

# AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends

## GROW YOUR CAREER CONFERENCE 2022



### Gather and Nurture Your Own Career Champions

Disruptive technologies and a global pandemic have drastically transformed the world of work. The need to be ready for the unpredictable and rapidly changing work force is exactly what has inspired the design behind UCalgary Alumni's upcoming Grow Your Career Conference. This interactive conference will be held virtually with the aim of equipping UCalgary alumni (of any age or work stage) with fresh strategies, tools, skills and confidence to search for, and keep, work. Get ready to engage in lively conversations and motivating workshops on where we go from here.

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## Alumni Exclusives

### 2022 Arch Awards Will Honour Six Outstanding Alumni



Problem solvers, community builders, world shapers — the University of Calgary Arch Awards celebrate the professional achievements of alumni around the planet. Help us recognize these exemplars by nominating a UCalgary grad today.

[Nomination Period Closes Mar. 6](#)



## Changing of the Guard, UCalgary Alumni Association Board Chair Transitions

It's a behind-the-scenes position, one that Helen Sunderland, BMus'87, MBA'92, has so ably mastered. Her honesty, speed, wit, charm and ability to run a tight and productive meeting that moved us all to action will serve as beacons to the board as she hands over the reins to incoming President and Chair, Ian Minnifee, BA'94.

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## What's Up Doc?

Alumnus, athlete and owner of a Calgary cycling studio, Dr. Trev Williams, PhD'08, explains why he left engineering and research in biomedical imaging to pursue the passion he discovered at a university triathlon club.

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# Events and Programs



### Join Us on International Women's Day

On March 8, a high-powered discussion led by four ambitious alumnae will focus on how they've used their careers to create positive change in their communities.

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### Black History Month

From a session on hip hop as a method of critical healing to readings by African-Canadian authors, as well as numerous other sessions and workshops are running throughout February.

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### Shifting Housing Trends in Canada

In this Feb. 15 webinar, panellists will discuss the rising cost of housing, why investors are surpassing homeowners, migratory patterns of Canadians, and how Alberta is maintaining residents.

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# University News

## **Introducing the Azrieli Accelerator: Transforming Neurodevelopment Research Across the Lifespan**

A recent \$25-million gift from the Azrieli Foundation to UCalgary will drive research to improve the lives of neurodiverse children, teens, adults, and their families. The new Azrieli Accelerator will advance understanding and accelerate interdisciplinary research that leads to transformative therapies and programs here and around the world.

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## **10 Things We Like About Aviv Fried, BSc'04, MSc'08**

Baker, entrepreneur, double alumnus and once again a UCalgary student, Aviv Fried is driven to make the world better through improving how non-profits work — and by sharing stellar cinnamon buns.

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## **Olympics Veteran Brianne Jenner Helps Lead Young, Energetic Women's Hockey Team to Beijing**

Ice hockey star Brianne Jenner, MPP'17, who has skated past her 30th birthday, is now in Beijing for her third appearance at the Olympics. But don't dare assume this is the same forward who has been a Team Canada stalwart for the better part of a decade. Because she isn't.

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## **More Events & Programs**

**Feb. 11 | Readings and Conversations by African-Canadian Writers**

**March 1 | Grow Your Career Conference Begins**

**March 3 | Black Excellence in the Time of EDI: Celebration or Tokenism**

**On Demand | Season Two: Now Innovating podcast**

**On Demand | What We Learned in a Conversation with Mayor Jyoti Gondek**

**Seeking our Next Chancellor | Apply by Feb. 22, 2022**

## **UCalgary Named a Top 5 Research University for the First Time**

Say Hello to  
Canada's Youngest

# TOP 5 RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

The University of Calgary now ranks fifth among Canada's top research universities in a recent Re\$earch Infosource Inc.'s latest Top 50 Research Universities list. We're the youngest on the list and the leader in the creation of startups. And we're just getting started.

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