

# AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends



## It's Time to Capitalize on the Potential of Women Entrepreneurs

While many Canadians have been forced to solve problems and mend careers in the wake of the lingering pandemic, women have been hit particularly hard. Whether it's out of necessity or personal choice, many of these women have become entrepreneurs — precisely why we are saluting them during Women in Entrepreneurship Week, running Oct. 18-22. Here, we chat with four entrepreneurial alumnae.

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## Alumni Exclusives



### Falling for Fall

'Tis the season for slopes to appear like sheets of marmalade. Last month, we asked you to share shots of Mother's Nature's seasonal show and — jeepers, all you leaf-peepers — you delivered!

[Enjoy the Show](#)



## arch magazine's Fall Issue is Out Now

Read about the irrepressible sculptor Katie Ohe, how Yvonne Poitras-Pratt is blazing a trail for teachers to teach with truth and strength, the legacy of the late/great trailblazer David Lertzman, better aging through pets, and more.

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## COVID Vaccines Protect Pregnant Women

Pregnant individuals are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19 compared to non-pregnant people. New data confirms the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks.

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## Events and Programs



### UCAA AGM 2021

All UCalgary alumni are invited to the 2021 AGM at noon on Oct. 21, via Zoom. Meet the new and returning directors, get up to speed on the annual report, as well as the future direction of the Board.

[Register NOW!](#)



### Entrepreneurship Essentials

On Nov. 10, join business coach and author Jana Boyko, BComm'16, BA'16, to learn how to start your business with a foundation for lasting success. (Part 1 of a two-part series)

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### Share a Message with the Class of 2021

Let's welcome November's graduates to our network of more than 190,000 UCalgary alumni. Send advice or simply congrats! and we'll share your words with them next month.

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## University News

## **OWN.CANCER Campaign Aims to Change Canadians' Cancer Stories**

Chancellor Deborah Yedlin shares her mother's story of cancer as an example of hope — hope, in fact, is what is driving the ambitious \$250-million fundraising campaign. Launched last week, this campaign aims to purchase cutting-edge equipment, fund revolutionary research and provide life-affirming supports for patients and their families that will help the Calgary Cancer Centre achieve its full potential when it opens in 2023.

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## **Alumna Calls for Response to Protect Kids from Online Pornography**

Dr. Jocelyn Monsma Selby, BSW'81, MSW'90, a Calgary-based clinical social worker and sexologist, will address the billion-dollar-a-year elephant in the room — the online porn industry — through an online summit, Oct. 13-15. Titled *The Stronger Together Summit*, the event will facilitate expert-led educational and collaborative sessions on strategic responses to protect children and young people from online pornography.

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## **Alumna Donates 1000s of Meals to Health-care Workers**

J'Val Shuster, MA'98, is a local caterer who thought people might want to thank health-care workers for their tireless efforts during COVID-19. The woman behind Devour Catering was right. Within five days of announcing that folks could donate \$15 for a hot meal delivered to ICU units in Calgary's main hospitals, more than \$100,000 had been raised or 6,500 care packages have been donated.

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## ***arch magazine's Match and Win Contest***



In its new issue, *arch magazine* has matched each article to a song on its Spotify playlist. Read the magazine, listen to the music, and pair them correctly for a chance to win a spiffy prize pack.

[Play to Win!](#)

## More Events & Programs

**Oct. 14 | Grad School Fair**

**Oct. 14 | The University of Calgary's Annual Killam Celebration**

**Oct. 19 | What's Happening in Alberta**

**Oct. 20 | Women Entrepreneurship Week: UCalgary's The Innovation Salon**

**Oct. 21 | Courageous Conversations: Decolonization – Rethinking the Coloniality of Power, Knowledge and Being**

**Oct. 25 - Nov. 10 | UFlourish sessions on how to build positive mental health**

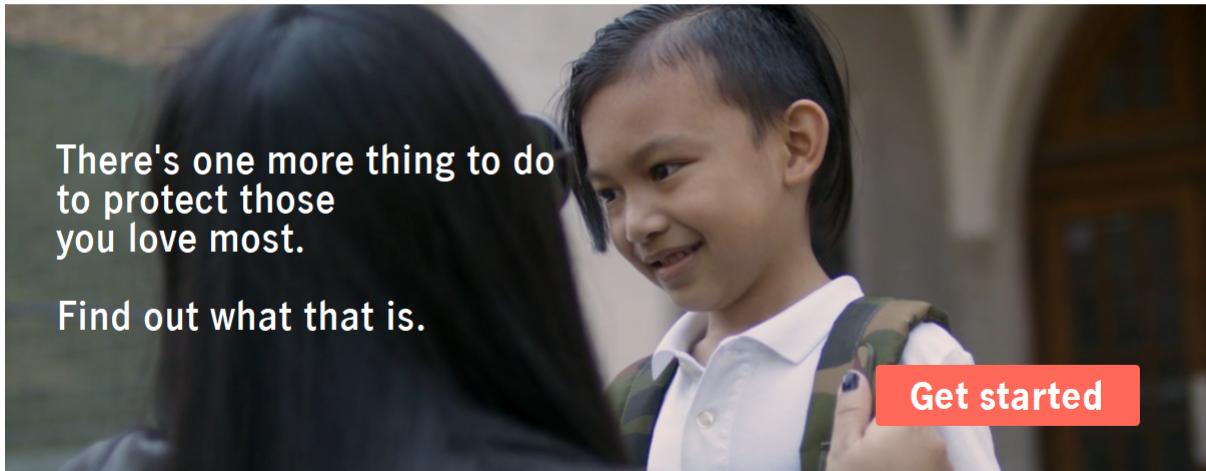
**Oct. 27 | Calgary Economic Development: Economic Outlook 2021**

**Nov. 6 | 2021 Wood Forum — Sports Injury Prevention**

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