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GAME CHANGERS:
USask alumni are the leaders the world needs
in their careers and communities.



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For countless students over decades at the University of Saskatchewan, the Memorial Union Building was the place where lifelong friendships were forged and memories were cemented.

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However you spell it, success starts at USask

With a nod to the venerable Sesame Street, here are the letters we need to consider in this magazine: B, W, T, W and N.

For those who haven't made the connection, those letters stand for Be What The World Needs, a call to action the University of Saskatchewan has issued to its students, faculty and alumni. You've probably noticed that tagline attached to most, if not all, correspondence you have received in the last year.

When you sit back to absorb that message, its simplicity is almost overwhelming. Even Ernie and Bert would understand this request.

USask has challenged every one of us to take the world-class education we obtain and make a difference in the community we live in.

As you peruse these pages, you will notice that each and every person featured has done just that. They are gamechangers. They have made a difference where they live and work.

If there is one perk to this job, it's receiving tips and recommendations sent by proud USask alumni to have a feature written about a friend or colleague who has gone on to contribute something wonderful in their community.

The toughest thing about this job is to make the decision on who and what will be featured in this magazine, but thankfully we have endless room to share these stories on our online channels as well.

Just take a look at our Alumni Achievement Award winners this year (see Page 34) and you will see a diverse group who are making an impact in a variety of fields. These people are shining examples of what USask grads do once they leave post-graduation. We never quite know where the path we take leads, but we trust in the education we have received and go out to be what the world needs.

Our USask Connects program, which links alumni mentors with current students, is a way to give back to the younger generation

and help them to achieve career successes like you have likely reaped.

As illustrated in this magazine, one thing our alumni has proven time and time again is how resilient they are especially in times when the goalposts keep moving.

For example, scientist Ravi Shankar Singh (Page 18) left campus during the pandemic to work at Pfizer and helped create something to ensure the health and safety of people around the world.

You'll meet Melissa Beatty (Page 22) who was the first person to achieve a master's of energy sustainability in the School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) and has taken her training home to help her community in Deschambeault Lake to flourish and prosper into the future.

Our annual lifetime achievement alumni award winners (Page 34) are further proof of where you can go and what you can do after your campus education has finished.

Every story in this magazine highlights that resilience and proof our alumni are following the credo of being what the world needs – today and into the future.

So as the USask community has grown, evolved and adapted to new challenges, we want to remind our extended alumni family that we are incredibly proud of your adaptability, creativity and the impact you are making in your corner of the world.

Take a minute to reflect and be proud of all you have accomplished, and think about how you can help the next generation of leaders and gamechangers coming behind you – the world needs US and it also needs YOU.

Just as Ernie needs Bert, know your USask alumni family is watching you make a difference in being what the world needs.

John Grainger
Editor


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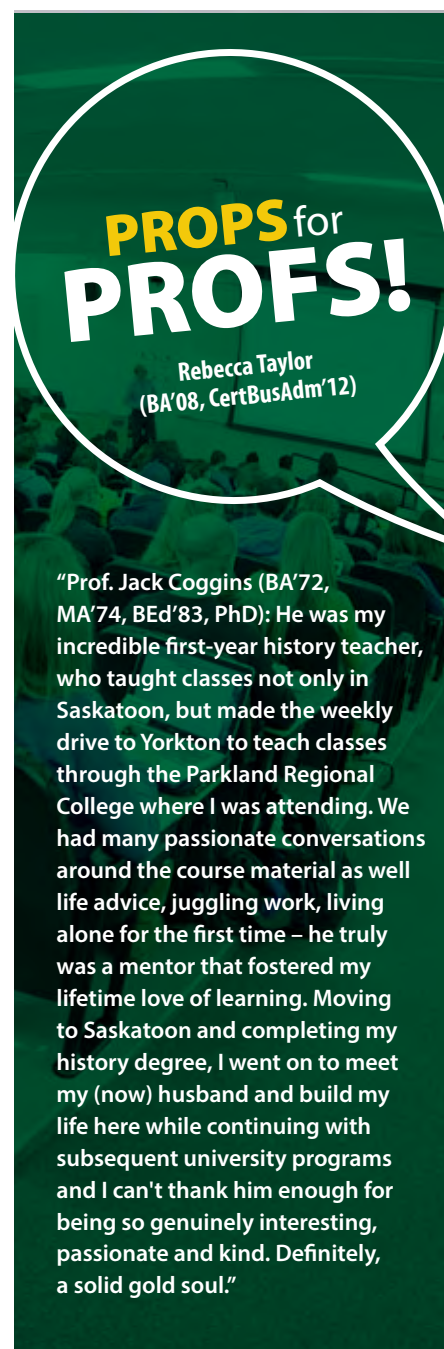
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This year's diverse group of Alumni Achievement Award winners embody what it means to be dedicated to one's profession and community.



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Rebecca Taylor
(BA'08, CertBusAdm'12)

"Prof. Jack Coggins (BA'72, MA'74, BEd'83, PhD): He was my incredible first-year history teacher, who taught classes not only in Saskatoon, but made the weekly drive to Yorkton to teach classes through the Parkland Regional College where I was attending. We had many passionate conversations around the course material as well life advice, juggling work, living alone for the first time – he truly was a mentor that fostered my lifetime love of learning. Moving to Saskatoon and completing my history degree, I went on to meet my (now) husband and build my life here while continuing with subsequent university programs and I can't thank him enough for being so genuinely interesting, passionate and kind. Definitely, a solid gold soul."

FROM THE PRESIDENT



We find ourselves in a unique position as we strive to be what the world needs.

Students arrive at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) knowing they will receive a world-class education to prepare them for success in their chosen fields. Alumni know that after they left USask, they were armed with the knowledge needed to succeed in their careers and become leaders in their communities. Never before has this institution been needed as much as it is now; it plays a critical role in developing the people who will go on to change the world.

In recent months, the Canadian Light Source has welcomed researchers and scientists from around the globe, joining a collaborative effort in the creation of antiviral drugs.

Significant funding from all levels of government and from the private sector for our Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) labs helped propel a USask-made vaccine into Phase 2 human trials and transform VIDO into Canada's National Centre for Pandemic Research.

This generous support has enabled our VIDO scientists and researchers to blaze a trail across Canada and around the globe as a leader in vaccine research.

Our USask leaders and faculty are sought out by the media locally, nationally, and around the world, to give insight and clarity to the questions that need answers.

We are looked to for solutions, and we are on a mission to find them. There has not been a time in our history when USask was needed in so many capacities. We are seen as innovators and creators of change.

Our Global Institutes for Food and Water Security are prime examples of the role a university can play in securing a healthy future for everyone.

Our commitment to strengthening our Indigenous connections grows ever stronger. We remain committed to forging new relationships and bonds and creating new opportunities for Indigenous students on our campuses.

We have also created and approved our first university-wide Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy, our first Sustainability Strategy, and our first Indigenous membership/citizenship verification policy, created by Indigenous members from on and off campus.

We know our graduates are equipped with the tools to be leaders in industry and in their communities wherever their lives go once they leave our campus.

In this magazine, you will read about game-changing faculty, leaders, students, alumni, and donors who have helped USask strengthen our foundation and lead us in building the reputation of our institution.

Inspiration is often found close to home, and the stories in this magazine will provide just that, as well as a sense of nostalgia for our beautiful campus. After all, the common thread we share is USask.

Our alumni will always be the best ambassadors of USask, and we could not be more grateful to them as we continue to strive to be the university the world needs.

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Memorial building steeped in history

A focal point of the USask campus has a history of its own



USask, University Archives & Special Collections, Photograph Collection, A-2191 "Memorial Union Building – Construction", 1954.
Photography: Saskatoon StarPhoenix



USask, University Archives & Special Collections, Photograph Collection, A-2170, "Film Screening - Memorial Union Building", 1959.
Photography: unknown

LINDSAY STOKALKO (BA'10, MA'14)

It's a building that has been a focal point for decades on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

The Students' Union Building Committee formed in 1945 to create a proposal for a new building that would serve as a memorial for the University of Saskatchewan students, faculty and staff who died in the two world wars.

The Memorial Union Building, or MUB, designed by Shore and Moffat of Toronto, constructed from 1953 to 1955, was the last building designed in the Collegiate Gothic style and clad in greystone.

The initial design included offices, lounges, shops, auditorium and ballroom.

The MUB formally opened on Nov. 11, 1955 and used primarily for student functions such as movie screenings, dances, chess games,

dining, studying and other special events.

In 1957, a board of directors was established to operate the MUB and to promote activities and programs for the students, faculty and alumni of the University of Saskatchewan.

Due to increased enrolment at the University of Saskatchewan during the 1960s, the student body quickly outgrew the building and plans for the Place Riel Student Centre began.

The MUB has seen many renovations over the decades, yet remains a poignant and central gathering place for students in both Louis' and Louis' Loft and houses important campus organizations and services including the USSU Pride Centre, USSU Women's Centre, USSU Help Centre and The Sheaf newspaper. ♥



The current Memorial Union Building.
Photography: John Grainger

A MAN AMONG KINGS

USask alumnus follows dream to a job in the NHL

 JOHN GRAINGER



Like many kids growing up in Saskatoon, Vukie Mpofu (BA'18) dreamed about playing in the National Hockey League (NHL).

Even in elementary school, in all of his assignments, Mpofu would work in an NHL angle, usually about his hero Joe Sakic, the legendary captain of the Colorado Avalanche and future Hall of Famer.



Mpofu, 25, loved hockey and worked passionately to improve his game. It also helped that he was naturally good at it, too. Very good, in fact.

He was born in the United Arab Emirates, moved to Zimbabwe and then to Saskatoon all before he was a year old when his dad accepted a job as a pediatric oncologist.

"An interesting thing about it is that my family moved to Canada from countries where hockey was not something people played. My dad and I actually learned the game of hockey together," said Mpofu, now part of the executive team as the manager of hockey operations and legal affairs for the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.

"A lot of kids learned hockey from their dads. But for me, it was different because my dad didn't know hockey at all. So, as I was learning the game as a kid, he was learning too."

Before long, Mpofu was spending hours outside playing with the neighbourhood kids at the frozen Briarwood Lake during the winter months.

"Growing up in Saskatoon and being part of the hockey community was an amazing thing for myself and my family," said Mpofu.

Hard work pays off

The hard work, drive and passion Mpofu had put into becoming a strong player was paying off. No matter the level he was playing, recognition for his talents was evident.

Mpofu was eventually selected by the Red Deer Rebels of the Western Hockey League in the annual bantam draft. He ended up playing two seasons in Red Deer before returning to Saskatoon where he graduated from Holy Cross High School.

He demanded accountability from himself

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VUKIE MPOFU (BA'18)

and that became evident as he was always tabbed as a team leader, often being named team captain.

Mpofu is quick to credit some of his coaches throughout his career: Fellow USask alumni in Chris Jacobson (BComm'04), Marc Chartier (BSPE'86, BEd'91) and Red Deer's Brent Sutter.

"Growing up, I had some really good coaches and I had the pleasure of being able to observe and be around some pretty incredible people," he said. "All along the way, I've had some really good mentors and people I could learn from and any leadership qualities I may have picked up were from people in the game that I admired."

Of course, Mpofu had people at home like his parents and older brothers who provided pivotal influence.

"More than anything, the support of my

mom has allowed me to pursue my dream. She has encouraged, supported and stood by me through a number of unique changes in both of our lives. I wouldn't be where I am without her."

"I got to watch my older brothers (Sabe and Dumiso (BComm'17)) go through school and university, go through different things in life and learn from their experiences."

It was in Red Deer when Mpofu realized as much as he enjoyed playing the game, he was unlikely to make it as a player in the NHL. But he loved the game and the hockey community and knew he wanted to stay there in some capacity.

He told Coach Sutter his mind was made up and Mpofu returned home to Saskatoon to enrol at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) in the fall of 2014.

Higher education

"My parents had gotten to Saskatoon on the basis of higher education and I had seen that model in front of me and once I had come to the realization I wouldn't be an NHL player, I wanted to see if I could get into the business side of hockey as an agent, or on the team side."

While at USask, he considered playing for the Huskies, but ended up concentrating on his studies to get the best marks possible.

After obtaining a political science degree, Mpofu applied to a number of law schools across North America and ended up selecting UCLA in Los Angeles where it had a unique program for sports and entertainment law.

It ended up opening the door to the NHL's L.A. Kings in the summer of 2021. Mpofu oversees contract negotiations, salary cap management, collective bargaining issues and analytics with the Kings.

Mpofu isn't sure where his path will eventually lead, but he's thankful he's able to stay in the game he loves.

"I'd like to continue working in hockey operations in the NHL. I really enjoy what I do and get a chance to work with some incredible people," Mpofu said.

Even though he's basking in the southern California sun this winter, Saskatoon and USask are never far from his mind.

"USask has been a big part of my journey to where I am now. I'm fortunate."♥

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Gillian Pinder (BE-Mech Eng'17)

Dr. Sean Maw: He gave me my first career experience in the sports engineering world as a student research assistant working on curling rock dynamics, and later recommended me for my first job after graduating as a contract researcher for Lululemon. He was also my design professor when a few of my classmates and I came up with an idea for a barefoot footwear product (just launched as the BareWear Binding) that allows for the use of custom foot supports during typically barefoot exercise. On top of this, Dr. Maw has been a mentor to me, giving encouragement, guidance and honest feedback when needed, which has kept me on a career and life trajectory I could only dream of before knocking on his office door. I am extremely grateful for the impact Dr. Maw has had on my life.



USask Vice-President Research Baljit Singh

Singh contributing expertise to advisory panel

USask Vice-President Research Baljit Singh has been appointed to the newly launched Advisory Panel on the Federal Research Support System.

Singh and six fellow panel members will provide independent, expert policy advice to optimize the supports provided to Canada's researchers, and foster collaboration within the research community, industry and government. To maximize the impacts of research and innovation, the panel will focus on the relationships among the three major federal granting agencies—NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR—and their relationship with the Canada Foundation for Innovation. ♥



Dr. Priscilla Settee (PhD)

Settee to offer insight to UN panel

USask Professor Emerita Dr. Priscilla Settee (PhD), was invited to COP27, the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Egypt this fall, to speak to Canadian and world leaders on climate issues.

Settee, who is an expert on Indigenous food systems and food sovereignty and author of the textbook *Indigenous Food Systems: Concepts, Cases, and Conversations (2020)*, the first book of its kind in Canada, was invited to speak to the UN conference after a cross-Canada tour where she spoke about her research to First Nations and federal government leaders. ♥

Words to live by



Photography: Carey Shaw

For those alumni and visitors to campus during the summer of 2022, you would have witnessed Skodenstoo diskodenstoois, a text-based neon sculpture by artist Wally Dion.

Dion is a member of the Yellow Quill First Nation (Saulteaux) who received a Bachelor of Fine Arts at USask in 2004 and now lives in New York State. Lit during evening hours, Dion's work is a combination of two Indigenous slang root words: Skoden, meaning 'let's go then,' and Stoo dis, meaning 'let's do this.' It was important for Dion to highlight the fact that humour and levity, which are so important for Indigenous people, are critical underpinnings for language and communication. Noting the location in front of the Peter MacKinnon Building, the artwork operates as a call to action by both uplifting and challenging USask's role as a space of teaching and learning. ♥



Eli Bornstein. *Photography: Courtesy of Remai Modern*

Celebrating a USask icon:

We have been blessed to have influential artist Eli Bornstein on our campus for the last 70 years. And now, a publication of Eli's journals in a book called *Eli Bornstein: Arctic Journals 1986 and 1987* is being launched. A special event was held last month where the world-renown artist was honoured as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Congratulations to Eli Bornstein! ♥

BY THE NUMBERS:

<p>1922 Born Dec. 22, 1922, Milwaukee, Wis.</p>	<p>1954 Master of Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison</p>	<p>1990 Retires as a USask art professor</p>
<p>1945 Bachelor of Science, 1945, Milwaukee State Teachers College</p>	<p>1960 Founded <i>The Structurist</i>, an art journal highly regarded around the globe</p>	<p>2004 Major piece of art installed outside the Canadian Light Source, USask campus</p>
<p>1949 Taught art at the University of Wisconsin</p>	<p>The first artist to have a solo exhibition, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon</p>	<p>2019 Named to the Order of Canada</p>
<p>1950 Moved to Canada in 1950, University of Saskatchewan</p>	<p>1972 Bornstein becomes a Canadian citizen</p>	<p>2022 Celebrates his 100th birthday</p>

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Cheryl Hamelin (BSHEC'88)

New VP Hamelin has high hopes for future of USask

Thirty-four years after cramming for final exams at USask, Cheryl Hamelin (BSHEC'88) started as Vice-President University Relations in June.

"Getting up to speed on all aspects of USask is daunting, but people have been so welcoming and supportive and I can't say enough about how embraced I feel coming into this role," said Hamelin, who has returned home to Saskatoon and to USask after former VP Debra Pozega Osburn completed her five-year term.

"I feel like I joined at the perfect time, in that June is such a busy month of convocation and donor events and celebrations as people start to wrap up for the summer. I had the benefit of meeting hundreds of people, right from donors to honorary degree recipients, to Indigenous leaders, to deans and directors, as well as researchers, staff, students, and alumni. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know the people who have made, and will make, USask the world-class institution that it is."

Just one week after her official start date, Hamelin joined USask senior leaders at Merlis Belsher Place to honour the Class of 2022 in Spring Convocation ceremonies, a fitting way for Hamelin to rejoin her alma mater.

"Participating in convocation was an amazing experience. I was deeply honoured to be able to place hoods on some of the students," said Hamelin, who graduated from USask in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics (Consumer Studies).

"So much has changed. I am pleased to see the incredible growth and prominence of USask's commitment to Indigenization, decolonization and reconciliation, as well as the focus on equity, diversity, inclusion, anti-racism and anti-oppression. And many of the major research centres and research initiatives that we have now weren't even on the horizon when I was here," said Hamelin, who most recently was serving as executive director of faculty development at the University of Calgary.

"There is so much to offer here," Hamelin added. "We need to continue to be bold about communicating and promoting our areas of excellence, because a lot of what we are doing here is critical to the future of what the world needs, whether that is food and water security, vaccine innovation, or medical interventions."♥



Dr. Verna St. Denis (PhD)

USask senior leaders embracing anti-racism/anti-oppression education

For 35 years, Dr. Verna St. Denis (PhD) has been leading anti-racism and anti-oppression instruction in teacher education at the University of Saskatchewan (USask).

"For me, it's a passion that I have had my whole life, my whole career, and I have been in the academy as a student and as a faculty member since 1978," said St. Denis, a professor in educational foundations who is co-leading anti-racism/anti-oppression education for USask's senior leadership team for the first time after being appointed special advisor to the president last year. "This is what is so important to me."

"There is literature that is starting to come out – a framework for what we need to do to have an anti-racist university – and it is validating because it's what we have started. Scholars recommend that you have to start with the leadership, and we are doing that. And to the best of our knowledge, other universities have not done this with senior leadership ... So it's a good start, but we need to do more."

"Our senior leadership team is committed to doing whatever is required to make our university a more inclusive, safe and supportive place for all students, staff and faculty members," said USask President Peter Stoicheff.

"These anti-racism/anti-oppression sessions have had a powerful impact on all of us and have provided us with a new understanding of the challenges and the responsibilities we face to make a difference in our leadership capacity."♥



USask alumnus Dr. Theodorick (Ted) Nwafor Chukwulobe Agulefo (MD) holding the original Biafran constitution that he signed during the Nigerian Civil War. *Photography: Submitted*

The life and times of one of USask's first Black students

He would go on to have a celebrated career as a doctor spanning five decades of service on two continents.

Dr. Theodorick Nwafor Chukwulobe Agulefo was born in the Nigerian village of Ogidi on Nov. 1, 1926, and would go on to have a remarkable life and career, filled with historic moments in Africa and North America.

He served as a physician and senior public health official in both Canada and Nigeria, served in an elite unit in the Canadian military making dangerous experimental parachute jumps, survived the Nigerian civil war, death threats and two coup d'états, and went on to raise a family of four children in Canada with his wife of 53 years.

When he was in his early 20s, Agulefo also made history when he became one of the very first Black students at the University of Saskatchewan (USask), breaking new ground as the only member of the Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) community in USask's medicine class of 1954.

"He always said he enjoyed his stay there in Saskatoon," said his son, noting his father was dating the mayor's daughter at the time. "The family accepted him so well, and he definitely enjoyed the University of Saskatchewan. Where he faced racial prejudice was in the U.S., and that's why he crossed over to Canada."

Records show that Agulefo was first certified in 1957 by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to practice medicine in Canada, marking the start of a remarkable 47-year career as a physician in Canada, the U.S., and Nigeria.

Dr. Agulefo was 86 years old when he died June 13, 2013. ♥



Dr. Robert Skomro (MD'93)

Support for Ukraine from USask med school professor

Shortly after war broke out, charitable organizations sought volunteers to help with the humanitarian response in Ukraine and nearby countries. One of those individuals who volunteered in Europe was USask professor Dr. Robert Skomro (MD'93).

"I'm originally from Poland and a lot of my family and friends were getting involved. I wanted to get first-hand information and assist where I was needed as the stories I was receiving were devastating," said Skomro, a professor of respirology, critical care and sleep medicine in USask's College of Medicine. "I heard from local organizations who needed volunteers."

Skomro took a two-week leave of absence to travel to Poland. Being from the area and knowing the language helped, as did being a physician.

"There are a lot of people who are helping (here) raising money and so on," he said. "My trip was a bit last minute, but I was planning from the beginning to see how best to assist refugees in Ukraine. Prior to my departure, I was able to help in some other ways. There came a point though when I thought, 'I think I have skill set required there.'"

While he was in Poland, Skomro saw first-hand the severity of situation. He supported the health needs of Ukrainian refugees at different assigned locations across the country, which he notes were well-organized by the Polish authorities. Skomro also delivered much-needed medical supplies in his suitcase, which were provided with the assistance of a Saskatoon company.

For his first assignment, Skomro worked with a health-care team at a converted hotel turned medical refugee clinic. During his time there, he treated patients who had been living in that location for weeks. ♥

THE NEXT STEPS

**USask adopts three new pillars
to add to a solid foundation**

 **JOANNE PAULSON**

Artwork: E. Kienzle, S. Royan / *Advances in Mathematics* 409 (2022)

When the University of Saskatchewan's first buildings were officially opened on May 1, 1913, the keynote speaker noted the important event with this poetic and prescient comment.

"You are rising in a new century, in an environment that has never before been known," said Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto.

Those words ring as true today as they did then.

As the world shifts and changes, the University of Saskatchewan moves with it, while always focused on living up to its original promise of being "the people's university."

To that end, a campus-wide exercise in determining and naming its strengths was recently completed. The process culminated in adding three new signature areas of research: Communities and Sustainability, Health and Wellness, and Quantum Innovation.

They have been added to the original six pillars, selected a decade ago: Agriculture, Energy and Mineral Resources, Indigenous Peoples, Synchrotron Sciences, One Health, and Water Security.

"If ever there was a time when the University of Saskatchewan was to be called the university the world needs, it's this time," said Dr. Airini, USask provost and vice-president academic.

"These pillars, these signature areas, offer something profoundly important to our province, to our country and to the world.

"They also differentiate the University of Saskatchewan from other universities."

Dr. Baljit Singh, USask vice-president research and a professor of veterinary medicine, was tasked with managing the process of determining the new areas shortly after he returned to USask from the University of Calgary. Airini, too, was relatively new in her role.

"It's some years since the signature research areas were first put in place and we continue to evolve as a university," she noted. "Having a new vice-president research and a new provost and a community that wanted to do more by way of excellence and research, this was perfect timing of everything coming together to make this possible."

Underlying it all were the university's deeply-rooted principles: diversity, creativity, sustainability and connectivity.

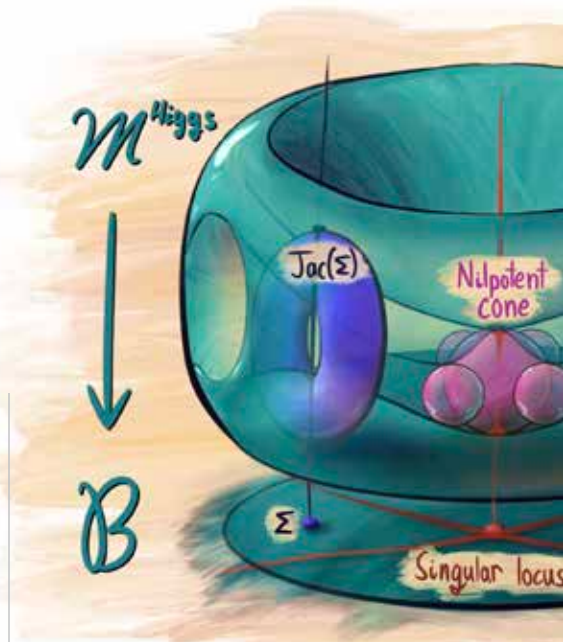
These new signature areas, she said, "will reflect this in remarkable ways."

The process begins

More than a year ago, Singh embarked on the campus-wide process of updating the signature areas, feeling profoundly that the entire community must be heard and engaged. The university's goals and history provided a foundation for the exercise.

"If we go back to the Renewing the Dream document from (former university president) Peter McKinnon's time, he began to talk about restating the words of president Walter Murray's that this university is to be one of the best around the globe," Singh said. "That's our benchmark; international standards.

"To get to that point, the effort Peter MacKinnon made, and President Peter Stoicheff carries forward, is to really galvanize our academic and research programs, build top-notch infrastructure, and be counted among the best in certain research areas in which the University of Saskatchewan is outstanding."



Images for this feature were provided by Dr. Steven Rayan, the lead for USask's new signature area of research in Quantum Innovation.

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DR. AIRINI



Dr. Baljit Singh
Photography: Gord Waldner

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DR. BALJIT SINGH

Signature areas, much like the evolving needs of people around the globe, are never static, he said.

“This is part of our strategy as a research-intensive university that has helped the province become an economic powerhouse. Everything we do in this province, everything we produce in this province, is needed by somebody around the globe.”

Wheat, uranium, potash, vaccines... the list of crucial commodities is long, but there is far more to USask’s contributions to society.

“The art and music we create in this university and this province — it’s truly remarkable,” Singh said. “The reason the university and the province have grown together over the last 115 years is because this is the university of the people of Saskatchewan.

“Over the years, we realized that at the end of that process (a decade ago), we did not select something from social sciences or humanities or the fine arts. There were scholars on this campus who were feeling disengaged. We needed to let those areas grow over the decade.”

He met with colleagues across campus and with scholars working in each of the six original areas to learn how much progress had been made and what the next stage might look like. Meanwhile, it became clear that the university should also be looking at new areas, and a process was launched to investigate.

“We put together a committee last May to ask the question: What is the definition of a signature area or a pillar? What does it mean

to have one? So, we constituted a committee with an open invitation and I charged them with the responsibility to give me some ideas.”

The committee, led by Airini, did not choose a hard deadline nor specific parameters on the number of pillars, instead adopting a flexible approach.

“The committee was constituted of several deans, members of community from outside university, members of the teaching side, artists; it was a very integrative multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder committee that we put together,” Singh said. “And they invested a significant amount of time.”

Seventeen reports came back to Singh, and without changing a word, he distributed them across campus. At first, communities and sustainability were separate ideas, but because “they go hand in hand” they were combined into one.

The second stage in the process was open public presentations to the campus community to gain feedback. Afterward, Singh went back to the committee and said, “we are not going to do a winner and loser approach here. Each of these ideas is outstanding and we are going to figure out a way to honour each of these ideas.”

Then he saw a way to combine the ideas into wider concepts, and the three areas were ultimately formed.

“This is where I got one of the biggest learning lessons of my life,” Singh said. “Health and Wellness combined five different ideas into one. Never would I have thought music would find a place with a biomedical research-driven idea. At the end of the day, we were



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able to accommodate 13 of these ideas into these three pillars which have come together.

"It made me a better person.

"This speaks to the spirit of collaboration at the University of Saskatchewan. We do our finest work when we collaborate. We do our finest work when we share with each other."

The new signature areas

Ultimately, the three new areas were established under wide umbrellas. Even so, some asked if nine signature areas were too many, but Singh thought no.

With 1,100 scholars, 26,000 students including 4,000 graduate students and world-class infrastructure such as the Canadian Light Source and VIDO, "for us to have nine pillars is just perfectly fine."

Communities and Sustainability:

"I believe USask has created knowledge over the last 100 years that has led to sustainability in agriculture, in our water use, in our mining, even before it became glamorous to talk about sustainability," Singh said. "We are very proud of communities and sustainability."

Health and Wellness:

This area "speaks to the aspirations of this university that health and wellness go hand in hand," Singh said. "It's not only about curing disease. It's about mental health, music, arts, and really the mindfulness piece to bring these domains together into advancing the health and wellness of Saskatchewanians and taking that knowledge and sharing it around the globe."

Quantum Innovation:

Quantum innovation is a "new and emerging area" in which USask has a large group of outstanding scholars, Singh said. With major funding from the federal government, USask is diving into quantum computing, quantum data management and "many other things quantum that will revolutionize how we do computing in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and other areas."

Some young USask scholars are involved in the development of the first quantum computer in Quebec for IBM, he noted. But quantum innovation is not all about zeros and ones.

"Steven Rayan, the quantum innovation leader, is already working on how to put art and quantum together. Faster computing,

machine learning, and AI will hopefully make our health care better, will make weather prediction better."

Guiding decision making

The new signature areas will connect teaching and research under the leadership of Singh and Airini. Soon, they will announce the leadership for each of these pillars.

"There will be one, two or three designated leaders for each of the signature areas," Singh said.

"We are going to provide seed funding to each of the areas to do conferences, workshops or as matching money so they will have some financial allocation.

"When hiring new faculty members, we will work with them to see how the scholars fit with the pillars. Many will be recruited in the hiring process with the pillars in mind."

Yet there were less tangible but equally important aspects both to the process of identifying the signature areas and its outcome.

"It built momentum around connectivity and collaboration," Airini said. "The intention is that our signature research areas should also be about connectivity and collaboration as well.

"We are connected to community; we plan and we decide as community. And the signature areas process showed that. It's also going to connect with pedagogies – how we go about learning and teaching."

One of USask's five aspirations, she added, is global recognition.

"In our university plan, it says we're to track our progress toward our five areas of high impact. And one of them is global impact.

"It says we are a university that sets the standard in learning, research, scholarship and community engagement. The signature areas of research will help us with part of that process, part of that calling, to set the standard in research and scholarship."

Indeed, Airini sees a future of greater collaboration with other universities and communities around the world and identifying USask's strengths will advance that goal.

"We really want to elevate the understanding of how world class the researchers are here," she said. "Then it's possible to connect with other researchers around the world. Then we can leapfrog in a



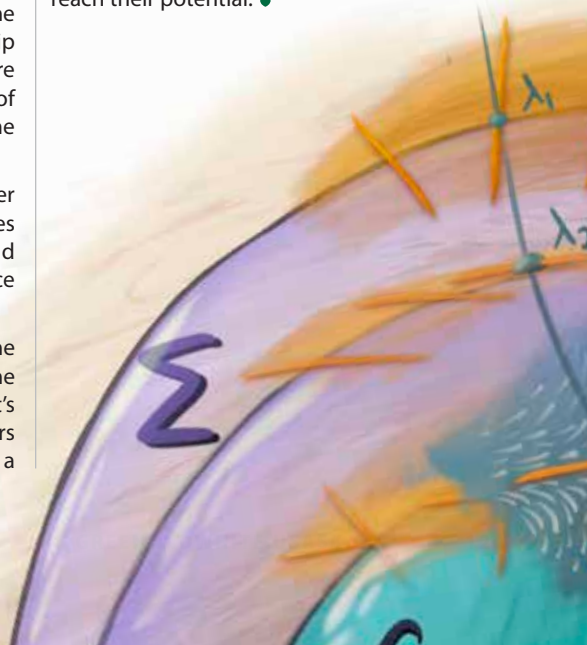
Dr. Airini

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timely way and be of greater help worldwide.

"The entire university is engaged in very important, powerful dynamic research and we're immensely proud of every researcher across the university and thankful for the support from all members of the university community to make it possible for these areas of research to emerge.

"It's going to take us all together to make it possible for the signature areas of research to reach their potential!"♥





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Home, sweet home

For the first time in more than two years, our USask alumni and supporters finally came together again on Sept. 9 to celebrate Homecoming 2022. We were treated to a home victory when the USask Huskies football team defeated the UBC Thunderbirds at Griffiths Stadium at Nutrien Park. Our Alumni crew had a booth set up prior to the game in the raucous Rally Alley and met so many wonderful alumni who stopped by to say hello. We look forward to the next event for alumni to gather on such a grand scale again.

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Creativity

in quarantine

COVID-19 pandemic opened the floodgates of productivity for painter Marie Lannoo

 SHANNON BOKLASCHUK

When Saskatoon artist Marie Lannoo (BA'77) looks back on the past two and a half years of the COVID-19 pandemic, she thinks about the impact the global health crisis has had on the arts community.

During the early stages of the pandemic, theatres, music venues and art galleries were closed to the public. Opportunities to take in live performances and exhibitions were extremely limited. Artists' livelihoods were impacted, and arts organizations looked for ways to connect with stakeholders virtually rather than in person.

"The arts sector has just been hit so brutally hard," she said.

Yet, despite the restrictions and limitations

brought on by the pandemic, Lannoo has tapped into a "tremendous level" of artistic freedom since early 2020. She has been intensely focused on her work, with the lockdown opening the floodgates of creativity and productivity in her studio.

"From that point in time, until now, I've never produced more work in my entire career," said Lannoo, a University of Saskatchewan (USask) graduate who studied in the College of Arts and Science and received her Bachelor of Arts degree (honours) in French in 1977.

"When you look over the course of a two-year period, you kind of sit and back and say, 'Well, how did this happen?' I think COVID really brought things into perspective, in the

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MARIE LANNOO (BA'77)



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sense that there wasn't any time to waste. There was no time to indulge in anything but working," she said.

"I'm used to working on my own in the studio; that's my way of life, and I'm very happy doing that. But this was more acute than just that. Not only was I alone in the studio, but our world just got a lot smaller in terms of contact. As an artist, I was forced to focus even more intensely on what it was that I was doing, because there were no other distractions at all. I mean, I went to the grocery store and came home—that was it."

Throughout the lockdown, Lannoo worked diligently in her studio while her husband, USask graduate Daniel Shapiro (JD'78),

worked in an office in the backyard of their Saskatoon home. With their children living in other parts of Canada, Lannoo and Shapiro "bubbled" together and kept their focus on each other and on their work. Their daily routines became more entrenched as the pandemic continued.

"I never would have thought that I would be more productive in COVID than less," Lannoo said. "I've simply gone with the flow, and I will go with that until it's no longer the situation. I'm just counting my lucky stars and trying to make the most of it."

In addition to her work as a painter, Lannoo runs a small independent project space, 330gPROJECTS, located at 330 Ave. G South in Saskatoon's historic Riversdale neighbourhood. When the pandemic first began, she became interested in how the health crisis, and the changes associated with it, would affect artists' practices. In 2020, with fellow artist and USask graduate Kyle Zurevinski (BFA'18, BA'19), Lannoo decided to organize a digital exhibition through 330gPROJECTS called *Colour in Quarantine* and invited other professional artists to submit pieces for the online show. At the time, she noted that "self-isolation is a new experience for many people," and she wanted to see how that experience would influence artists' work.

Colour in Quarantine—which sought to connect people through the concept of colour—turned out to be a great success. Artists working in a variety of media submitted their artwork to Lannoo, who is well known in Saskatchewan, across Canada and internationally for the innovative, visually stimulating artworks she creates by employing conceptual research and scientific methods of experimentation. Influenced by abstraction and modernism, Lannoo challenges the ways viewers see colour in their day-to-day lives, while also highlighting the complexity and illusion, as well as the

magic and beauty, that can be found in colour experiences.

As an established artist, Lannoo is known as a mentor to emerging artists in Saskatoon. She sees exhibitions like *Colour in Quarantine* and her artist-run space as playing roles in supporting artists in the community.

"The project space has provided an exhibition venue to them, some for the first time, promoting their ability to apply for grants and putting them in context with artists from away and artists from different generations," she said. "It is crucial, particularly at this time, to support artists and, in particular, emerging ones."

Originally from Ontario, Lannoo has proudly called Saskatchewan home for decades. The province's expansive prairie skies are a source of ongoing inspiration for her—an appreciation that was heightened during the early stages of the pandemic, when it was safer to be outdoors than inside.

"The way that I paint colour is the way that I see colour here on the Prairies, so I'm painting in layers and layers of transparent coloured glazes," Lannoo said.

"When you stand out on the bald prairie, you can see for 35 kilometres in the distance uninterrupted. You are standing in, and are immersed in, a sort of clear, transparent bubble of colour in space. If you think about an urban landscape, with density and pollution, you just don't see colour with the clarity and the space like you do here on the Prairies. So, I think the way I paint is how I experience colour here, where I live."

Colour, in its lightness and darkness, is inextricably linked to Lannoo's esthetic. An insatiable reader, she continually seeks to learn more about the science behind colour and light. As a result, she has worked closely with scientists at the Canadian Light Source synchrotron, a national research facility on the USask campus and she was the keynote

“What an amazing place to live and be an artist.”

MARIE LANNOO (BA'77)

speaker at the Colour Research Society of Canada's AGM in 2021.

Lannoo has also maintained other ties to her alma mater. Prior to the pandemic, her artwork was showcased at USask in a 2019 survey exhibition called *The Architecture of Colour*. Curated by USask graduate Leah Taylor (BFA'04), the exhibition featured large-scale paintings that were displayed in the College Art Galleries and aimed to provide viewers with what Lannoo described as an “up-close-and-personal look at colour and light.”

After *The Architecture of Colour* concluded, Lannoo sought to “scale down” her work from large paintings on wood and aluminum to smaller pieces on pre-stretched and pre-primed canvas. She saw the move as “a simple attempt to get back to work at a much more reasonable scale and just quietly starting again to see what would happen.” It marked her first return to canvas in 25 years—and she was quickly hooked.

“I just fell in love with it. Never could I have predicted what started so innocently could turn into a continuation of work in the studio now,” said Lannoo, adding that working on canvas has offered her a more intimate way of connecting with her materials and with her viewer.

“When I started working on canvas and on the smaller scale, that was a really direct way of connecting with something that I could hold in my hand, turn around, move around, experience on my own and in private if I

wanted to—nothing overwhelming.”

The smaller works, created during the pandemic, have since been publicly displayed; a recent exhibition at the Slate Fine Art Gallery in Regina, called *LIGHT FIELDS*, ran from April 7 – May 7, 2022. Lannoo's recent work was also showcased during a solo exhibition, titled *ALL-IN*, at Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art in Calgary in 2021. In 2019, she had an online exhibition at Regina's MacKenzie Art Gallery, called *Blue Sky*, and helped launch the gallery's new platform, The 13TH Floor. More recently, three of Lannoo's larger works, titled *Blue Over Saskatoon (Summer, Fall, Winter)*, featured in the USask survey show, were selected for inclusion in a Remai Modern exhibition. That show, *In the Middle of Everywhere: Artists on the Great Plains*, opened at Remai Modern on June 4, 2022.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, restrictions have been lifted and people are connecting in person more frequently. Still, Lannoo continues to remain intensely focused on her artistic practice, building on the momentum that began in those earlier pandemic days. She has been involved in numerous projects in recent months; for example, her painting *Winter Blue* was selected to be featured on the label of a limited-edition sparkling Chardonnay produced by Stratus Vineyards in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., as part of their Canadian artist label series. Meanwhile, the painting *Blue Over Saskatoon (Winter)*—also featured in the 2019 USask exhibition—was chosen as the

cover image of a book by Tapash Chakraborty, titled *Nanoscale Quantum Materials: Musings on the Ultra-Small World*. Curator and writer Wayne Baerwaldt is now working on a book of Lannoo's work featuring reproductions of paintings produced during the pandemic as well as essays from contributors across Canada.

Lannoo is also excited about her recent five-year partnership with SK Arts, a provincial organization that provides funding and support to Saskatchewan artists. Her mixed-media sculpture—*North, South, West, East – Nothing, Something, Wavelengths, Everything*—is the current Saskatchewan Arts Award sculpture, provided to some of the province's top artists when they are honoured by the organization. The design of the sculpture was inspired by the wavelengths of the visible light spectrum that enable people to perceive colour.

That spectrum of light and colour on the Prairies, in all its glory, is something that Lannoo will never stop observing and appreciating. For her, there is no place like home.

“Ten minutes outside the city, I can be looking into the distance and seeing a blue sky that has thousands of iterations of blue,” she said, adding that Saskatoon is known as one of the sunniest places in Canada.

“What an amazing place to live and be an artist.”♥

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Maureen Haddock (BEd'70)

Dr. Isabelle Mills: She made everyone feel special. There is an entire section in the archives at the USask library named after her. She donated sheet music, antiques and many personal belongings. To me, in 1967, as a young 18-year-old from a small town, she was a role model and a comfort. She always had time to listen and often invited students to talk over a cup of tea in her office. She loved a discussion, no matter the topic, and we knew she taught music education, but for me she was an interested, experienced woman I could trust. As time went on, we became friends. One day, maybe 20 years ago, she showed me the letters I had written to her over the years. She had kept them. We had a 55-year friendship and I think of her often.

Fighting pandemics in a post-vaccine world

USask alum aids development of Canada's first oral COVID-19 antiviral

 HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

With more than 80 per cent of Canada's population reportedly vaccinated against COVID-19, the ongoing pandemic has reached a point where people are moving toward a sense of normalcy — returning to the office, sharing a meal with friends or even venturing into crowded venues to enjoy movies and live performances again.

But for Dr. Ravi Shankar Singh (PhD'11), senior director of clinical pharmacology & early clinical development with Pfizer, there's a world beyond vaccines that can expand our available defensive tools against COVID-19 and further protect everyone's health and wellness.

"We had a very effective vaccine," Singh said. "But we also needed some therapeutic options so that, if someone is infected, it can be treated. As drug development scientists, we see the suffering all around us and that was a motivation to find a solution."

Singh has worked with Pfizer since September 2016, and his current position sees him helping to guide the process of drug development — not creating new pharmaceuticals directly, but studying the effects those products have on the human body and vice versa. The result, he says, is a clearer understanding of whether the material is safe for the general public and what dosage is most appropriate during use.

Most recently, Singh was among those at Pfizer who oversaw clinical development of the groundbreaking Paxlovid oral antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

As the first oral antiviral treatment approved by Health Canada for use against COVID-19, Paxlovid — which is actually two co-packaged

oral medications named nirmatrelvir and ritonavir — works by preventing the invading virus protein from replicating within the human body. In the process, the treatment buys the immune system more time to fight back early on in the infection.

"It stops the virus by inhibiting an essential enzyme necessary for replication," Singh said. "By preventing that replication, it reduces the viral burden."

Describing this breakthrough medication as an "exciting molecule" even in his early estimation, Singh and associated Pfizer personnel got to work testing the ways in which the antiviral would react if and when it was introduced to human participants.

"We need to understand what the drug does to the body when it is taken by humans," he said. "You have to understand if it is safe to be given and what the overall level of drug is in humans. That is evaluated in the healthy volunteers, and then we take that data and understand the characteristics of the molecule body before testing in patients."

Singh's experience working on COVID-19 may be particularly unique, given the virus' ongoing influence on global events, but his time at the University of Saskatchewan shows



Ravi Shankar Singh (PhD'11)

he's no stranger to research on key issues of the modern age.

Working under his supervisors, Singh's PhD program at the USask saw him testing the boundaries at the forefront of anti-cancer research.

"Obviously, when you've got a new anti-cancer agent, you can't start poking this into patients and there's a great deal of preliminary work," said Dr. Jonathan Dimmock (PhD), professor emeritus with the USask College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and one of Singh's co-supervisors. He describes Singh's role as similar to what he would later take on with Pfizer — finding out what would happen once a new compound was introduced into experimental contexts.



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RAVI SHANKAR SINGH (PHD'11)

"What was happening to it? Was it remaining unchanged in the body? Or is it breaking down to bioactive metabolites and so forth?"

Dimmock speaks of Singh in glowing terms, expressing no surprise that his former student would go on to work on prominent projects after transitioning into his professional career.

"He was a luminary from Day 1," Dimmock said. "He was an exemplary graduate student picking up ideas very quickly. I thought wherever he went he would distinguish himself."

"He's a person of unusual ability."

Dr. Jane Alcorn (DVM, PhD), professor and dean USask's College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, was similarly impressed by Singh — even taking notice of his merit long before meeting him based on the wealth of experience on the curriculum vitae that accompanied his application for PhD study.

"He was a potentially strong student," Alcorn said of Singh's experience, which even before his application was submitted and included work with research institutes in India and hands-on preclinical experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

"There were things he still had yet to develop, but the skills within the lab itself were things that I think he had already pre-developed when he came to Saskatoon."

Key to Alcorn's positive impression of Singh was the way he handled himself in the research environment, building on his prior academic and professional accomplishments to pick up new concepts and maintain an easy autonomy with only essential oversight.

"He had a lot of experiences to draw upon and a number of skills that spoke to his ability to be independent within the lab study," Alcorn said. "You might nudge him in a certain direction, but then he takes it and you don't need to provide much more support because he figures it out."

This feeling of liberty is one that Singh recalls fondly from his time at USask, counting his mentors' trust and the opportunity they afforded him among the foremost influences on his development through to this day.

"Everyone was very encouraging, and the independence that you get — not trying to handhold, but really helping you to become an independent researcher and giving you the freedom of thinking and coming up with your own ideas," Singh said. "Those are important aspects of my growth as a person and as a researcher."

Singh's interest in medicine stretches back to his youth in India, where an education in pharmacy would lead him to discover the ways in which lab-based study can influence the world of health care.

"Out of pharmacy, I saw that we were developing some things which would help people," Singh said. "I saw myself as developing tools that help doctors to deal with deadly diseases, and in that way we are also helping the patients."

Being a part of the team developing much-needed medication in the fight against a global pandemic is a reality that Singh doesn't take lightly, remembering the emotional moment when he learned Paxlovid would make its introduction to the world at large.

"We had been putting everything into this drug and it could have failed, but we were fortunate that it was effective," he said. "I'm not sure I'll have a chance to repeat this in my future — and I hope that I don't have to repeat it, that this pandemic ends and that nothing else comes that makes us do the same things — but this was very exciting."

"This is a lifetime achievement for me." ♥

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Giving power to the people

Community-led change at
the heart of new USask energy
security program

✍ MATT OLSON (BM'15)

Melissa Beatty is putting her SENS education to use for the Peter Ballantyne First Nation at her home community of Deschambault Lake and striving towards energy self-sufficiency.

Photography: Liam Richards (BA'12)

Born and raised in Alberta, Rory Wheat (BSc'20) grew up in what he called the heart of Canada's oil and gas industry.

It's that front-row seat to the energy industry that led Wheat to believe the Prairie provinces could be leaders of new energy transitions — and that led him to the new Energy Security program at the University of Saskatchewan (USask).

"For the University of Saskatchewan, in the heart of the Prairie provinces, to have a program focused on how to sustainably transition your energy sector while maintaining energy security in Canada's North — I think that's really cool," said Wheat, one of the first group of students to graduate from the program, who now lives in Edmonton.

The Master of Sustainability with a focus in Energy Security is a new degree stream from USask's School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS). Wheat is part of the first graduating class, having graduated in June of 2022.

The new master's program is focused on developing professionals to work with Indigenous, Northern, and remote communities to lead and create renewable energy development projects.

Wheat said the use of oil and gas is "fundamental" to the well-being and livelihood of so many Canadian citizens. He also noted he's excited by the opportunity to step into an ever-important industry in Canada and around the world.

"I saw this a way I could take my prairie roots and try to apply them to bringing more awareness and learning more to a new energy transition, and how Western Canada ... could be a part of that," he said.

Putting tools in the toolbox for remote and Indigenous communities

The new program includes a curriculum advisory committee comprised of faculty, industry professionals and community leaders.

Melissa Beatty (MNG'13), band manager for Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) in her home community of Deschambault Lake, is on that committee.

Beatty is also a graduate of the program.

She said the program, with Indigenous community leaders involved as advisers, has been a place for all voices to be heard.

"Environment and sustainability has always been in our culture. This program allows for that space for our stories to be told — that's one key thing I love about it," she said. "It's a bridge ... I'm learning from the Western side, and then there's our side and what we bring."

Beatty's first language is Cree — the same as many others in her community — and she said it makes a tremendous difference to meet people in the community on their terms when it comes to communicating new projects.

While the program is still in its early stages, Beatty has been excited by what she's seen so far both as an adviser and as a student.

But right now, this USask program can be the foundation for communities to tackle energy issues in a way that fits with the wills of community members.

Heather Bishop, the director of economic development for Cold Lake First Nation in Alberta, is also part of that committee. She called the new program critical for connecting students to the professional world.

"It presents an opportunity where you can blend real-world experience and experiential learning with the academic side of things," she said.

Bishop noted there are so many different "sub-areas" of sustainability and energy security that need to be considered when stepping into the sector.

She hopes the program can provide a way forward for prospective professionals in the field — particularly Indigenous students who will return to their home communities.

"Ultimately, what I hope to see out of the program is a roadmap for the students to say 'here's all the different facets of this industry, and here's some of the barriers and challenges you might face' ... A set of resources and key concepts that students will be able to apply for themselves at the end of the program, and execute," Bishop said.

The pains of keeping the lights on

Some of the first graduates of the new program were already working in the field of energy security and looking to add to their toolboxes.

Nadine Goldstone (MsS'22), inaugural graduate of the Master of Sustainability - Energy Security program, works for SaskPower. She referred to issues of energy security as an "affordability crisis" in northern Saskatchewan.

Many Northern Saskatchewan communities don't have easy access to natural gas for heat, Goldstone said. She says heating a home with electricity typically costs more than with natural gas.

"Add in the compounding factors of overrepresentation in poverty, maintenance cycles that aren't great ... you've got a lot of challenges," she said.

Goldstone had previously piloted a program for SaskPower addressing energy poverty challenges in Northern communities.

The program is aimed at addressing some of the root issues around energy security, including more academic instruction like energy literacy and emphasising behavioural adjustments as well as infrastructural planning and community capacity-building between local people and energy providers.

An important piece to this program is participating students don't have to travel to

“That’s the whole point of this... to open up opportunities for people in the North who don’t have the opportunity to participate in university in general.”

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Dr. Oscar Zapata (PhD)
Photography: Liam Richards (BA'12)

Saskatoon to complete their studies as they are concluded online remotely and at times that are accessible for the student.

Many students are already holding down regular day jobs in their communities and need to find time to handle the academic workload. This program allows students to fit their studies into their lives thanks to the online delivery.

Goldstone, like Bishop, emphasised that energy security is a broad subject. While the issues of today might focus on affordability, tomorrow the term might be more targeted towards transitioning to new energy sources.

While the program’s focus on Northern and Indigenous communities will help provide training and skills that individuals will take back to their communities, Goldstone said another benefit is its cross-Saskatchewan relevance and international appeal.

“It teaches the interconnectedness — whatever lever you pull has an impact 18 levers down the way,” Goldstone said. “It brings in concepts of resilience and social aspects

to traditionally environmental sustainability concepts, which is important because ... you’re not going to get energy security if you don’t have strong social or governance components in your strategies.”

Community leaders for community energy transitions

Dr. Oscar Zapata (PhD), one of the course instructors for the Master of Sustainability - Energy Security program, came to USask to be involved with this program.

He said he was “very excited” to see the promotion of community-focused energy transitions and similar projects.

“The program was designed to promote these energy transitions in remote communities, Indigenous communities, and we’re committed to that,” he said. “We want to take this opportunity to improve peoples’ lives.”

Zapata stressed that the work of the new program had to be a collaborative effort between students, faculty, industry professionals and community leaders to succeed — or as he put it, energy projects that

must “align with a community’s world view.”

“I would like to see a growing number of graduates that can work together with one another. This is a collective effort ... what is happening in one community can inform what is being designed or planned in another community,” Zapata said.

The executive director of SENS, Dr. Karsten Liber (PhD), says there is not another program such as this anywhere in Canada and it provides students with a life-changing opportunity for them and their home communities.

“That’s the whole point of this, to not only provide education, but to open up opportunities for people in the North who don’t have the opportunity to participate in university in general.”

Beatty is a firm believer in the program’s future.

“I’m glad that this program exists. It’s something I needed, and it’s something that’s very valuable. It falls in line with my values as a First Nations person,” she said. “I feel at peace with it.”

PROPS for PROFS!
Byron Birch (BE'65)

“Prof. Roy Ludwig: He was extremely down to Earth and made us think for ourselves. Sometimes we even discussed non-technical things like life insurance. He inspired me to really think deeply about a lot of simple things I had taken for granted and for that I will be forever grateful.”

Final whistle

USask alum looks back at lengthy career as an NHL referee

USask alumnus Brad Meier (BScPE'91, BEd'92) recently retired as a National Hockey League referee after a 20-year career. We talk to him about his memories:

G&W: Where was your first game? Your memories?

Carolina at Pittsburgh on Oct 29, 1999. I was awestruck at the start of the game but settled in. It was exciting for several reasons. I had my wife Colleen as well as my parents, Ron and Karen, at the game. It was also a unique experience for me because Mario Lemieux was playing for Pittsburgh, as well as a fellow Saskatonian, Curtis Leschyshyn for Carolina.

G&W: Where was your final game? Your memories?

My final game was Arizona at Calgary on April 16, 2022. This was one of the best days of my career. I was able to select my final game and crew. I also had close to 50 family and friends attend from Calgary, Saskatoon, British Columbia and a longtime friend/fellow official, Brent Reiber, surprised me travelling all the way from his home in Switzerland.

G&W: Best arena dressing room for a referee, and why?

One thing COVID did for the NHL officials was improve all of the dressing rooms. Many of our smaller dressing rooms prior to COVID were moved to larger rooms in arenas to maintain social distancing. As a result, the rooms were more consistent. Over my career the rooms got better every year in terms of what was provided for us. We went from a cooler with water and an energy bar for each official when I began to rooms with fully stocked refrigerators, pre- and post-game

meals and anything else that we may have required with a dedicated room attendant assigned to the room.

The hot dogs in Montreal were legendary!

G&W: Best players you shared the ice with?

So many. From the early part of my career, I would say Mario Lemieux, Joe Sakic, and Nick Lidstrom were all great players AND very respectful people. Then players like Jaromir Jagr, Anze Kopitar and Jarome Iginla. Present day players would be Sidney Crosby, Connor McDavid, and Alexander Barkov, as they are amazing players and quality people.

G&W: Did you ever make a call that you regretted?

Too many to remember. One that stands out was when I blew my whistle too early when I thought the goalie had covered the puck. This happens unfortunately to all officials. In my case it was in a playoff game in San Jose. As a result, San Jose did not tie the game and ended up losing and were eliminated from the playoffs.

G&W: What city had the best spot to go after a game?

New York City had so many. My favourite was a place called Foley's (unfortunately closed due to COVID). It was a sports pub in Midtown that had an unbelievable amount of memorabilia from all sports worldwide. Any professional athlete or official that went into Foley's were asked to sign a baseball which was then put in a display case on the wall. The amount of memorabilia was mind-boggling.

G&W: Most memorable game you ever officiated?

I have three: My first NHL game in Pittsburgh, my first Stanley Cup Finals game in 2017 and the gold medal game in 2014 in Sochi, Russia. ♥



Photography: Submitted



The University of Saskatchewan Huskies and University of Regina Cougars/Rams teams are in the midst of the first U-Prairie Challenge, a celebration and competition between the province's two U Sports athletic programs and the elite student-athletes who are the pride of both institutions. In all, 18 games in five team sports featuring football, hockey, soccer, basketball and volleyball will be played between the two provincial rivals in the 2022-23 Canada West conference season. The competition concludes with a women's hockey season finale at Saskatoon's Merlis Belsher Place on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023.

With a little help from your friends

Mentorship program gives a running start for JSGS students

 JOANNE PAULSON (BA'82)



The first step always takes a little confidence.

When the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Alumni Association (JSGSAA) piloted a mentorship program earlier this year, its main goal was to support current students and help them enter the labour market with knowledge and confidence.

That has clearly worked for Yuan Yuan Zhang, who graduated this spring with a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the JSGS University of Regina campus. Zhang is now employed with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice as a privacy consultant.

She was well into her JSGS internship with the government when the mentorship program started in early 2022.

"I was close to the end of my internship and looking for a job," Zhang said. "I was looking for some help on my interview skills and to broaden my network."

The JSGS internship program, which matches students with government departments, provided great benefits, "but if you can broaden your network, it is beneficial," Zhang said.

Zhang was matched with Jeff Bassendowski (MPA'10), director, planning, reporting and accountability, Ministry of Immigration and Career Training for the Saskatchewan government.

"He was a great match for me," she said. "He had a lot of experience working with the interns and knows exactly what we need."

Bassendowski coached her in interview skills and provided information about the value of strategic priorities, accountability and an understanding of policies and procedures.

"He provided a lot of guidance and advice and it was very helpful," she said. "I'm really grateful for this opportunity."

The pilot program had been under discussion for more than two years when Derrick Lepine (MPA'15) joined the JSGSAA. Following in the footsteps of Aaron Wirth, who conceptualized it, Lepine took over as organizer and brought it to reality.

“Helping develop that new group and seeing them move from students to interns to senior level professionals is a very rewarding experience because you’ve played a small role in that.”

JEFF BASSENDOWSK (MPA '10)



Loleen Berdahl
Photography: Gord Waldner

“It was a really good fit for the mandate of the alumni association, thinking about how do we build good connections with alumni and the school, how do we stay involved, and how do we support the current student population,” Lepine said.

“We talked to the school, and they thought this program aligned with their own strategic priorities. It met several purposes and was a really successful launch of the pilot program.”

As the director of labour market intergovernmental with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training for the Government of Saskatchewan, Lepine felt the mentorship program role was a good fit with his own background.

“That’s why I put my hand up to be involved,” he said.

School support strong

Dr. Loleen Berdahl (PhD), JSGS executive director, was thrilled to see the program instigated and designed by the alumni association.

“We’ve been supportive and working with them, but it was their initiative. It really speaks to how alumni, when they have a strong tie to a program or to a unit, want to see the success of future students. I found that really exciting.

“It’s such an incredible opportunity for our students and really speaks to the sense of community that we’ve been able to build at the school. I couldn’t be happier about it.”

She noted that the participant survey results were very positive, as were comments she has heard from students.

“At convocation, we had a pinning ceremony for our graduates in the morning,” Berdahl said. “The students who participated talked about how incredible that opportunity

was, because it’s personal; it’s a personal relationship. They felt they were seen, and their career was being seen as important to someone much further up, and that’s very affirming.”

The program also came in a milestone year for JSGS, she added.

“It’s the 15th year for the JSGS and we have a good 1,400-plus alumni now, and it’s just incredible to see where our graduates have ended up and where our alumni are making a difference across Canada and around the world.”

How it came together

The program launched in January 2022 and matched mentors and mentees for three months, Lepine said, adding that the JSGSAA hopes to make the program permanent.

“Before that, we’d been working on it for a while and developing the application forms and figuring out how to match mentors and mentees and a guidebook and all those kinds of resources.”

The JSGSAA put out an open call for interested students and linked them with trusted advisers working in the public sector at senior levels. Nineteen students were chosen, and the association members shoulder-tapped alumni they felt would be good fits.

Those alumni included deputy ministers and directors in the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta, the federal government and Farm Credit Canada.

As to the parameters, Lepine said they left it up to the mentees and mentors to decide what they wanted to achieve.

“What do we want to get out of this? Do you want to build a certain skill set or are you looking to get advice? They set those goals themselves at the start.”



Yuan Yuan Zhang
Photography: Submitted

Mentorship important for students, public service

For at least one of the mentors, the program held additional importance on a wider societal level.

"The labour market is so tight nowadays," said Kristin Ward Diaz (MPA'12), executive director of the workforce policy branch, Public Service Commission, for the Government of Alberta.

"We're competing with many, many different governments, private sector, you name it; it's pretty fierce. I've taken the opportunity to think about how I can support others to come and work for the Government of Alberta and see what we have to offer. And JSGS has lots of really good talent."

Among many responsibilities, Ward Diaz is engaged in broader workforce policy specific to talent acquisition and the competencies needed in government, so she knows whereof she speaks.

She was also motivated by simply helping an up-and-coming public administrator, something she does regularly.

"I spend a lot of time mentoring," she said. "This came up, and I thought it would be great to give back . . . to support the students and faculty on what it's like to work in government these days."

Bassendowski also came on board as a mentor partly because he sees the need to develop the next group of senior government leaders.

He's already engaged in that process, having been heavily involved in the JSGS internship program for the last seven years. He also sees it as giving back something of what he has received.

"Mentorship has always been a really key component in my career path," he said.

"I've been very fortunate . . . to have accessible coaches and mentors throughout the last dozen years. I really endeavour to pass that kind of knowledge on.

"Helping develop that new group and seeing them move from students to interns to senior level professionals is a very rewarding experience because you've played a small role in that."

Indeed, he noted, a number of JSGS graduates have come to the Saskatchewan government and stayed.

"This mentorship is another pipeline for talent, for coaching and mentoring people up and a bigger talent pool for us going forward.

"The biggest value for the internship is it gives students trying to move to the workforce that bridge between education and employment."

Program helpful in career planning

Emma James, who graduated with her MPA, was Ward Diaz's mentee. James is studying via the JSGS online program — which she calls "outstanding" — and has a special interest in equity policy and inclusion.

"Particularly in light of COVID, it's been interesting to grapple with what the future of work will look like," James said. "To be able to discuss in real time what kind of challenges there are . . . has been very interesting.

"It's also been helpful in terms of career planning, too. Everything is so much less certain (in the COVID era).

"I've been very fortunate with Kristin. We've had a number of discussions about what career options might be the best fit for

me and what aspects I'm really interested in, but also expanding to consider other career positions that don't necessarily immediately come to mind.

"To be able to explore that has been fantastic and incredibly helpful. The Alumni Association did an absolutely outstanding job in matching us."♥



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Alumni-led mentoring program

USask Connects is a mentee-led program that provides an opportunity for current students and recent graduates to gain insight and guidance from alumni mentors to enrich their academic and career journeys. This program is delivered in partnership between Alumni and External Relations and Career Services. USask Alumni involvement can either be as a mentor (alumni with five-plus years of employment experience) or as a mentee (new alumni who have graduated within the last five years).

To learn more about mentoring on campus visit alumni.usask.ca/get-involved/usask-connects1.php



PROPS for PROFS!
Dr. Jason Bernard (PhD'20)

"Prof. Ian McQuillan was my PhD supervisor, and he was an amazing mentor, supervisor, and friend. What makes him particularly special is how he tailors his interactions with each student to give them what they need. For me this meant letting me run with the baseball and score a basket (another successful sports metaphor, go me); however, he was always there to give guidance and help work a problem. Ian did a great job of tolerating my attempts at comedy. For example, I would call him "Dude!" when I got excited about something, and this never bothered him. I certainly have many stories about Ian. He's a great guy. A great father. A great professor. A great friend. Thanks for everything Prof. Ian McQuillan!"

Honorary degree nominations

An honorary degree is the highest honour the university can bestow. Honorary degrees are awarded to outstanding individuals who have made a worthy and unique contribution.

Nominations for honorary degree recipients are accepted year-round and are reviewed bi-annually by the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees.

The guidelines and form for nominations can be found on the Governance Office website at: governance.usask.ca



Nominations open for University Senate members

Senators connect the university to the community and have authority over matters such as selection of the chancellor, awarding of honorary degrees and making regulations concerning non-academic student discipline.

In the 2023 election, there are five (5) member-at-large positions available and one (1) district position. Elected senators will serve a three-year term beginning July 1 and are eligible for re-election after three years for a maximum of two terms.

Election procedures

Only members of convocation¹ can be nominated. Nominees for district positions must reside in that district; there are no restrictions on where members-at-large reside.

Nomination forms and more information are available at governance.usask.ca. Nominations must include a 200-word biography, be nominated by at least three members of convocation^{*} and be endorsed by the candidate.

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On a mission of hope –



A backlog of trucks on the border between Ukraine and Poland is a daily occurrence.

Photography: Rachel Johnson

and help

USask alumna travels to war-torn Ukraine to support civilians

JOHN GRAINGER

It's not as if Rachel Johnson (MN'21) was looking for trouble when she decided to offer her nursing skills after Russia's military move to occupy Ukraine.

"I find that I thrive in these situations, that are unconventional. Deep down, I knew this was something that I needed to be part of," says Johnson, on why she spent three weeks soon after the war began in the spring as a volunteer for the Canadian Medical Assistance Team (CMAT), a team of health-care professionals dedicated to supporting Ukrainians displaced during the incursion.

There were two physicians, two nurse practitioners, four registered nurses and a translator (also a midwife) as part of her team which was based in western Ukraine, near the Polish border.

Her nine-person team operated at three sites, including a shipping container converted into a health clinic. This is where Ukrainians were offered free primary care and treatment similar to a typical walk-in clinic one could find in Saskatchewan.

"Everyone was affected by the war. Everyone," says Johnson, who came to Saskatchewan nine years ago from Toronto, but ended up relocating, leaving her parents and two siblings behind.

"My family was proud of what I was doing and extremely supportive. Nobody was really surprised by it, just maybe not expecting it."

Her grandfather was a conscientious objector during the Second World War and served by delivering medical supplies in the front lines in China.

"I think there's a way to be able to support without taking up arms," says Johnson. "The other side of it was I was not going to a combat zone, I was going to a conflict area.



Rachel Johnson. Photography: John Grainger

So, there was risk, or course, but it wasn't an active zone."

Johnson is not your typical health-care provider and nurse practitioner. She has always sought out the most vulnerable and

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RACHEL JOHNSON (MN'21)

offered her skills in remote locations, such as communities in northern Saskatchewan.

In Saskatoon, she works at USask in the ground-breaking virtual care and robotics program. As well, she still finds time to work as a nurse practitioner at a Saskatoon clinic and tries to find time to return to northern Saskatchewan to help where she can.

Johnson and her team would work in Ukraine, but at night they would return across the Polish border to sleep. But make no mistake, there was risk for Johnson and her team.

“But the opportunity to do good and help outweighed the risks we faced.”

The Ukrainians she was dealing with every day were people who had fled combat zones in places such as Kiev or Mariupol seeking safety in the western part of the country.

“Every single person was affected by the war, the invasion. It was felt by all Ukrainians,” says Johnson. “We heard a lot of heartbreaking stories and witnessed a lot of horrific things.”

One particular memory for Johnson occurred while she was stationed at the shipping container clinic right at the border.

“Cars would drive up, stop, and everybody would get out, the families. They’d be saying these heart-wrenching goodbyes,” recalls Johnson.

“The women and children would get into cars and cross the border while the men stood and watched and then turned around and drove back into Ukraine. They were not allowed to leave the country. I would literally be watching families torn apart. You’d literally be watching these people saying goodbye and not knowing if or when they would be seeing each other again.

“That’s just horrendous. Just horrendous. But that’s just the reality for most Ukrainians.”

Sometimes Ukrainians would arrive at their

clinics mad and upset that their worlds had been turned upside down by the war.

“They felt like the world had abandoned them. But then they would see that Canadian flag and that we were from Canada and they realized they were not alone. That was gutting.

“But they would leave with big smiles on their faces. They didn’t feel as abandoned or alone anymore.”

When her stint concluded and she returned, Johnson says she was struck by an odd feeling of returning to somewhere that was safe and comforting.

“It was almost more culture shock coming home than when I was going there. It’s hard not to see how much people take for granted here.”

She knows Canadians hold Ukrainians close to their hearts, but it was stark for her seeing how easy life is in Canada compared to a war zone that spared no one.

But this was a journey worth experiencing for Johnson.

“You do learn from it and it does change you. Any exposure to anything different I feel broadens your perspective and understanding.”

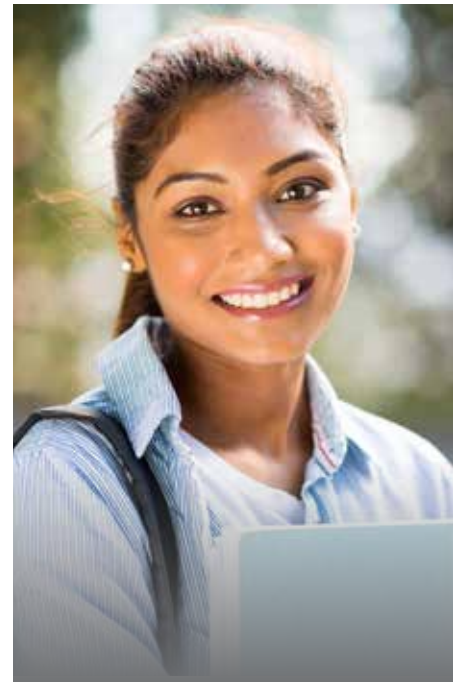
Johnson also felt Ukrainians needed more help than she could solely provide while she was there.

“It can be frustrating when you can’t do more and we had to sort of step back and realize you can’t fix everything, you can’t do everything. But we can make a difference for some people and that is still worth doing.

“I didn’t change the tide in the war. I didn’t do anything grand, but I was able to support people when they needed help.”

Would Johnson ever want to return to Ukraine again?

“Absolutely.” ♥



Students at Risk Fund

Undergraduate and graduate students are experiencing educational interruption and displacement because of changing political environments. To address this significant obstacle for so many students, USask has introduced the Students at Risk Fund.

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FOR THE RECORD



Three former USask athletes have one thing in common — records that probably won't be broken for a long time. Basketball forward Sarah Crooks, soccer keeper Samantha Simpson and football quarterback Brent Schneider all had phenomenal USask careers and hold records that have stood the test of time. We talk to them about their accomplishments.

SCOTT LARSON

Brent Schneider was at the helm of an explosive offence that would make it to the Vanier Cup that year, and the game against the UBC Thunderbirds would push the Huskie quarterback into the national spotlight.

At that time TSN did a university game of the week and it just so happened to be this game.

"That was always fun for us to know we were playing on national television," said Schneider.

"I remember it was a bright, sunny warm October Saturday afternoon, and there was a good vibe going into the game.

"We were not where we wanted to be as a team and were trying to turn the corner toward having a strong finish to our season and everything sort of fell into place that day."

Did they ever.

The Huskies could do no wrong in the first half as Schneider threw seven touchdown passes before half-time.

"It was just one of those days where you have lightning in a bottle," Schneider said. "It just all came together — guys were making great catches, we overpowered the UBC team we were playing.

"We had some receivers that were second to none — Dave Blackburn, Carey Prokop, Mo Norsten, our tailback, was a great weapon to use out of the backfield. I think those guys all caught touchdowns that day."

The team didn't have a regular field goal kicker so they gambled a lot on third down anytime they were UBC's side of half.

"One time we faked a field goal and I threw one to Dave Blackburn that we scored on," Schneider said. "It just sort of steamrolled."

"I made some good throws and sometimes we got lucky. I think Prokop caught one off the top of a defender's helmet."

In one of the first drives of the third quarter Schneider threw his eighth TD pass and head coach Brian Towriss took him out of the game, which would end up being a 70-17 victory.

"Who knows, there could have been a few more out there," Schneider laughed.

With the game being televised nationally the spotlight shone on Schneider.

"I was certainly riding high, and it got our season back on track."

But football is fickle.

The next weekend the Huskies went to

BRENT SCHNEIDER (BEd'96)



Calgary and played on a snowy, slushy field.

Schneider went back into the pocket, was hit while throwing and tore his knee up.

"It went from one week feeling pretty good about how things were going to potentially being out for the season the next week. It was quite the roller-coaster," he said.


Schneider missed the final regular season game and the Canada West final against Calgary before returning to play in the Atlantic Bowl against St. Mary's in Halifax.

The Huskies would go on to play in one of the most memorable Vanier Cups, losing 50-40 in overtime to the Western Mustangs.

Schneider threw for 528 yards and four touchdown passes in the game. He also threw five interceptions.

"Losing that game was bitter and drove me to finish my eligibility," Schneider said.

Two years later the Huskies were back in the Vanier Cup and Schneider would get his championship ring with a 31-12 win over St. Francis Xavier.

Schneider still holds a number of Huskie records, including career touchdowns (56) and career passing yards (8,294). 



Growing up with an older brother in Saskatoon Samantha Simpson says becoming a good goaltender was all about self-preservation.

"If you wanted to play street hockey with your older brother (Jeff), little sister went in net so all of his friends could shoot at you," said Simpson. "I like to think I got into goalkeeping as a means of self-defence."

Simpson would follow her brother into soccer, spending five years with the Huskies where she recorded 10 shutouts in 30 games, a Huskie record she shares with Cara Santaga.

What's so remarkable about the 10 shutouts is the team did not have much success, winning just six times and 14 ties over the five years Simpson was on the team.

"We always struggled to score, but we were always pretty good defensively," Simpson said. "If we got the opportunity we would try to score, but we're definitely not going to let you score."

When Simpson began playing soccer, it was with the boys.

"Back then there was no girls' team so I was playing with boys from my elementary school," Simpson said, adding they weren't sure what

to do with her so they put her in net.

It turns out she was really good.

When she finally started playing girls soccer she moved to midfield.

"Then one of my coaches discovered I could play goal and that's where I landed from about 15 onward," she said.

When Simpson arrived with the Huskies, they already had a veteran keeper in Angy Couseneau so she only got into a handful of games the first two years.

But she was able to hone her keeper skills by continuing to play with her club and provincial teams.

In 1993 Simpson became the starter. The same year Simpson and her provincial team went to the Canada Games.

"There was a good core of us with the provincial team that were also with the Huskies," she said.

"We had great chemistry and had an amazing season, at least from our perspective,"

The Huskies would continue to struggle on the field, but Simpson's stellar play did not go unnoticed.

In 1993, Simpson was named Huskie

Athlete of the Year and is still only the second female soccer player to receive the honour (the other being Jacqueline Lavallee).

Simpson is the only female Huskie soccer player to be named a first-team All-Canadian, receiving the honour twice (1993-94 and 1994-95), and was named Canada West player of the year in 1993-94.

She was also a Canada West first-team all-star three times.

"In my fourth year, I had some nibbles from the national team," said Simpson.

But then she tore her MCL at the start of her fifth year and missed the first half of the season.

She credits her 10 shutouts and success to having a solid defence and great communication with her teammates.

"There are 11 of us on the field and we had a very good core of defensive players," she said. "Don't get me wrong, I had my share of things to do at the back, but at the time it didn't feel like I was doing anything special or out of the ordinary."

"We just made it as hard as possible for anybody to A, get through to me, and B, if they did get through, I was OK in my job."

Simpson said she was always a student of the game and was positionally sound.

"I've always felt that I read the game very well and can anticipate when someone will try to put a long ball through," she said.

One of her favourite Huskie games was also a bittersweet one.

It was a game against the powerhouse UBC Thunderbirds in their home stadium.

"We were holding UBC, which had been something like six-time national champions and half their team played on the national team, we were actually holding them to a 0-0 game until the last few minutes of the game," Simpson said. "Honestly, I think my own team scored on me. I think it was a crossed ball off of a body and in."

"It broke our hearts because that would have been the first time in history we would have taken a point off a UBC team. Here we are, a bunch of Saskatchewan girls putting up the 11-man wall so to speak."

After her Huskie career, Simpson moved to Calgary in 1997 where she connected with the Calgary Dinos and became their goalkeeping coach and assistant coach for 13 years. 🏆

When Sarah Crooks discovered basketball, it soon consumed her life.

"I just loved basketball and I played every recess, every noon hour. I was in the gym every single day," said Crooks, who grew up in Fife Lake and didn't start playing basketball until Grade 10.

"And there was no such thing as people getting cut. We never had enough people come out."

Despite the late start, Crooks was an alternate on the provincial team in her Grade 11 year and that's where Huskie head coach Lisa Thomaidis discovered her during a scrimmage against the Huskies.

Thomaidis called Crooks the next year inviting her to come try out for the Huskies.

"I went up to a game in the fall and I knew instantly I wanted to play here," Crooks said. "I'd do whatever it takes to play here."

As a 6-foot-2 rookie forward, Crooks had a lot to learn.

"When I came to Saskatoon in the summer to scrimmage with the Huskies I was horrible," she said. "I didn't know anything about basketball. I didn't know how to set screens, I didn't know anything."

But Thomaidis saw something in her and kept pushing her to get better.

"I was just athletic, that's all.

"The only thing Lisa could say about me was that Sarah can run and jump, and that is the truth. We joke about it now," Crooks said.

"When I made the team, I was completely shocked."

Crooks came to the Huskies at the same time as another rising star, guard Ashley Dutchak, and it was the start of a great run for the team.

Crooks said much of her success can be credited to Dutchak.

"She's an amazing player and teammate. She also had a huge passion and dedication for the game and I think, in part, we helped



change the culture of the team."

Crooks said basketball didn't come naturally to her and she needed to work at it every day.

"I thought about it constantly. I would be walking between classes thinking about the

move I was working on, picturing it in my head," she said.

"And I was in the gym all the time. I was a perfectionist. If there was something I wasn't doing right, I was working on it."

Her athleticism carried her until her skills caught up.

"I wanted to be the best player in the world, even though I knew that wasn't possible. It was my goal. That drove me every day."

By her second year other teams were taking notice of Crooks.

"I would get double-teamed, drawing a lot of defensive attention and teams were focussing on trying to shut me down."

In her fourth year the team had their best season ever, going 17-3 in the regular season.

And Crooks was named a CIS All-Canadian and won the Nan Copp Award as the best player in the country.

Crooks would set the all-time Huskie scoring mark that season and the team would win its first ever conference championship in the modern era, downing a perennial powerhouse UBC team in the final.

Crooks said that was one of her favourite memories as a Huskie.

"Other people were stars in that game, not me," she said. "Everyone stepped up and it was so much fun."

Crooks would go on to win the Nan Copp award for the second time the next year and be named a CIS All-Canadian. By this time, she was also playing on Canada's national team.

Crooks would finish her career with a record 1,999 career points and 1,181 rebounds.

After her Huskies playing days, Crooks continued playing on the national team in the summers and also spent three seasons in Spain from September to April playing professionally.

These days, she can be found in Nashville, Tenn., along with her husband and three children.♥

Dr. Bob Besant: While I learned successfully in Bob's thermodynamics class, at the time I did not appreciate the lasting, constructive effect he would have on my subsequent engineering career, and in fact, many other aspects of my life to this day. Bob's most valuable teaching obsession was his highly structured approach to problem analysis. In all the years following, Bob's structured approach has assisted me continuously in solving not only engineering, but also many of life's other problems.



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Achievement Awards

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) announces the 2022 winners of the Alumni Achievement Awards, one of the university's highest honours.

This year's seven recipients embody the university's aspiration to *Be What the World Needs* because of their significant accomplishments and contributions since graduating from USask. They include a groundbreaking fusion scientist, entrepreneurial trail-blazers, a leader in medicine, a prodigious author and a protector of our water's future.

Nominated by their peers from a group of more than 169,000 alumni, these seven distinguished alumni are changing the world—one idea or action at a time. Their lives will inspire ours.

Nominations for our 2023 Alumni Achievement Awards are now open. Visit alumni.usask.ca/achieve to learn more.



CHRISTOPHER PUTNAM

When he arrived as a student at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) in 1959, Dr. Robert Calder (BA'63, MA'65, PhD) expected to breeze through university as easily as he did through high school. Instead, he failed out after his first year.

It was a lesson that stuck with him.

"I always told my students: You know, I'm not giving you an education. You've got to come and take it," said the USask professor emeritus of English.

Spending a year washing walls and floors at Saskatoon City Hospital gave the 20-year-old Calder the motivation he needed to re-enrol at USask. This time he worked harder, completing a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in English.

Five years after flunking out, he was hired as a member of the Department of English. By 1979, he was the youngest-ever head of the department and one of Saskatchewan's most acclaimed authors.

This year, Calder was recognized with one of the highest honours given by the university, the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award. He says the award is especially meaningful to him as someone who has been connected to the university for more than 70 years.

"The university has been part of my life for almost all of my life."

Born in Moose Jaw and raised in Saskatoon, Calder grew up in a house on College Drive directly across from campus.

"The university was our playground. I can remember playing on the construction site for the University Hospital when it was just

Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award Dr. Robert Calder

starting to be built," said Calder.

His mother, a divorcee in an era when divorce was taboo, set a quiet example of resilience that inspired Calder throughout his life. In 1948, Mildred Calder moved the family to Saskatoon to raise her two sons alone on a receptionist's salary. Mildred never graduated from high school, but she knew the value of education.

"I think in the back of her mind, she thought that living near the University of Saskatchewan, her sons would have a lot better chance of going to university," Calder said.

The two brothers went further than she could have dreamed. Calder won some of Canada's highest literary awards and was invested into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, while his brother Dr. Kenneth Calder (BA'66, MA'67, PhD) went on to become an assistant deputy minister in the Canadian Department of National Defence.

Calder credits a willingness to work hard—what he calls "a Saskatchewan attribute"—with some of his success.

When he looks back on his career, another lesson comes to mind: Don't underestimate yourself.

Calder often tells the story of his PhD studies at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom. When he first arrived, he was intimidated by the "articulate, sophisticated British graduate students" around him. But three years later, he was the only one in his class who had finished his dissertation and earned his degree.

"I've always said that my training at USask gave me a real leg up," he said.

Calder returned to a faculty position at USask and took up writing. As a Saskatchewan-based author in the early 1970s, it would have been easy to succumb to the belief that an international reputation was out of reach.

Always a proud prairie resident, Calder savoured seeing the words "University of Saskatchewan" on the jackets of his books and reading the name of his home province—

occasionally misspelled—in reviews from *The Telegraph* or *The New York Times*.

He spent 45 years in the College of Arts and Science, one of the rare faculty members able to balance the life of a professor with a successful writing career.

As an author, Calder is hard to categorize. His 11 books have spanned everything from literary criticism to biography to cultural history to sports history—including two books on the Saskatchewan Roughriders. But Calder won his greatest fame for his work on William Somerset Maugham.

Maugham, one of the most popular English authors of the early 20th century, was considered a "middlebrow" writer and mostly ignored by the academic world. Yet Calder was captivated when he first read one of Maugham's books while studying at USask.

"It was a masterwork of simple, lucid but intelligent writing," he said.

Calder chose Maugham as the focus of his PhD studies and of his 1972 debut book.

He hoped to follow that first book with a biography of Maugham, but the deceased author didn't make it easy. In his final years, Maugham burned his private papers and asked his friends and family not to co-operate with any biographer after his death.

Calder therefore received a chilly reception in 1976 when he approached Maugham's literary estate for permission to quote from the author's letters. "I had the door slammed on me," he recalled.

But he stubbornly carried on with his unauthorized biography, and when it was published in 1989, Calder's book was the one hailed by critics as the definitive biography of Maugham.

Willie: The Life of W. Somerset Maugham earned Calder the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction and cemented his reputation as the world's leading authority on Maugham.

Calder is working on two more books: an autobiography and a study of the film adaptations of the works of Maugham. ♥

Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Sherine Gabriel



DEREK TIESSEN

Born to well-educated parents in Cairo, Egypt, Dr. Sherine Gabriel was fortunate to have role models in her life that would instill in her a desire to dream. What she could not have anticipated at the time was just how expansive that dream would become, culminating in her current appointment as president of Rush University in Chicago, Illinois.

At such a young age, the idea of leading an illustrious career as a physician, researcher, and leader in medical education would have seemed a world away; as it turned out, it was.

At the age of 10, Gabriel immigrated to Canada with her parents, Huda and Ezzat, and her brother Sherif (PhD'91). The family settled in Regina, Saskatchewan. It wasn't long before her father, an architect, would begin influencing her career direction. But not in the way he expected or likely hoped for.

"My dad was always hopeful that I would go into architecture. He sat me down at the drafting table, put a pencil in my hand, and wanted to see what I could do," said Gabriel. "Unfortunately for him, I was horrible at it. Architecture just did not take for me."

Despite her father's hope of seeing her become an architect, Gabriel gravitated to the medical profession. Physicians were not common in her family, so Gabriel turned to her family doctor, also an Egyptian immigrant, for inspiration. After mentioning to him that she dreamed of becoming a doctor, he told her something that stuck with her.

"You are an immigrant and a woman; you

have to be prepared to walk an extra mile", to which she simply replied, "no problem, I can do that." She was proud to be a woman and an immigrant, so it never occurred to her that these sources of pride would also serve as obstacles standing in the way of her dream.

Despite encountering racism and sexism, Gabriel persisted and entered medical school at the USask College of Medicine in the fall of 1978. She has fond memories of playing tennis before class and dancing on the weekends.

Following graduation from the College of Medicine in the spring of 1982, Gabriel completed her residency and fellowship in rheumatology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. She would remain at the Mayo Clinic for nearly 30 years, becoming the William J. and Charles H. Mayo Endowed Professor in rheumatology, and later serving as dean of the medical school.

In 2015, Gabriel was appointed dean at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Newark, New Jersey where she continued to lead excellence in medical education.

By that point in her career, Gabriel had already exceeded what most would consider a lifetime of achievements, perhaps even enough for two lifetimes. However, in 2018 she accepted a joint appointment as chief academic officer and president at Rush University in Chicago, Illinois.

Despite her successful career, if you ask Gabriel today what accomplishments she is most proud of, she is likely to emphasize her husband Frank and two sons Matthew and

Richard – followed closely by her desire to give back to the community.

When the pandemic hit, several students at Rush University were under sudden financial strain, no longer able to rely on the financial support from their partners as job losses mounted. Gabriel and her team stepped up and found avenues to support students in a time of crisis, through federal grants and donor funds.

Her pursuit of excellence, commitment to medical education, and dedication to her community is well recognized among her peers. In early 2022, USask honoured Gabriel with an Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award, for her significant accomplishments and contributions since graduating from the university. The college is proud to call Gabriel one of their own.

"I'm so pleased to offer congratulations from the whole USask College of Medicine team to Dr. Gabriel on her Alumni Achievement Award," said Dean of Medicine Dr. Preston Smith. "Her peers have selected her in recognition of her extraordinary achievements throughout an impressive career marked by a dedication to her profession and community."

Now at the pinnacle of her career, Gabriel has proven to herself and others that anything is possible, by using doubt as motivation and uncertainty as inspiration. With a track record of making her dreams become reality, few would doubt her. ♥

UPDATE: On May 5, 2022, Rush University announced Dr. Gabriel's retirement as president.



Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award Maureen & Gord Haddock

JOHN GRAINGER

It's only fitting to see Maureen (BEd'70) and Gord Haddock (BComm'72) honoured together this year as University of Saskatchewan Alumni Achievement Award winners.

The two have been pretty much inseparable since they were 12 years of age growing up in Rosetown, Sask.

"Gord remembers the day I was introduced to his class in Grade 7 as the new girl," recalls Maureen who moved to town from Manitoba. "He says he knew I was the girl he would eventually marry from that first moment."

Gord was born in Montreal, but moved west at two as his father returned home to Rosetown as a pharmacist.

"My dad got a pharmacy degree from USask in 1938 in the Dirty Thirties and couldn't get a job here, so he went down east."

Maureen's dad was a minister and officiated at their wedding two days before Christmas in 1970 when they were 21 years old.

Maureen and Gord had developed many of their life-long interests even before they met, with Gord spending time at his dad's drug store from early childhood while Maureen enjoyed writing, sewing, cooking, and leading and motivating at Girl Guides. Unaware at the time, the two were gaining skills and interests that would work well in the entrepreneurial life they would choose.

"I went into university right out of Grade 12, choosing summer school over a trip to Expo '67 (in Montreal) with my family," says Maureen.

"I got right at it and did four years in three because I knew I could make more money in a year with a degree than in three summers off. I was way too serious, but I loved to go

for coffee with friends after class. I think a lot of light bulbs went on during these coffee conversations."

Maureen jumped into her studies with both feet, and credits student loans for making it possible for her to get through her schooling, absorbing the university life as much as she could.

"Without the loans I might have had a different life. It took me eight years, while married, to pay off my debt," she says. "It was a small price to pay considering it enabled me to earn an excellent salary."

While Maureen hit the books, Gord hit the mines, 3,000 feet below the surface for Inco in Thompson, Man. But the pull back to Maureen and to Saskatoon was strong and they were together again.

"Eventually, I got into university as a mature student, so I could get into Commerce," Gord says.

After graduating, they moved to Calgary where Gord worked for Gulf Oil. Maureen found work as a salesperson for the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

But again, Saskatoon beckoned and they found themselves back on the Prairies where Maureen had received a great teaching opportunity from Saskatoon Public Schools. This pivotal time saw Gord create his first business, an advertising company, HEL – Haddock Enterprises Ltd.

Shortly thereafter, Gord soon found employment at the Saskatoon Exhibition which led to his next job – selling mobile homes on commission.

However, with no chance of advancement,

Gord stepped into the music world, with partner Ralph Johnstone, forming HEL Music, a management and booking agency with a retail music store on Broadway Avenue. Maureen put her sewing skills to work creating stage clothing for rock'n'roll band members to wear onstage.

Gord and Maureen's passion for business and entrepreneurship grew with each step. Always on the lookout for a business venture with a future, Gord brought the Body Shop franchise to Saskatchewan in 1986. It proved to be a successful venture and they grew it into four retail stores and a home party business over 20 years.

Ready to tackle another project, Gord and his eye for a good franchise acquired Lululemon for Saskatchewan. It was the first move for the company away from the West Coast.

Over the years, they have had 18 various businesses and exited the retail world in 2010, although they still have their hands full in other businesses.

"That was 50 years in retail and that was enough," says Gord.

The Haddocks have assured that USask students with a bent towards entrepreneurship are given support through scholarships and mentorship. They have also provided valuable opportunities to students through the Haddock Entrepreneurial Speaker Series and the Get a Bigger Wagon Young Entrepreneur Awards.

Maureen is convinced their life would have been together, no matter what challenges life handed them.

"Really, it is impossible for us to imagine life without each other."♥

Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Dennis Whyte



DONELLA HOFFMAN

As a kid, Dennis Whyte was pretty sure he was going to be a scientist.

"I remember actually reading every science fiction book that was in my elementary school library, like three times. It was fascinating to me."

When he was in Grade 2 or 3, his father Russell, a longtime SaskTel employee, taught him Ohm's law, a formula used to calculate the relationship between voltage, current and resistance in an electrical circuit.

The older he got, the more Whyte sought to learn about science, math and technology: Programming his high school's brand-new Apple computer, finding teachers in his southwest Saskatchewan town who could teach him calculus, and writing a term paper on fusion in Grade 11. (His teacher's comment: "Dennis, I'm giving you an A, but this looks really complicated.")

Once he graduated from Shaunavon High School, Whyte left the town and nearby family farm and headed to the University of Saskatchewan College of Engineering where he was immediately drawn to one discipline.

"I always loved the physics and fundamental science part of (engineering), but I also wanted to do something which was applied, that would be practical. I'm pretty sure from the first day that I walked in I wanted to be in engineering physics."

USask describes the discipline of engineering physics as a bridge between pure and applied science.

Today, Whyte is a recognized leader in magnetic fusion research – the same process that keeps our sun and the stars burning bright. The magnetic confinement of plasmas

is considered a faster path to producing fusion energy, which would help end the world's reliance on fossil fuels.

Whyte says it was USask's engineering physics program and a pivotal 10-minute meeting with a respected prof that put him on the path to where he is today.

"How do you find the thing that you're really great at and that you're passionate about? For me, I can trace that back to the opportunities I was given at the University of Saskatchewan."

Whyte is the director of the Plasma Science and Fusion Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a professor in MIT's Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering, and the Hitachi America Professor of Engineering at MIT.

He is one of the leaders of the SPARC project, a collaboration between MIT and Commonwealth Fusion Systems (CFS), an MIT spinoff, to design and build the world's first fusion power plant.

One of Whyte's nominators, a classmate at USask, fittingly describes him as "effortlessly brilliant."

"That's very nice of them," Whyte says with a smile, acknowledging that school was easy for him and didn't fully engage him until it got tough. (He loathed his detail-oriented drafting class.)

"The harder the subject matter became, the more interested I was in it," he recalls. "My two favourite classes were thermal hydraulics and relativity. It was like 'Oh my God, this is what I was waiting for!'"

While he recalls getting 100 on the final of

"a fluid engineering, thermal hydraulics class or something like that," Whyte also fondly remembers life outside the classroom: Living in a dorm, diving into intramural sports and enjoying "all the fun social stuff" that came with being a USask engineering student.

"I wouldn't have succeeded without actually having that balance and it's something that I've carried throughout my entire career."

Whyte clearly appreciates his Saskatchewan roots – "I had incredible parents and family and good teachers" – and the unique combination of self-reliance and sense of community that the province fosters. He's also grateful it provided a path from his family's farm to USask and from there, to a meaningful career he loves.

"My grandfather ploughed a field with horses to feed his family. I get to go do fusion science."♥

Do you know a USask graduate who deserves public recognition for their career accomplishments, impact on their community, or do they bleed green in their commitment to USask? Nominate them for an Alumni Achievement Award.

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JOHN GRAINGER

It was Kendal Netmaker's (BA'11, BEd'11) first week of classes at the University of Saskatchewan.

He was away from home, didn't have many friends and especially didn't have much extra cash laying around. But something caught his eye as he walked through the annual poster sale in Place Riel.

He stopped, slowly read the words on a poster. And again. The words resonated with him, but every dollar in his pocket was important and he knew his money could be spent more wisely.

He started to walk away, but stopped, thought about it a little more and went back, took out his wallet and purchased the poster.

"It was a picture of a guy climbing a mountain and there was some text on the poster which said, 'He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life,'" recalls Netmaker. "I put that poster on my wall and it stayed on the wall of our one-bedroom apartment until I launched my Neechie Gear business."

As a single parent, Netmaker's mother had already shown her son how the strength of courage in life could be a difference-maker for him and his three sisters growing up on the Sweetgrass First Nation near Battleford, Sask.

The family moved into his grandmother's house at Sweetgrass and it's where he learned important life lessons.

"Life was challenging. It was thanks to her that she was the one that gave us our foundation in the beginning. She gave us

"One to Watch" Alumni Achievement Award winner Kendal Netmaker

a healthy space, taught us about culture, ceremony, how to live a good life and how to be respectful.

"I'm very grateful for that time in my life where she helped to raise me," says Netmaker. "We struggled a lot as many Indigenous people (did) in this country."

His mom chose to single-parent Netmaker and his sisters because she wanted to provide the best environment for her children.

"That was a tough decision for her and I had to grow up quickly and almost become that father figure for my sisters. I think I lost a bit of my childhood and I am just starting to realize that now."

That pattern is something Indigenous people are grappling with every day and Netmaker is only too aware of the pitfalls.

"Some people don't even have parents to grow up with, they have siblings in foster care. There's lots of that happening and that's a cycle in itself – how do we become parents when we don't have any? How do we become dads if we don't have one?"

Netmaker knew a university education was required and he had full intentions on becoming a teacher through USask's Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP).

"I went in there because there was a safe space for Indigenous people and I was very fortunate to go through that. They had the Aboriginal Student Centre on the campus and that was a great time, too.

"I felt I could go there and be comfortable. That's why I chose the University of Saskatchewan."

While on campus, his curiosity was peaked when he saw the business competitions. This was something that intrigued Netmaker because it was something so totally foreign to him.

He stepped out of his comfort zone and put his name forward in some undergraduate

business competitions where he had some success winning enough money to fund his startup.

"Aside from taking a full course load of education classes, I would immerse myself in business on evenings and weekends," says Netmaker. "I would go to workshops and I would study how to do a business plan."

This hard work was not a chore for him.

"For me, it was necessary. It was necessary to do something better or bigger."

That drive to succeed he developed at USask gave him an advantage on his new journey into the business world, Netmaker believes.

His love of sport and brand fashions was behind his inspiration for the Neechie Gear clothing line. But to have the inspiration is one thing, he needed to have the perspiration to make it happen.

To be the first Indigenous apparel brand in Canada and to make it succeed required a full-time focus and Netmaker wasn't going to ease off the throttle.

Being a business owner also means you have to do all the work necessary to succeed, including hiring the right people and dealing with supply issues that arise.

"It's challenging. You have to make those calls and have those uncomfortable conversations. You have to get used to saying no. You have to get used to working with all types of people – positive and negative people. You have to do it all."

Once his Neechie Gear business wound down, Netmaker took his life experiences on the road as a speaker. He tells his story and hopes to inspire youth as well as Indigenous leaders to believe in themselves and have the courage to take the first step.

"I always felt I could do something big, I just didn't know what it was." ♥

“One to Watch” Alumni Achievement Award winner Palash Sanyal



JOHN GRAINGER

Growing up in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Palash Sanyal (MSW'18) witnessed firsthand how valuable water is to millions of people every day.

Those vivid memories now drive Sanyal to have such a keen interest in protecting and saving water around the globe.

“Water, the struggle, the pain to get water—we had to suffer,” he says. “Some days, there was no running water. So, it was a big deal when a water truck would be coming around at a specific time of the day, after two or three days, and sometimes that was more important than going to school.”

“That was such a visible sign I saw – to see what water can do, the necessity of the resource,” says Sanyal, who was honoured this year with a USask Alumni Achievement One to Watch Award. On campus, he is the strategic partnership and project manager at the Global Institute for Water Security (GIWS).

“That was a significant moment in my life – how do you survive with water with certain limitations? You have 50 litres, or just half a bucket of water left; you have to cook and clean and do everything with what is left. So, how do you survive?”

For much of his time growing up, Sanyal's father was ill and unable to work and in need of constant care. Often, the responsibility for taking care of his father fell to him as his mom had to work to try and support the family.

“When my mom was gone working, I was the primary caregiver.”

His mom had a good job, but only received a fraction of what a male would make in the very same role. Money was always tight for the family.

“There were days my mom would come home and then she'd have to make the decision: Is she sending us to school the next day? Or are we getting our dinner?” Sanyal recalls, “My mother chose wisely. She had dreams for us and always chose education for us as her first priority.”

If there was one trait from his mother Sanyal has developed, it would be courage. Literally, as a single parent, she showed her son that taking a step forward in life takes courage. Also, she engrained in Sanyal that his road to any sort of prosperity was through education, and he realized early on that was going to be his path.

“The result of failure would have been harsh, so I didn't have an option. There was only one direction I could go if I wanted to make my life into something.”

“I learned I had nothing to lose and everything to gain.”

His mother encouraged him to look past the borders of Bangladesh and think about the world and where he could go in life.

“That was really big for me. That was kind of a turning point moment in my life,” he says. “I knew I had a window to the world, but my mom said no, you actually have a door you can go through to do the things you want to do.”

Sanyal plunged himself into his studies to try and set himself up for success down the road. One of the things he did was listen to TED Talks to learn from scholars speaking around the globe. He eventually became a volunteer translator for TED by listening to speakers and changing it into Bengali.

One day, he received an email from TED officials, asking him to come to America to speak about his experience as a volunteer for TED. For the first time in his life, Sanyal was stepping outside of his country and he was off to California. Soon he found himself working for TED as well as getting a fellowship from UNESCO.

These journeys kickstarted his academic and professional career leading to USask and Saskatoon where he developed a strong network of colleagues and friends in Canada. In between, he studied, travelled and worked in multiple countries focusing on sustainability and water.

“In 2010, there were 54 public toilets in the city for 20 million people. Only three of them were functional,” he says. “That was one of the things that baffled me and that was one of my master's research question: How can we make Dhaka city's public toilet system sustainable and are people thinking about it? Why haven't we done more research on it?”

He found people, no matter the income level, would be willing to pay to use a clean and functioning toilet. The social science piece of that engineering puzzle needs to be examined as well, says Sanyal, and takes that approach to everything he researches now.

“Sustainable development and water security have engrained into every aspect of my life, and thanks to USask, I have been able to contribute to moving the needle on water security.”

Sanyal may be many time zones away from Dhaka, but USask is now home for him.

“I feel like I'm home here with people I belong with.” ♥

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always close to home

"It has not been an easy time for anyone – students and alumni alike. We admire your tenacity and your ability to adapt to change. These are hallmarks of our successful USask grads."

DEIDRE HORN (BCOMM'87)

No matter where life takes me, I will always be a Saskatchewan girl at heart.

Though Calgary is my home now, Saskatoon and the USask campus still draw me back and continues to hold an important sense of place for me. Now that I have children attending USask, I have even more opportunities to visit campus and wax nostalgic to my two future alumni whenever I have a chance.

When we gathered in May to honour this year's winners of our annual Alumni Achievement Awards, that gala event was another wonderful opportunity to return to Saskatoon to celebrate, tell stories and relive some great memories together as we recognized the exceptional achievements of our esteemed recipients.

Special thanks to everyone who submitted a nomination, and to our alumni advisory board members who determined this year's honourees from amongst our more than 169,000 incredible alumni living and working around the world.

If you haven't had a chance, check out the stories and videos of our amazing award recipients on alumni.usask.ca to learn a little more about their lives and everything they've contributed to their professions and communities since they left campus. From achievements in business, medicine and the arts to leading the world in fusion energy research, be ready to feel inspired.

We have many stories in this magazine that highlight your fellow alumni and suggest ways you can get involved in campus life.

If you want to help USask students as they traverse their way into a career, please consider offering your support through one of our wonderful mentorship opportunities, whether it's with our campus-wide mentorship program USask Connects (a partnership with Career Services) or a college-based mentorship program such as the highly successful one offered through the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

On the topic of students, there was another event we were able to celebrate in-person once again – spring convocation, where we celebrated the accomplishments of our students and welcomed another 3,500 graduates into our alumni family.

It has not been an easy time for anyone – students and alumni alike. We admire your tenacity and your ability to adapt to change. These are hallmarks of our successful USask grads.

It's very important to us that you keep your bonds to USask and we are always striving to find new ways to keep those connections strong.

Our alumni website is a good place to visit regularly to keep up with news, events, benefits, offers and other things that might make your world a better place and rekindle some memories of your time on campus.

Let us know what you are doing these days and don't forget to update your contact information so we can keep in touch. We are family, after all.

Deidre Horn (BComm'87)
Chair, Alumni Advisory Board

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Mrs. Gwendolyn (Lynne) Warner Murphy (BA'57), of Toronto, ON, has published a collection of her short stories, *Potluck and Other Stories*, as well as a previously unpublished novella, *A Damaged Heart*.

Dr. Harvey L. R. Wiebe (BA'50, MED'52), of Burnaby, BC, completed his final two years of Medicine at U of A in Edmonton. In summer of 1953, he worked at the Aberhart TB Sanatorium at a time when antibiotics and surgical treatment were developing for this condition. It was also the summer in which he was married to Marvie Jean Leys, who worked in medical technology. Medical graduation at U of A was in 1954 followed by a rotating internship at St. Paul's Hospital back in Saskatoon. Wiebe then began a seven-year career chapter in rural general practice in Saskatchewan, the first year in Mildred, followed by six years in Wadena. Their three sons were born during this period. As a family, they have enjoyed activities of music, gardening, hiking. In 1962, Wiebe began his residency in ophthalmology at the U of T. After completion he worked for two years in private practice in suburban Toronto before moving to B.C. in 1969. Wiebe established a solo practice in general ophthalmology in the Vancouver suburb of Surrey, where he was on staff at Surrey Memorial and St. Mary's Hospitals. In 1993, he discontinued surgical practice and was joined by a surgical associate, as his vision had begun to decline. Wiebe's remaining years of practice consisted of medical ophthalmology until his retirement in 2006, at age 75. During the decades of medical practice there were transformative technical surgical innovations, particularly with cataract microsurgery. Concurrently, many issues of medical ethics arose and continue to be significant challenges today. During his career in the late 1960s, national medicare was introduced. His family had to contend with a tragedy when his wife Marvie suffered a major cerebral hemorrhage, with permanent disability requiring total nursing care for many years. Their growing extended family was remarkably supportive over these 32 years until Marvie passed away at age 82. Wiebe has greatly valued his family - his three sons, nine grandchildren and five great-

grandchildren, and now at age 91, he is most grateful for a long and fulfilling life.

Mr. Edgar E. Wuschke (BE'56), of Pinawa, MB, worked at Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL) from 1956 to 1990. Wuschke was in charge of instrument design and application in the early days of mini computers application to data acquisition systems. His highest achievement was head of data management section AECL Whiteshell Nuclear Establishment Pinawa, Manitoba. Previous assignments were head of computer facilities at Whiteshell Nuclear Establishment (WNRE), where he set up and managed complex computer facilities including time shared system - one of the earliest such computer facilities in Western Canada. During assignment as head of instrument design and development Wuschke was awarded a U.S. patent for a unique instrument used in the development of nuclear reactors for electric power generation. Wuschke retired in 1990 to accompany his wife who was chosen by AECL to work at International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria. He is now living a happy retirement in Pinawa, Man., and enjoying the fruits of a great education at USask. From the son of subsistence farm owners in southern Saskatchewan to a successful career in engineering - a story of success in trying circumstances. Wuschke says he owes his success, his interesting work and happy retirement to his education at USask.

Mrs. Sheila Early (BSN'69), of Surrey, BC, has assumed the role of president of the Canadian Forensic Nurses Association (CFNA) for the 2021-2023 term. Early co-founded the CFNA in 2006 and previously served as the first non-USA president of the International Association of Forensic Nurses. She continues to work as a forensic nurse consultant and educator in British Columbia. In 2019, Early received the Greater Vancouver YWCA Women of Distinction Award in Health and Wellness for her work with victims of violence and trauma. Unfortunately, she lost her husband, Peter Early, in December 2019. They were married for 54 years, having married when Sheila was a student nurse at USask. Peter and Sheila spent the first seven years of their marriage in Saskatoon, then moved to Shaunavon and Regina until moving to Surrey B.C. in 1988 where Sheila still resides.

Dr. Franklyn (Frank) H. Farley (BA'60, MA'63), of Wyncote, PA, received a PhD in psychology from University of London, UK, Institute of Psychiatry in 1966, joined the faculty at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. for 28 years, then to an endowed chair at Temple University, Philadelphia for 26 years, retiring in 2021. He is one of only four Canadians to be elected president of the American Psychological Association in its 130 years, the world's largest society of psychologists (approx. 123,000 members). He has been president of more than 10 scientific and professional societies in psychology, education, social sciences. He is in significant demand by the media for commentary on society and issues of human behaviour, especially crime and violence. He organized and chaired the National Violence Summit held in Washington, DC, which is available for viewing on YouTube. ▼

1960s

Mr. Robert Currie (BSP'61, BA'64, BED'66, Educ'66), of Moose Jaw, SK, is pleased to announce that ThistleDown Press of Saskatoon will be publishing his latest book, *Shimmers of Light: New and Collected Poems*, in April. The book has been chosen for CBC's list of Canadian poetry collections to watch for in 2022.



1960s

Mr. Ken Fyke (BSP'62) and his wife, Dawn, live in Victoria, BC, and stay in touch with many Saskatchewan friends. They continue to swim, cycle, walk and generally try to stay healthy. Last year, Ken cycled 95 km on his 80th birthday. This past year they have worked on supporting change in the lives of seniors in Canada by urging changes in public policy to support seniors staying in their home as long as possible.

Mr. Gary Gullickson (BEd'61, BA'64), of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada on January 1, 2021.

Dr. M.N. Srikanta Swamy (MSc'60, PhD'63), of Saint-Lambert, QC, was the recipient of the 2022 Institution of Electrical Engineers Circuits and Systems (CAS) Society Mac Van Valkenburg Award. This award honours individuals for outstanding technical contributions and distinguishable leadership in a field within the scope of CAS Society. The award is based on the quality and significance of contribution, and continuity of technical leadership. The award citation reads: "For his pioneering and lifelong contributions, particularly in multidimensional signal processing, distributed parameter networks, graph theory, discrete transforms and image processing. For nearly six decades of outstanding contributions to education and for lifelong dedication to the service of the CAS society". Dr. Swamy is a recipient of many other CAS Society awards including the John Choma Education Award and the Golden Jubilee Medal in 2000, and the Guillemin-Cauer Best Paper Award in 1986, as well as the IEEE Montreal Section Gold Medal in 2021 and the Constantin Budeanu Prize from the Romanian Academy in 2006. Dr. Swamy was one of the first two to receive the PhD degree from the College of Engineering at USask. He was the founding Chair of the EE department at Concordia University, Montreal, from 1970-77 and the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science for an unprecedented 16 years from 1977-93. At present he is a research professor and holds the Concordia Chair in Signal Processing at Concordia University.

1970s

Dr. Gim Ang (MD'70), of Perth, WA, returned to Singapore after graduation and worked there for five years. Subsequently, Ang moved to Perth, Western Australia, where he has been living and working as a doctor since. Ang is now only working two days a week and plans to retire fully in a year or two. Prior to the pandemic, Ang enjoyed travelling and made two trips back to Canada. If any classmates ever visit Perth, he hopes they will reach out. Dr. Ang has three daughters and two grandchildren who keep him busy.

Mr. David (Craig) Beesley (BSc'72), of Sherwood Park, AB, had an interesting career in financial services, public accounting and health care in Moose Jaw for more than 40 years. After graduation from USask, Beesley worked for Richardson Securities of Canada and articulated with Hagan Van Iderstine, Chartered Accountants. In 1980, he began a career in health care,

starting with the Moose Jaw Union Hospital District. Six years later, the Board of Directors appointed him CEO, a position he held until amalgamation with the Moose Jaw-Thunder Creek Health District in 1994. Health reform continued for many years and Beesley adapted to a variety of senior positions with successor organizations until retirement in 2012 to Sherwood Park, Alta., east of Edmonton. Since retiring, Craig and Darlene have enjoyed some travel and an active life in this vibrant community.

Ms. Audrey Gauthier (BSN'77, BA'79, HosAdm'82, Arts'96), of Red Deer, AB, has, at the age of 70, graduated from the two-year interior decorating certificate program at Mount Royal University. She is now a member of the DIDAA (Designers and Interior Decorating Association of Alberta) and plans to open her own business - Transformations - Decluttering and Design - in the spring of 2022. In June 2022, Gauthier was awarded the City of Red Deer Mayor's Recognition Award for Distinguished Voluntary Service. During her lifetime, she has volunteered with 4-H, Big Sisters, Adult Literacy, Westerner Park (Red Deer), City of Red Deer (Naming Committee), Osteoporosis Canada, Royal University Hospital, Red Deer Regional Hospital, Red Deer Hospital Foundation and the Central Alberta Humane Society Red Deer.

Prof. Emeritus Brian Graham (BE'72, MSc'74, PhD'76), of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2020 American Thoracic Society Dr. Robert Crapo Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award in Pulmonary Diagnostics for distinguished scientific achievement in the field of pulmonary function testing with impact on a global scale. He also received the 2021 Canadian Thoracic Society Distinguished Achievement Award which recognizes exceptional leadership and service in respiratory health. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Medicine at USask. ▼



Mr. Zach Hauser (BFA'79), of Saskatoon, SK, will be celebrating a half century of collaboration with his wife, Iris Hauser, in an exhibition of fine art and unique furniture opening in September at the Saskatchewan Craft Council Gallery. This was followed in October with another joint exhibition at Art Placement Gallery.

Mr. Delwyn Jansen (DipAg'76), of Humboldt, SK, was awarded his 40th year award certificate for a volunteer climatological station operator for Environment Canada in August. The 40 years is from June 1980 to June 2020. Mr. Ronald Lamb (BA'70, BEd'73, MEd'79), of Saskatoon, says that it's "great to see the positive work being done on campus. Our university is a world

leader, producing some outstanding graduates in many fields." With his USask training, Lamb was able to become involved with the International Reading Association (ending up as chair of the International Literacy Committee) and Phi Delta Kappa (president of the Saskatoon Chapter for two years). Lamb was invited to speak at the University of Salamanca, Spain about promoting the reading habit which was well received. Upon retirement from the Saskatoon Board of Education (where Lamb was a teacher, consultant in Language Arts K-12 and executive board member of the Saskatoon Teachers' Association) he became finance chair for the Saskatoon Housing Authority Board and is presently a board member of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation. Lamb would also like to mention that while he was a Saskatoon Housing Authority board member, he was elected as Saskatchewan director and board member for the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association based in Ottawa. Lamb has worked with the housing situation in California as well over the last few years. He is also connected with the National Trust through the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, as well as other agencies dealing with historical buildings. USask graduates have often done well locally, nationally and internationally. His years with RCAF Air Cadets have also been helpful through the years (he had the highest mark for a Flying Scholarship).

Mr. Donald Newell (BComm'78), of Airdrie, AB, recently joined as a member of Canada's Auditing and Assurance Oversight Council, which oversees the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (the assurance standard-setting body in Canada) and the Independence Standing Committee, both of which provide standards and guidance for Canadian Chartered Professional Accountants. On Dec. 1, 2020, Newell assumed the role of chair of the Property Management Industry Council of the Real Estate Council of Alberta, the licensing regulatory body for real estate professionals in Alberta.

Prof. Emeritus Bill Waiser (MA'76, PhD'83, DLITT'10), of Saskatoon, SK, wrote *In Search of Almighty Voice: Resistance and Reconciliation*, which was launched at the One Arrow First Nation powwow on Aug. 21, 2021. ▼



Dr. Terry Wotherspoon (BA'76, BEd'77, MA'83), of Saskatoon, SK, is currently professor of sociology at the University of Saskatchewan and is the recipient of two awards presented by the Canadian Sociological Association, for Outstanding Contributions (meritorious scholarly work) and Best Article Award, Canadian Review of Sociology.

1980s

Mr. Anthony Bidulka (BA'83, BEd'91, BComm'91), of Saskatoon, SK, published his 12th novel, *Going to Beautiful*, May 2022. Bidulka's love letter to life on the Prairies delivers a story of grief and loss that manages to burst with joy, tenderness and hope. Redolent of his earlier works, *Going to Beautiful* brings us unexpected, under-represented characters in settings that immediately feel familiar and beloved. For his promotion of Saskatchewan through his books, co-founding Camp fYrefly Saskatchewan (a leadership retreat for gender and sexually diverse and allied youth), and volunteer and philanthropic efforts in the community, Anthony was recently honoured by the selection of a two-part park in Saskatoon to be named Bidulka Park and Bidulka Park North. Bidulka is the current chair of the USask Alumni Achievement Awards Committee. ▼



Mr. Brad Birnie (BA'83), of Saskatoon, SK, was honoured by the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony on Sept. 18, 2021, at Riverside Country Club in Saskatoon.

Ms. Pamela O'Lan Booker (BE'd'88, MEd'03) has retired after 18 years as a middle years/high school teacher, then another 15 years as regional manager of Education with Correction Service Canada. She is living her best life at Anglin Lake, SK.

Ms. S. Portico Bowman (BFA'85), of Pittsburgh, KS, has received a Canada Council for the Arts Research and Creation grant for her second book, *Would You Give Up Arms For Wings?* A story inspired by the visionary life and writings of Paulus Berensohn. Her first novel, *Cashmere Comes from Goats*, with Stonehouse Publishing, Edmonton. Portico left Saskatchewan in 1998 to earn her MFA degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She was the Outstanding Graduating Graduate in 2001. She went on to become Professor Emerita at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS where she was the gallery director, art essayist, and professor of art for 20 years until May 2021. She's been enjoying a "gap" year in San Diego, Calif., with her husband Tom and their understanding cat Florence. There are plans for a third book called *Madonna, The Tuxedo Kitten*.

Dr. Dwayne Brenna (BA'77, MA'83), of Saskatoon, SK, released a new book, *The Long Way Home*, on April 1, 2022. Dwayne Brenna is the award-winning author of several books of humour, poetry and fiction.

Mr. Hart Godden (BMus'82), of Regina, SK, has contributed to the musical community in Saskatchewan in countless ways for decades. Not only is Hart a talented, multifaceted musician, but he also has a gift for gathering and nurturing talent in Regina. Hart is the founder and artistic director of the Halcyon Chamber Choir: A choir he formed in 2002 to provide young adult singers an opportunity to continue to develop their skills as soloists and choristers. Since 2003, he has served as the artistic director for the Regina Philharmonic Chorus, one of Canada's largest community choruses. He has also served as director of music and organist for Knox-Metropolitan United Church since 1992. Hart has also lent his talents to the Regina Symphony Orchestra, as both a keyboard musician and as conductor for Handel's Messiah, and to the Globe Theatre as musical director. He is a member of the duo High F'Lutin' and the Per Sonatori Baroque Ensemble. As well, he maintains a teaching studio and works as a pipe organ technician. Hart holds the degrees of MMus (Regina), BMus (Sask.), BE'd (Regina), ARCCO, ARCT and LTCL. Hart is dedicated to encouraging the talents of young musicians and assisting them to launch their own musical careers. He draws out talent by helping people to believe in themselves and their musical potential. His lessons have been described as encouraging, uplifting and satisfying. Saskatchewan has greatly benefited from the mentorship and inspiration Hart has given to both amateur and professional musicians. In 2021, the Royal Canadian College of Organists awarded Hart Godden the Distinguished Service Award for exemplary service. And in November 2021, the Province of Saskatchewan invested Hart with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Dr. Sarvesh Thakur (BA'87, MD'90) moved to Seattle, WA, in 1999 after finishing nephrology and transplant medicine fellowships.

Mr. Blake Johnson (BSPE'83, BE'd'85), of Weyburn, SK, is the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association Merit Award recipient for 2021.

Dr. Susan Mumm (BA'87, MA'89), of London, ON, is the new chancellor of AUS. Dr. Mumm assumed her duties in August 2021.

Ms. Lynne E. Neault (BA'85), of Saskatoon, SK, has been recognized in 2021 by the Government of Saskatchewan, for 35 years of long and dedicated public service.

Dr. Helen Pridmore (BMus'83), of Saskatoon, SK, recently took early retirement from her position as associate professor of music at the University of Regina. She continues to be active as a singer, sound artist and improvising musician. During the pandemic she's performed online numerous times, in festivals across Canada. Check out www.helenpridmore.ca for more information.

Dr. Hassan Razvi (MD'88), of London, ON, has been elected president of the Canadian Urological Association for 2021-22.

Dr. Lee Swanson (BComm'84, MBA'95), of Saskatoon, SK, received her doctorate degree from the University of Calgary and was awarded the Master Teacher Award at the University of Saskatchewan during the April 2021 Celebration of Teaching and Learning Ceremony and at Spring Convocation 2021.

Dr. Sarvesh Thakur (BA'87, MD'90) moved to Seattle, WA, in 1999 after finishing nephrology and transplant medicine fellowships. Dr. Thakur retired from his solo nephrology practice in 2018, but had been doing nephrology locums across the U.S. since 2014 and continue to do so. Professionally, he also enjoys serving as an expert witness for defence and plaintiff attorneys. Dr. Thakur gave a lecture at a national defence attorneys meeting in 2019. He enjoys adventure and international travel with his teenage boys. Asher started co-op chemical engineering at U Waterloo in 2021. His younger brother Eamon is applying to aerospace engineering programs for 2022. During COVID, he volunteered to give vaccinations through a mobile clinic that reached immigrants in their communities, the homeless, and high school students. Dr. Thakur also began to reflect on his own medical education and how difficult he found it. At the time, he struggled with learning how to connect with patients, how to diagnose, and then how to swim in the business world of medicine. He decided to write a book about things he knows now that he wished he knew then. The book was published in May of 2021 and is titled *Listen, Think, & Speak Like a Doctor: Essential Skills for Medical School & Practice*. This is a 'message in a bottle' that he hopes current medical students would find useful. Dr. Thakur is nearing completion of his first medical fiction novel. He is also active on LinkedIn and invites alumni to connect and look him up if in the Seattle area to reminisce around the fire pit and share grilled salmon amidst the evergreens.

Ms. Maureen Ulrich (BE'd'80, BA'03), of Lampman, SK, has published a new installment of her Jessie MacHockey Series called *Shootout*. One of the storylines in *Shootout* gives a nod to the 2013-14 University of Saskatchewan Huskies Women's team.

Ms. Maryann Deutscher (BUSADM'84, TEVOED'91), of Corman Park, SK, has taken on the role of executive director with Women in Mining/Women in Nuclear-SK.

1990s

Mr. Russell S. Erickson (BComm'95), of Calgary, AB, recently joined Amii (Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute), one of the world's leading AI research institutes as VP, Investment & Partnerships to lead business development and commercial relationships at the institute.

Ms. Wyona Freysteinson (BSN'91, MN'94), of Houston, TX, was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing. Freysteinson's research trajectory began at USask with her master's thesis of the experience of viewing self in the mirror for terminally ill women. Her work led to the development of the neurocognitive theory of mirror-viewing, a supportive mirror-viewing intervention for those viewing their altered bodies (e.g., amputation, mastectomy, burns) for the first time, and mirror comfort & avoidance scale (MICAS).

1990s

Mrs. Rhea Good (nee Langhorst, Rhea Rathje 1994-2008) (BEd'94, BA'01), of Battleford, SK, retired from full-time teaching in 2018 after 24 years. Rhea is still involved with the profession as a substitute teacher and one or two short-term contracts per year. In 2014, Rhea established a non-profit organization, Pilot Project for Universal Lunches in Schools Inc. with hopes to establish a pilot project for school-based lunch provision based on the Finnish model. Visit the website at www.ppuls.org. This vision was inspired by a trip to Finland in 2014 as part of a Grad Studies class at USask. Rhea published her first book in 2020, *Bottle of Grain: A Holodomor Story*, and another in 2021 called *Incremental*. Both are available on Amazon, and hopefully will be at the USask bookstore soon. A third book in the genre of historical fiction for children was completed as a commission to be published in April 2022. Rhea is currently working on a fourth book, *What Would Alice Do*, as a tribute to the life of her grandmother. She cultivates a large garden and greenhouse and enjoys spending time with two grandsons. ▼



Mr. Richard (Rick) I. Hardy (LLB'91), of Nanoose Bay, BC, has published his first book, his life story - *Mólazha*. Details available at molazha.com.

The Hon. Justice Keith Kilback, QC (BA'90, JD'94), of Regina, SK, was appointed a judge of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench on July 1, 2021.

The Hon. Judge Ian W. Mokuruk (BA'98, LLB'01), of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed as a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in North Battleford, Sask. on March 30, 2022.

Ms. Erin T. Pincemin (BEd'98, BA'06, MEd'17), of Kindersley, SK, has taught in Kindersley since graduating from USask College of Education with her BA and BEd. Pincemin then obtained her master's of educational admin in 2017. She will be taking on the role of principal in Marengo, Sask. beginning in the Fall of 2022. Her main focuses are those of family engagement and Indigenous perspectives.

Ms. Jill Sauter (BComm'92), of Saskatoon, SK, was recently awarded the Steering the Entrepreneurship Award through the Get a Bigger Wagon business

competition sponsored by Gord and Maureen Haddock. Jill and her business partner were given the award for starting Fireweed Artisan Boxes. Their gift boxes contain only items supplied by Indigenous artists and entrepreneurs. Unlike other gift boxes, Fireweed Artisan Boxes pays full retail price for all gifts to provide a reasonable return to suppliers. In the first year of operation, more than 750 boxes have been delivered to recipients across Canada. ▼



The Hon. Judge Michael A. Segu (BA'96, LLB'97), of Saskatoon, SK, was appointed a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan on November 27, 2019.

LCdr. (Ret'd) Remi Tremblay (BEd'95), of Kingston, ON, completed a 28-year career as a training development officer with the Canadian Forces in 2019. He joined the NATO Communications and Information Agency as the head of training management before moving to his current position as the Head Systems Approach to Training / Quality Assurance at the new NCI Academy in Oeiras, Portugal. Most recently Remi received the 2020 NCI Agency award for Individual Innovation for his work modernizing the Quality Management System for the NCI Academy.

Ms. Tara-Jean M. Wenc (BA'91, PGD'01, MEDUC'02), of Burnaby, BC, completed a master's of philosophy and a PhD in Education in 2021 in the States. After being an advocate for post-secondary students with disabilities at provincial and national levels, Wenc is returning to her K-12 roots and has recently accepted a position with Buffalo Trail School Division.

Ms. Catherine (Cathy) H. Wheaton (BA'98, MNGD'12), of La Ronge, SK, has worked for Saskatchewan Health Authority since 2018 as a project co-ordinator in suicide prevention, resiliency and mental health education for the Roots of Hope project. Wheaton has also worked as a social development director for her First Nation, Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB). While at LLRIB, Wheaton also worked in employment programming, post-secondary education and health services. Wheaton loves sessional lecturing in Indigenous Studies which she has done since 2000. She now freelances

in her spare time to assist Indigenous organizations to obtain external funding and emotional wellness training. Wheaton's educational goal is becoming a fluent Cree speaker. Wheaton is a former employee at the International Centre for Northern Governance & Development ICNGD at USask. Wheaton is a life-long learner and is considering taking a few courses to further enhance her skill.

2000s

Mr. Stefan Gruszka (LLB'03), of Calgary, AB, has been named a Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers (CCCL). The CCCL is an organization that strives to facilitate and encourage the association of outstanding lawyers who are distinguished for their skill, experience and high standards of professional and ethical conduct in the practice or teaching of construction law, and who are dedicated to excellence in the specialized practice of construction law.

Dr. Michelle Meckelborg (DVM'03), of Sherwood Park, AB, has accepted the position of Director, Animal Health at Edmonton Humane Society. In her new role, Dr. Meckelborg will continue to provide leadership to the Medical Services team as well as provide veterinary support, guidance, direction, and expertise to the shelter in a surgical and medical capacity. Her promotion to Director will provide another important voice regarding animal welfare. Dr. Meckelborg joined EHS as a shelter veterinarian in November 2017 and was promoted to her most recent position of Manager, Animal Health in April 2019. Dr. Meckelborg was selected as one of 2021-22 Maddie's Shelter Medicine Fellows at the University of Wisconsin. There was a record pool of applicants for 2021 year and Dr. Meckelborg was the only Canadian chosen to participate.

Dr. Adebola O. Obayan (PhD'04), of Saskatoon, SK, presented at the America College of Surgeons conference on his Novel Laparoscopic Spatial Training System (LSTS) which is in the preliminary stages. The Novel LSTS will provide improved cost-effective laparoscopic training while being user friendly and engaging and provides real-time feedback to the trainee.

Mr. Ryan M Vanjoff (BComm'00), of Saskatoon, SK, has joined Leaders International Executive Search as principal responsible for the Saskatchewan marketplace. Leaders International has offices across Canada and recruits great executive talent for all leadership roles, including board of directors. Ryan and his wife Kimberly are raising their five children in beautiful Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Kristin Ward Diaz (BA'06, MPA'12), of Edmonton, AB, was appointed as director, Status of Women with the Government of Alberta in July 2021.

2010s

Mr. Braden Davie (BSN'11), of Vancouver, BC, has been appointed to the position of director, Professional Practice for Nursing and Allied Health for the Vancouver Community portfolio of Vancouver Coastal Health. ▼



Mr. Cole Hogan (BA'14), of Ottawa, ON, had seen his career has take off since graduating from USask. In part due to his Political Studies degree from the College of Arts and Science, Hogan was hired as a communications officer at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. After that, he was hired as the digital director for Doug Ford's Progressive Conservative campaign in the Ontario election in 2018 and hired again as digital director for Jason Kenney's United Conservative Party campaign in the Alberta election in 2019.

Ms. Christine N. Klatt (BSK'14), of Saskatoon, SK, completed her doctor of chiropractic at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto in 2018 after graduating from the College of Kinesiology at USask. Klatt was one of four students in her class from Saskatchewan. She then returned to Saskatoon and began her practice as a chiropractor at Market Mall Family Chiropractic. Klatt became a partner at the practice in 2021. She has a focus in her practice on pediatrics, pre- and post-natal care. On a personal side, Christine will be getting married this December.

Dr. Victoria Lamb Drover (MA'10, PhD'16), of North Battleford, SK, accepted the appointment of director, Strategic Communications at the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies in August 2020. Dr. Lamb Drover is excited to lead this innovative branch under the purview of the President's Office.

Mr. Ke (Kenney) Liu (BA'15), of Saskatoon, SK, started his first business, Homer's Pizza, during his studies at USask. Liu operated it for five years, and had three franchises operating in Saskatoon. During the operation of the business, Liu realized that small businesses need more assistance. In 2017, he ended Homer's Pizza and started a new company, CPM (Creative, Professional, Multivariate). Under CPM, Liu has two main businesses - CPROMO Technology and CPM Supply. CPROMO focuses on using technology to help small businesses grow and CPM Supply

is using international trade business to lower the businesses operating costs and help local businesses find international opportunities. During COVID, the company had 1,200 percent revenue increase and are currently serving more than 200 small businesses in Saskatoon. With the government plastic ban order by the end of 2021, they have a new project for environmental protection.

Dr. Rita Orji (PhD'14), of Halifax, NS, was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network (WXN). She was a winner in the Science and Technology category, recognizing her contributions and commitment to technology advancement as well as diversity and inclusion in STEM. Orji was also recognized as one of the 2021 Top 25 Immigrants in Canada. This national award was presented by Canadian Immigrant magazine. ▼



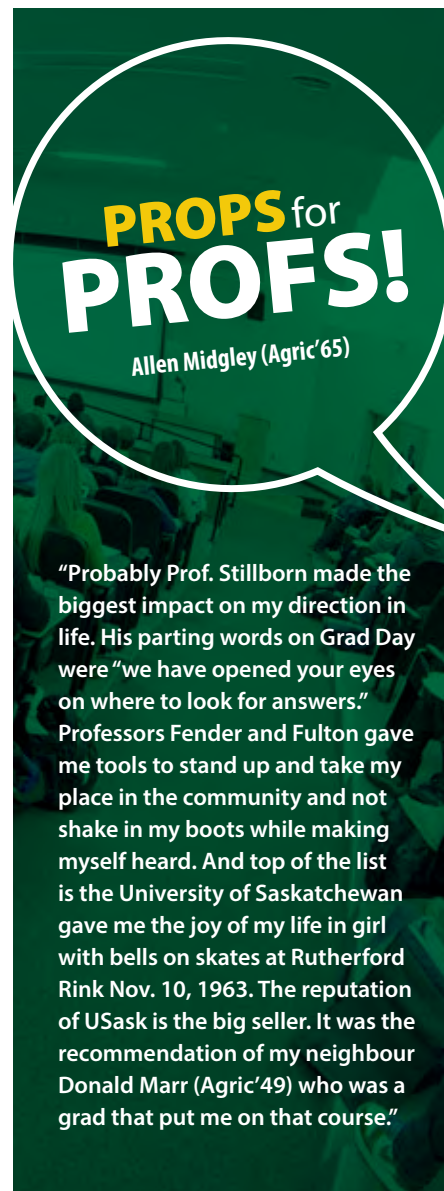
Mr. Ugobame I. Uchibeke (BASC'18), of Toronto, ON, launched a startup company, Chimoney, and received more than \$300,000 US in funding. Chimoney's product is unlocking utility for companies globally and is used by Google, Microsoft and others in the tech space.

2020s

Mr. Olasehinde B. Adebayo (MED'22), of Regina, SK, graduated on June 6, 2022 and on June 30 received an offer for senior specialist, learning and program development with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Dr. Jason Bernard (PhD'20), of Saskatoon, SK, recently discovered a new technique for modelling neural activity using machine learning that should allow for an earlier and more accurate diagnosis of neurological injury and disease. Bernard was headed back to school in Fall 2022 to do a Bachelor of Music. His goal is to make the world's first true AI-based musician, as well as pursue a career as a professional singer.

Ms. Drusilla H. Waltz (MUSED'22), of Provost, AB, is a violinist and the recipient of the Arthur Collingwood Prize in Music. ▶



IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association has noted, with sorrow, the passing of the following graduates.

The following In Memoriam includes those who have passed June 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2022. Names are listed by decade of receipt of their first USask degree.

1930s

Drever, Thomas, BSA'39
Koenig, Margaret E, BMus'38

1940s

Adams, James, DipAg'48
Briggs, Katherine, BA'49
Cheriton, William R (Ross), BE'43
Clare, Robyn M, BHEC'43
Cohen, Jack, BSP'48
Edwards, Eileen M, BSHEC'42
Fredeen, Howard, BSA'43
Hayden, Barbara H, BA'44, MED'46
Heuser, Edith, BA'47
Heuser, Neil, BSA'49
Humeny, Samuel, BE'49
Kusey, Borisene N, BSHC'42
Mackay, Ian, BE'49
McBeath, Beatrice, BEd'49, BA'68
McDonald, Elin I, BMus'42
Ogilvie, Henrietta M, BA'47, EDUC'48
Ohrt, Joyce, BA'49
Richardson, Lorne, Arts'45
Sawatzky, Henry B, BA'48
Shakotko, Leon, BE'46
Till, William G, BSA'48
Vanterpool, Joan, BHS'49

1950s

Bergh, Berthold, BSA'50
Bernhardson, Clemens S, BA'56
Blau, David A (Dave), AGRIC'56, BUSADM'74
Bray, Norman, BSA'56
Brockman, Lois, BA'53
Bruce, William R, MSc'54, PhD'56
Bugara, Henryk A, BA'53, BEd'54

Cameron, Gwendolyn E (Gwen), Nurs'57
Campbell, Joseph P (Joe), BA'50, BEd'52
Carlberg, Howard, DipAg'52
Chayka, Walter M, BComm'56
Cole, John, DipAg'52
Cook, Norma J, BA'50
Cunningham, John R (Jack), BE'50, MSc'51
Donnelly, Robert, BE'50
Dow, Herbert (Herb), BSA'50
Fowler, Joan, BHSC'54
Fraser, John F (Jack), Bcomm'52
Gordon, James, BA'53, BEd'65
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