## Alumni News

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends



## Is it a Boat? A Vessel Out of Blade Runner 2049?

Neither. It's Calgary's new \$80-million tech-led Platform Innovation Centre that officially opens in June. We've all been watching the transformation of an ordinary parking lot next to the railway tracks into . . . what?

Long and skinny, it was just a surface lot until the Calgary Parking Authority decided it wanted more. Much more, it turns out. Join us on a sneak peek of Calgary's latest architectural marvel and discover what's under the 503 sun-kissed parking stalls. Here's what will happen after a coffee concierge greets you at the door.

**Discover More** 

# **Alumni Exclusives**



# UCalgary Alumni Offer Free Tutoring Service for Struggling Students

With a stable of 25 volunteers matched with 25 students, Connect Tutoring's growth was immediate and has no plans to end. During National Volunteer Week (Apr. 24-30), we salute these alumni who sprang into action to fill a critical gap.

#### Your Gift Could Save a Student

Emergencies can come in all forms: domestic abuse, floods, loss of work, rocketing grocery bills, COVID. Precisely why all alumni donations to the Students' Greatest Needs Fund will be tripled (to a maximum of \$2,500) on Giving Day, April 21.

#### Triple Impact, Double Match





# Careers in Motion Takes a Spin Around the Globe with Entrepreneur Richard Campbell

After working for a startup in London, trekking in Europe, bumping along in a truck from Nairobi to Cape Town, how, *exactly,* did Richard Campbell, BComm'99, parlay his skills into a travel company?

Find Out

## What's on Deck?



## Applications Now Open

The UCAA Board of Directors is seeking alumni applicants to provide guidance on programming, benefits and services, and to deepen the relationship alumni have with UCalgary.



# Congratulations 2022 Graduates

Here's your chance to welcome the Class of 2022 to UCalgary's alumni family. Send your inspirational words of wisdom and let's all celebrate this milestone.



# Chancellor's Ride 2022

Join Chancellor
Deborah Yedlin on June
30 at this year's
Parkway to Pinot which
provides up to 40
\$15,000 undergrad
scholarships to
exceptional students.

**Register Now** 

# **University News**

#### **UCalgary Startup Transforms Stroke Diagnosis and Treatment**

When it comes to stroke, time lost is brain lost. StrokeSENS can help. It uses Alassisted advanced technology to identify the right treatments for patients faster than traditional methods. It was recently cleared by Health Canada and is the result of a UCeed investment company founded by UCalgary stroke researchers and local health technology leader Circle Cardiovascular Imaging, who joined forces to help frontline workers improve patient care.

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#### Lab-made Sperm Could Be the Key to Restoring Fertility

Right now, research is focused on preserving the fertility of male childhood-cancer patients, but it could eventually help one in six couples who suffer with infertility.

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#### Study Finds Link Between Fracking and Increased Risk of Adverse Birth Outcomes

"Our study found the rate of spontaneous preterm deliveries, birth before 37 weeks, increased significantly relative to the number of fracturing sites within 10 kilometres of their home," says Dr. Amy Metcalfe, PhD, co-principal investigator and associate professor at the Cumming School of Medicine.

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On April 21, 2022, the global UCalgary community will come together for the university's annual day of giving, to support the next generation of students and researchers at UCalgary. A variety of funds will realize life-changing opportunities for our student and research innovators, providing them with the tools they need to change lives and change the world — starting right here in our community.

**Tune Into This Video** 

Watch Rex's Big Adventure



#### Watch Rex's Big Adventure in Research

We're celebrating being recognized as a top 5 Canadian research university. In a jampacked day of research adventures, Rex visits the Language Processing Lab (Faculty of Arts), the Scantlebury Lab (Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute, Cumming School of Medicine), the Human Performance Lab (Faculty of Kinesiology) and catches up with Dr. Adam Patrick Bell (School of Creative and Performing Arts, Faculty of Arts) and his friends from the Wastewater Monitoring Research group.

## **Upcoming Events and Programs**

April 12 | 2022 UCalgary Virtual 3-Minute Thesis Finals

April 14 | Indigenous Knowledge Public Lecture Series: Willie Ermine

April 21 | Giving Day

April 28 | Calgary Economic Development Report to the Community

May 8 | Science Cafe at TELUS Spark

May 10 | Lecture of a Lifetime with UCalgary professor Dr. Samuel Weiss, PhD'83

Ongoing | UCalgary Intramural Sports are Open to Alumni

Ongoing | Sign up for Squash

# What's the Best Grad Gift?



A keepsake that's elegant, timeless and displays one's academic achievements — forever!

- Order online now pick-up and shipping options available
- For new 2022 grads, pre-order between April 15 and May 20 and receive a 10% discount (if you pick-up in person at your Convocation between May 30 to June 3)

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