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# AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends



No Ho, Ho, Hum here. Transforming a campus tradition means students will still benefit from emergency food hampers and donors will get a generous holiday gift pack

'Tis the Season to Give . . . to Students in Need

## Alumni Exclusives



### Keeping it Local with These 14 Stocking-Stuffer Ideas for 2020

Stuffing a stocking with local goodies doesn't have to be pricey. Here are some affordable ideas — from Zooming with Santa to festive face masks, books, digital ski labs and more. Why not give a gift that will help support an alumni business?

[Learn More](#)



### **COVID-19 Couldn't Shake Social Work Grad's Determination to Make a Difference**

Ayana Woodward is one of thousands of UCalgary students who graduated last month. Finishing her degree online while three family members contracted COVID was not only a test but one that left her profoundly compassionate.

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### **Christian Farrier Becomes UCalgary's 19th Rhodes Scholar**

Dr. Christian Farrier, MD'20, has spent much of his life interacting with our health system as either a patient, family support person or student. "Our journey through the health care system started with my brother, who was born clinging to life at just under 23 weeks of gestation," he explains.

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## **Events and Programs**



### **Conversations with a Career Coach**

Advice, tips, hacks — any question that involves a career topic is fair game when it comes to this popular alumni program. Join our resident career coaches and get your questions answered on Dec. 14 at noon.

[Register NOW](#)



### **Class Notes**

Whether you are moving forward in your career or announcing an addition to your family, we want to hear from you. Professional and personal updates, milestones, awards, new books, travels — send us a Class Note.

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### **Nominations for Arch Awards Are Now Open**

Help us recognize the remarkable alumni who inspire you — those who have transformed business and community, art and technology, sport and health. Nominations close Feb. 28, 2021. For more Information...

[Nominate a Visionary Grad](#)

## **University News**

### **UCalgary Announces Child Health and Wellness Research Strategy**

Four decades of community support have helped UCalgary build a critical mass of researchers in this field. People like Stacey Audley, who almost lost her six-year-old son to rogue flu last year, understand the power of life-saving research. If they knew 17 years ago what they know now, Stacey and her husband might not have lost their daughter to the same illness.

[Learn More](#)

### **Celebrated Playwright-Alumnus Joins Royal Society of Canada**

Prof. Clem Martini, BFA'82, — the playwright who, through comedy and a social-justice lens, has shaped Canadian theatre for more than 30 years — was recently inducted into the RSC, along with three other faculty members.

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### ***UCalgary Medicine Magazine is Hot Off the Press***

From global trends in breast cancer and the latest in virtual care to research into OCD, the background behind the SeroTracker and a candid look at what it's like to be a new doctor in COVID-19 times — this issue is loaded with topical reads.

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## More Events & Programs

**Dec. 8 | Ask Dr. Dobson: Mental Health Q&A**

**Dec. 10 | Nickle at Noon: MHST 533 Student Presentations**

**Dec. 14 | Conversations with a Career Coach**

**Podcast: We Can Answer That: Are You an Ally?**

**Webinar: Mindfulness for Coping with Stress & Uncertainty**

## Creative Writing Student Tapped to Moonlight as Video Game Writer



**Entrepreneurial U**

Michael Wahba is a computer science major who also happens to be pursuing a certificate in creative writing at UCalgary. Thanks to a job posting circulated through the school's English department, he now moonlights as a video game writer for a Calgary startup, Istolnc, to develop a game called *Atrio: The Dark Wild*.

[Discover More](#)



All I want for Christmas is a powder day...

**Thanks Santa!**

**Alumni receive 20% off for day passes at Sunshine Village.**

Valid any day until May 24, 2021. Once ordered, the passes will be available the following day at UCalgary's bookstore on campus (remember, the bookstore will be closed from Dec. 24-Jan. 4). To order, visit: <https://netcommunity.ucalgary.ca/skisunshine>

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