, SK, received his ICD.D. designation following the successful completion of the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program.

**Mr. Aaron G. Grandberg, BComm'93,** of Calgary, AB, was appointed as the vice-president, finance and chief financial officer for Kicking Horse Energy Inc.

The Hon. Judge Steven D. Schiefner, LLB'93, of Regina Beach, SK, was appointed a judge for the Provincial Court in Prince Albert, SK, on November 13, 2015.

**Ms. Dawn M. Paylor, BEd'93,** of Meadow Lake, SK, was named one of Canada's outstanding principals for 2016 by The Learning Partnership. Mr. Andrew K. Will, BComm'93, of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed interim president and CEO of the Saskatoon Health Region on Dec. 1, 2015.

**Ms. Darlene Brander, BEd'95,** of Saskatoon, SK, assumed the position of chair of the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners on January 21, 2016.

**Mr. Scotty J. Butcher, BSPT'98, MSc'01,** of Saskatoon, SK, was promoted to associate professor at the School of Physical Therapy, U of S.

**Mr. Ian D. McArthur, BComm'98,** of Regina, SK, assumed the position of chief people and development officer at Innovation Credit Union.

**Ms. Jennifer L. Lavier Jankovic, BA'99,** of Calgary, AB, was the 2015-2016 ICSC Foundation recipient of the John T. Riordan Professional Education Scholarship & Travel Grant.

**Mr. Sandeep K. Dhir, LLB'99,** of Edmonton, AB, was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Province of Alberta for 2016.

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#### Ms. Laura L. MacGregor, BComm'00,

of Regina, SK, has earned her legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Kevin B. Tindall, BComm'01,** of Dalmeny, SK, has earned his legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of

**Mr. Brad R. Trost, BA'01, BSc'02,** of Ottawa, ON, was re-elected as a member of parliament for Canada on October 19, 2015. He represents the federal electoral riding of Saskatoon-University.

**Dr. Amer M. Hussain, BSc'02,** of Edmonton, AB, was named one of Edmonton's top 40 under 40 by *Avenue Edmonton* magazine in November 2015.

**Mr. Darren J. Buck, BComm'03,** of Saskatoon, SK, has earned his legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

#### The Hon. Andrew K. Parsons, LLB'04,

of St. John's, NL, was re-elected on November 30, 2015, as the member of the House of Assembly for the District for Burgeo-Lapoile in Newfoundland and Labrador, and on December 14th, was appointed by Premier Dwight Ball as the minister of justice and public safety, attorney general and government house leader. **Dr. Alika T. LaFontaine, MD'06,** of County of Grande Prairie No. 1, AB, was the recipient of the 2015 Canadian Medical Association Young Leaders Award.

**Ms. Julie N. Fallis, BA'06,** of Regina, SK, has earned her legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Janice E. Cochrane, BSN'06, of Prince Albert, SK, has completed a three-year term as a volunteer on the National Board of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA), is the past chair of the National Diabetes Educator Section (DES) of the CDA and has held several positions on that executive.

**Ms. Evelyn Lam, BA'08,** of Kingston, ON, assumes a position as a page in the public library and most recently the position as a spiritual care assistant/volunteer team lead after being awarded a certificate about palliative care from the Providence Care, St. Mary's of the Lake, hospital site.

**Mr. David A. Dyck, BEd'08, BFA'11, MFA'14,** of Estevan, SK, recently joined the Estevan Art Gallery and Museum as the associate curator.

**Ms. Kimberley A. Fyfe, BA'08,** of Regina, SK, is one of the founding owners of Slate Fine Art Gallery in Regina, Saskatchewan which celebrated three years of success in April 2016.

Chief Darcy M. Bear, BusAdm'09, LLD'14, of Whitecap, SK, was appointed to the Board of Directors for Peace Hills Trust for 2015 - 2016.



Mrs. Justine M. Marchuk, BComm'10, of Saskatoon, SK, has earned her legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Alanna L. Schemenauer, BComm'10, JD'11, of Regina, SK, has earned her legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Tyson B. Armstrong, BComm'12,** of Lloydminster, SK, has earned his legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Ronald M. DePauw, DSC'12,** of Swift Current, SK, was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame on November 22, 2015. Ms. Disha Joshi, BComm'12, of Saskatoon, SK, has earned her legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Devon J. Finlay, BComm'12, of Saskatoon, SK, has earned his legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

**Ms. Angela M. Kumlin, BSA'12,** of Duchess, AB, was named one of the 2015 cattlemen's young leaders by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association in October 2015.

**Ms. Shan Li, BComm'12,** of La Ronge, SK, has earned her legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Tianyu Cai, BComm'13,** of Saskatoon, SK, has earned his legacy designation as a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan.

**Dr. Fred Carmichael, LLD'13,** of Inuvik, NT, will be inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame on June 9, 2016.

Ms. Colleen A. Smith, BA'14, of Saskatoon, SK, was part of a study abroad program, organized by the Museum of Antiquities and the Department of English at the U of S, which was comprised of young scholars tasked with creating a digital catalogue of numismatics for Canterbury Cathedral.

**Mr. Aaron M. Herriges, BSKI'14,** of Saskatoon, SK, became the director of leisure services for the town of Canora, SK in January 2016.

**Mr. Paul H. Shakotko, MSc'14,** of Silver Spring, MD, assumed the position as a document management analyst for CACI International at the U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Rights Unit.

**Ms. Madeleine A. Shakotko, MA'15,** of Silver Spring, MD, assumed the position of program manager and executive assistant at the Order of Malta Federal Association.

**Mr. Gerald Finley, DLET'15,** of Crowborough, England, was awarded a Honourary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of Saskatchewan at fall convocation, 2015. The alumni association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following graduates.

# 1930

Brooke, Margaret M, BHSC'35, BA'65, PhD'71

1940

Arnold, Craig R, BA'46 Auld, Walter M (Murray), BE'40 Barron, June L (Clarke, Meloche), BHSC'41 Cameron, William H, BA'49 Carlson, Leonard I, BA'49 Cherry, Catherine L (Bergin), Cert Educ'41, BA'60 Cumming, James F, BA'44, MEd'45 Deutscher, John L, BComm'49 Fewster, W J (Jean), BHSC'46 Friderichsen, Blanche A (Irvine), BA'48 Goff, Arthur F, BComm'47 Gohrke, Bernice R (McGregor), BA'45 Grant, George D, BE'48 Howard, David L, BA'46, MEd'46 Hynes, Teresa E (Boyle), BHSC'47 Jowsey, James R (Jim), BSA'47, MSc'49, Cert Educ'61, BEd'62 Konkin, Irene A (Carss), Cert Educ'47 Koob, Donald F, BA'48, BEd'54 Martin, Joseph B, AGRIC'47 Miller, Joanne E (Roblin), BA'43 Minovitz, Osher, MEd'45, BA'45 Moysey, Eric B., BE'48 Rennie, John D, BSA'46, PUBADM'62 Roy, George L, AGRIC'47 Sanders, William E, BComm'48 Sproat, Enos S, AGRIC'40 Stewart, Charles M (Murray), BE'48 Stone, Lois M (Stanger), BHSC'45 Strautman, Arthur J (Art), BSA'48 Thornton, Thomas P, BE'47 Todd, Olga I (Worobetz), BA'42 Trevoy, Lloyd W, BA'41, MA'43 Victor, Shirley A (McRae, Wilson), BA'40 Warren, Meryl E, AGRIC'48 Watson, William D (Doug), BSA'48 Welch, Arnold P, BE'41 Wilson, Catherine E (Gunn), BA'48

# 1950

Anderson, James E, BA'59 Anderson, Justin T, BE'50 Arnot, Gerald A, BSA'51 Bailey, Ronald M, BE'50 Banford, Edward W, BSA'51 Bannister, Raymond J, BSP'58 Baxter, James C (Jim), BComm'55 Benjamin, Harold G, AGRIC'50, BA'68, BEd'83 Bergbusch, Victoria L, BA'56, MA'59 Bertram, Robert H, BA 1953, LLB'60 Bunn, Thomas C, AGRIC'50, BSA'54 Chatterbok, Lois J (Garvie), BA'54 Clark, James C, BE'51 Cleghorn, Priscilla J (Steele), BA'50 Craig, Edgar N, BSA'50 Deverou, Marie G, BEd'56, BA'63, ARTS'70 Diamond, Phyllis A (Ann), BSHEC'54 Dolan, Thora J (Reed), BSHEC'53 Douglas, Elizabeth (Betty) J (Westbrook), BA'56 Falk, Willie R, BE'59, MSc'61 Filipowich, Edward W, BE'59 Friedman, Samuel A, BA'49, LLB'50 Froese, Edgar, BE'55, MSc'57 Gauley, Isaiah S (Sherman), BE'50 George, Arthur F, BE'53 Given, James S (Stewart), BSA'50 Goll, Philip A, BSA'55 Gordon, Tom C, BSA'52 Grasdal, Carl O, BE'56 Hehn, Lorne F, BSA'58 Henders, Richard W, BSP'54 Hitchman, Richard N, BSA'52 Horton, Alan G, BA'53 Hupka, Mary (Tkaczyk), BHSC'50 James, Charles A, BSA'52 Johnson, Maisie R (Hunter), BSHEC'54, Kadis, Vincent W, BA'55 Kari, Audrey E (Dymott), BA'58 Kilpatrick, Robert A (Allen), BEd'56, LLD'95 Kostenuke, Theodore W, BE'56 Krasner, Joanna (Vanerpool), BA'50 Kratzmann, Arthur, BEd'54 Lane, Robert L, BA'59, BEd'67 Leblanc, Marcel A, BA'52, MA'54 Lidster, Donald K, MD'58 Lutek, William W, BE'52 Mackin, William R, BE'54 MacNeill, James W (Jim), BA'49, BE'58, LLD'88 McCartan, James J (Jim), BE'51 McCarthy, Reta S (Parkinson), BSN'57 McConnell, John J, BSA'51, PUBADM'61 McCracken, Allison M (Wells), BHSC'49 McDougall, Sheila (Elliott), BHSC'52 Merryfield, Gordon A, BEd'50, BA'63 Millard, Allan W, BE'56 Misewich, Elizabeth E (Snair), BA'51 Morgan, Rosalind G (Hrytzak), BA'56 Nelson, John K (Ken), BE'55 Nickel, Henry B (Hank), BSA'54 Olson, Stanley W, AGRIC'49 Paterson, Donald A, BComm'59 Pearson, Donald J, AGRIC'55 Perkins, Dean G, BE'58 Prediger, Peter J, BE'50 Pringle, William G (Bill), BComm'55 Prokopishyn, Harold, BA'57, MD'59 Reade, Clifford W, BE'52 Ridgway, Barbara J (Helston), NURS'57 Rokosh, Stanley A (Stan), BE'50

In Memoriam include those who have passed prior to March 15, 2016. Names are listed by decade of receipt of their first U of S degree. Date of death and last-known address can be found online at usask.ca/greenandwhite.

> Rompre, Benoit J, BE'49 Rushka, Romauld J (Roy), BE'49 Spector, Alvin R, BA'52, MEd'54 Spencer, John L, BA'55, MD'57 Tollefson, Roy S, BA'58 Tomlinson, Ann L (Lawrence), BComm'49 Towell, Judith M (Wright), BA'53 Turek, Stanley S, BE'57 Vaughan, William A (Bill), BA'56, MD'60 Ward, Roy V, BA'56, MD'58 Westbrook, Gerald T, BE'55 Wilkinson, Robert C, BComm'50 Willcox, Cyril L (Tod), BE'49 Windsor, Thomas R, BE'53 Wismer, Warren W, BSA'58 Wuttunee, William I, JD'52 Zeleny, Steve P, BEd'57

# 1960

Bailey, Donald A (Don), BA'61 Baran, Martin, BA'62 Beaton, Louise E, BSN'66, BA'73 Beattie, Janet A (Randell), BEd'61 Berg, Harold A, BEd'62, BA'67 Blair, George M, BEd 1960, BA 1961 Brown, Howard R, BA'67 Brown, James M (Milton), AGRIC'60 Brown, Yvonne M (Forsman), BSN'63, BA'69, MCEd'83 Burlock, Aubrey R, BEd'66, BA'73 Buzowetsky, Judy A, BEd'67, BSHEC'67 Cavanagh, Robert G (Gord), BA'67, Cert Educ'68, BEd'71 Chernenkoff, William (Bill), MD'63 Code, Robert W, BA'68, BComm'69 Duchminski, Benjamin W (Ben), BEd'65 Foraie, Louis J, BEd'64, BSc'70 Forer, Richard J (Dick), BSA'63, BEd'64 Forrest, James A, LOCADM'68 Forrest, Robert D, BA'64, MD'67 France, Edward M, BA'69, ARTS'70 Fruson, Edward F, BEd'62, BA'64, PGD'73 Getzlaf, Kenneth P, BE'69 Glessing, Clarence E, BComm'64 Gourlie, David H, BA'68 Green, Stanley A, MEd'65, PGD'78 Grosse, Anita M (Thelander), BA'63 Harder, Walter J, BE'60 Hart, Sheila M (Paul), BSN'65 Hillestad, Harold K, LOCADM'63, LOCADM'66 Hogg, Darrel D, BEd'69, BA'70 Hunter, Harry F, BComm'65 Hutchinson, Patricia L (Lynn) (Walsh), NURS'65 Jackson, Beverly E (Bower), BA'63 Kjolberg, Gary L, HOSADM'66 Kolot, Glenn N, BE'66 Koroll, Clifford L, BE'63

Kuyek, Alvin, BEd'62 Labarowski, Walter J, BE'61 Lyons, Richard B, BSA'68, Cert Educ'70, BEd'71 Machibroda, Paul, BE'60 MacLean, George W, BA'60, MD'66 MacLean, Robert I (lain), BA'62, Cert Educ'63 Mason, Paul E, BEd'68 Maxwell, Vivian M (Mitchener), BA'67 McCorriston, Lorne D, BA'69, BEd'69 McDougall, Donald B, BEd'66, BA'76 McLeod, Donna M (Skuce), BA'64 McRae, Beverley A, BA'64 Miller, Samuel A, BE'60 Muench, Alvin H, BA'62, BEd'65 Naylen, Gerald E, BA'62, LLB'65 Ostertag, Joseph F, BEd'61, BA'66 Pederson, Ronald M, BAPE'63, Cert Educ'64, BEd'64 Pichler, Douglas J, BE'65 Pinckney, Joyce M (Reatherford), NURS'64 Prince, Janice D (Cherewick), BEd'66, BA'71 Purves, Garth B (Barrie), MD'67 Reich, Robert, MD'62 Reid, Derby A, BA'68, Cert Educ'69, BEd'70 Reimer, Ellen M (Williams), BA'68, BEd'69 Sajtos, Catherine J (Joan) (McMillan), NURS'62, BSN'82 Schacherl, Ugo, MSc'60, MD'62 Showell, Frank, PUBADM'60 Simpson, James D, BE'63 Slowski, Orest, BEd'62, BA'66 Stewart, Jacqueline Y (Hicks), BA'66 Stock, William L, BA'65 Symchych, George M, BA'61, BEd'61, BAPE'65 Thornton, Mervin F, BEd'63, BA'65 Tihanyi, Eva (Kutas), MA'66, PhD'71 Tourigny, Raymond J, BA'62, BEd'65 Zurowski, Theodore F, BEd'66, BA'67

# 1970

Anton, Victor R, BEd'70, BSc'71, PGD'94 Asp, George E, JD'76 Baker, Hugh J, BSc'73, DVM'77 Barry, William R, BEd'72 Benko, Lyle A, BEd'72 Boschman, Marvin D, BEd'74 Bowers, Dawn B (Scharf), BEd'74 Boychuk, Carol E (Puchala), BEd'79 Campbell, Duncan L, BEd'74 Charnetski, James F, AGRIC'76 Cook, Florence A (Buziak, Osachoff), BA'73 Cook, Leslie T, BComm'71 Craik, Brock R, LLB'74, BA'74 Dziaduck, Julius, BEd'73 Evans, Dennis R, BEd'71, PGD'80 Field, Jean E (Smith), BSN'76 Fortowsky, Gloria R (Fetter) Goltz, Howard W, BSA'70 Grieman, Kevin J, BSPE'76 Hall, Thomas M, BE'72 Hanes, Elgin A, BADMIN'73 Ismond, Marjorie A (Anne) (Hoskins), BSc'70(Hon) Johnson, Isabel F, BA'78 Kiss, Josephine M, BA'70, BEd'70 Kolach, Judith A (Opheim), BEd'77 Koroluk, Jeffrey B, BEd'77 Lapchuk, Alexander P, BA'70, BEd'71 Mann, Wayne A, BComm'70 McDonald, Glen C, BE'75, PGD'82

Melnychuk, Raylette S, DVM'74 Murray, Robert J, DVM'73 Parry, Rosanna C (Jen), BSc'73, BEd'75 Putnam, Sharon M (Knafelc), BA'74, BEd'86 Riegert, Richard W, LLB'75 Rundell, Cornelia M, BA'75, ARTS'76 Rush, Maureen J (Hayes), BA'70, BEd'75 Schuster, Wayne J, BE'72 Sinclair, Nora I (Fessey), HHCC'73 Spiers, Wendy E (Smillie), BSP'70 Stinson, William R, LLB'72 Taylor, Andrea M (Britton), BA'70 Thomson, Doreen D (Arthurs), HOSADM'78 Tymchak, Johanna, BEd'78 Walker, Helen G (McMurchy), ASSOC'73 Weiman, Duane R, BEd'74 Wilhelm, Rita M, MA'74 Wostradowski, Ronald J, BEd'73 Young, George J, BUSCER'73 Young, Robert J (Bob), BEd'72 Yungwirth, Dolores M, BEd'71, BA'82 Zacharko, Robert M (Bob), MA'76, PhD'80

# 1980

Alberts, Darrell M, AGRIC'84 Alberts, Donalee C (Smith), BSN'86 Bergen, Heather L (Gaboriau), BSN'87, MN'95 Bone, Mary-Ann (Papove), BEd'86 Boucher, Elizabeth (Betty Jane) J (McConnell), BEd'83 Buchmann-Gerber, Annemarie, BFA'86 Charabin, Timothy V, BSA'88 Coey, Doris (Gajdycz), BEd'80 Dixon, Dennis K, PhD'84 Dougan, Helen M (Cameron), ARTS'81, BA'84 Erickson, Margaret R (Dahlen), BEd'81 Herrington, Ross, MSc'80 Kost, Rebecca A (Shaw), BEd'80, BComm'83 Lafond, Sandra J (Gregory), BEd'85, BA'87 Mark, Roy G, DMD'86, BSc'90 McAlpine, Robert S, BComm'86 McDonald, Marjorie E (Elaine) (Penman), BEd'85, PGD'88 Noonan, Jeanne C (Fournier), BEd'87 Peterson, Gwen A (Gillespie), HECADM'89 Richardson, Douglas A, BUSADM'81 Sadowski, Heather D (Guv), BSN'81 Shore, Susan C (Fraser), BEd'84

# 1990

Bastian, Marvin O, BEd'94 Bjarnason, Dorothy N (Turton), BSN'98 Christensen, Ian A, BE'99 Dyck, Grace M (Frederickson), BA'91 Hill, Kenneth L (Lance), BE'96 Komiyama, Carynn L (Phillips), BA'91, MA'98 MacLeod, Kimberley N (Epp), BComm'97 McConnell Jr., John J, BE'95 Muchayi, Maxwell, MSc'94 Norman, Muriel R (Halstead, Kovach), BA'90, ARTS'92 Schell, Tracy L, BSc'98 Solsten-Will, Brenda L (Solsten), BSc'95, MSc'98

# 2000

Belhumeur, Jeff D, BSP'08 Burwash, Jennifer L (Holinaty), BSN'09 Ferguson, Ron W, BComm'01 Fraser, Nicola J (Surtees), BSN'01 Larson, Jonathan E, BSA'08 Van de Vorst, Chanda M (Mierau), BSc(Kin)'05 Van de Vorst, Jordan L, BSc'05 Virgin, Ronald A (Ron), BUSADM'04 Wyatt, Harold E (Hal), LLD'07

### The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following faculty, staff and friends.

#### Allen, John R.

Bigsby, Floyd W. Britton, Caroline A. Brompton, Helen H. Brown, Yvonne M (Forsman), BSN'63, BA'69, M.Cert.Ed:83 Christison, George I (lain) Cooper, Kenneth S. Dermott, Elaine A (Von Oder) Edighoffer, Orbin D. Epp, Elizabeth H. Fisher, John A. Hackett, Elmer T. Hoehn, Erwin K. Hromek, Joseph J (Joe) Kirby, Alan R. Lefebre, Donald H. Lengyel, Francis L. MacLean, Robert I (lain), BA'62, Cert. Educ.'63 Manohar, Rampurkar R. McCarthy, Emily A (Appelt) Moysey, Eric B., BE'48 Nickel, Henry B (Hank), BSA'54 Nobel, Josephine J (Josie) Reinbolt, Fredrick G. Slights, Camille W. Smith, Peter J, ARTS'86 Telford, Terence B (Terry) Thiessen, Lena Ulsifer, Jim D. Van Huizen, Albert Whitworth, Anthony J (Tony) Wilson, Kevin A. Yannacopoulos, Spiro

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<sup>44</sup> I have always had a passion for art and I find inspiration all around me. Despite the fact that careers in fine arts can be uncertain, being able to call myself a working artist is my dream.

When I chose to study painting at the University of Saskatchewan, I was determined to avoid student loans, knowing the difficulty I would face as I tried to repay my debts while making a name for myself in the art world. The student awards I received have allowed me to hone in on my creativity, and have allowed me more time to devote to my studio practice.

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