

# AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends



## Campus Memories: UCalgary's 2021 Top 40 Under 40 Honourees

An entrepreneurial candlemaker with a social cause. A co-founder of a microbrew pub who cut his chops “jigging” in the Vancouver Olympics. A triple alumnus who scopes out libraries when he travels. This year’s cohort of Top 40 Under 40 honourees brought the unexpected in countless forms. Here’s who (and why) the 2021 list had the biggest impact on Calgary in 2021.

Typically, half of *Avenue Magazine*’s Top 40 package features recipients with UCalgary connections (alumni, researchers, faculty, students) and this year’s crop was no exception as 19 of this year’s local legends share ties to the university.

From career highlights and guilty pleasures to favourite profs and embarrassing moments on campus — discover more about each of the 19 impressive powerhouses with UCalgary connections in our three-part series.

[Break out the Pompoms](#)

## Alumni Exclusives



## A Trailblazing BIPOC Conductor Changes the Score

Will it be an indelible star-is-born moment in music history? No one knows. Not yet. But join us as we tiptoe backstage with alumnus, Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, the new host of CBC Radio's *Centre Stage*, in our Careers in Motion article.

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## A Surge in Startups is a Surprise in the Pandemic Economy

Epic fails, silver linings, practical business plans, entrepreneurial chutzpah — just a few of the stories that author and business coach Jana Boyko, BA'16, BComm'16, will discuss in her two-part, noon-hour webinar series, Nov. 10 and 15.

[Take a Sneak Peek](#)



## First-day Advice: Fall Class of 2021 Grads on What They Know Now

From the practical to the profound (and even a comparison to prolapse in a cow), UCalgary graduates reveal what they would go back and tell themselves on their first day of studies.

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## Schulich Leader Wants to Help Startups Thrive

UCalgary alumnus and Cambridge PhD candidate Jonah Zankl is working to make the business world more equitable by exploring how scientists, entrepreneurs, academics and industry partners can build startups, but more collaboratively.

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# Events and Programs



## Stay In Touch to Win Big

It's a snap. Just update your contact information and you could win a \$1,500 WestJet travel voucher, a two-night getaway at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, or a Campers Village gift card.

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## Anti-Racism and Decolonization in the University

In the Courageous Conversations speaker series, join Dr. Verna St. Denis, PhD, and Dr. Shirley Anne Tate, PhD, on Nov. 18 as they explore this critical topic.

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## Virtual Coffee with Former PM

On Nov. 29, hear Brian Mulroney and Dr. Tom Stelfox, director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health, discuss how COVID-19 has made Canada a stronger nation.

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# University News

## Theses and Dissertations Digitization Project

UCalgary theses and dissertations from 1966 – 2012 are about to be digitized and made publicly accessible. Reach out to Libraries and Cultural Resources by Feb. 1, 2022, if you wish to exclude your work.

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## Naheed Nenshi: On Leaving a Job You Love

“The Purple Revolution was never about me. It was about Calgarians willing to take a risk on a better future,” writes former mayor Naheed Nenshi, BComm’93, in a lookback column in *arch magazine*. “Willing to take a risk on a nerdy shlumpy professor to help take us there. I needed to remind myself of that.”

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## UCalgary-produced Map Documenting Calgary's LGBTQ+ History Finds New Audience at Fluid Fest

Inspired by *A Queer Map: A Guide to the LGBTQ+ History of Calgary*, an educational work of art published by the Calgary Institute for the Humanities (CIH), the Vogue Mapping initiative spotlights a part of Calgary’s past not known to the broad public. The initiative features a number of dancers — many of them persons of colour

who identify as LGBTQ2S+ — doing short performances at 13 key locations on the Queer Map, including the MacEwan Hall Ballroom site. From now until Nov. 14, you can see the Vogue Mapping initiative, captured digitally, on the Springboard Performance / Fluid Fest website.

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## UCalgary's Dance Revolution



Slide off your shoes, get loose and start groovin' to our latest *Got a Minute?* video.

Consider this the next best thing to being in a studio with Associate Professor Michèle Moss, BEd'84, MA'07, (co-founder of DJD) — a stunning snapshot of UCalgary's 25-year-old dance program.

[Watch and then Dance, Dance, Dance](#)

## More Events & Programs

**Nov. 9 | Wordfest: Graphic novelist Hiromi Goto, BA'90, and children's author Kyo Maclear**

**Nov. 10 | Entrepreneur Essentials | Part 1**

**Nov. 16 | Road to Net-Zero**

**Nov. 18-20 | Pivot on Purpose Summit: Reimagining Business Models to Solve Social Problems**

**Nov. 18 | United by Diversity: Building Connections Through Culture, Language, and Education**

**Nov. 23 | Launch Party — Calgary's largest startup-showcase of the year.**

**Nov. 24 | Animal Welfare at the Calgary Stampede**

**Nov. 25 | Why Dance? | IV**

**Nov. 30 | Reflections on UCalgary's Indigenous Strategy,  
*ii' taa'poh'to'p'***

**Dec. 14 | Virtual Interviews 101**

## **Four UCalgary Researchers Honoured at ASTech Awards**



### **Entrepreneurial U**

Four UCalgary researchers recently received awards by the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership (ASTech) Foundation including one given to Dr. Walter Herzog, PhD, as the Researcher of the Year. This year marked the highest number of nominations, with UCalgary taking four out of the five awards at the virtual celebration.

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## **Who's been nice?**

Let Santa deliver a gift to the new grad in your life — a fancy diploma frame that will display their degree, forever.

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