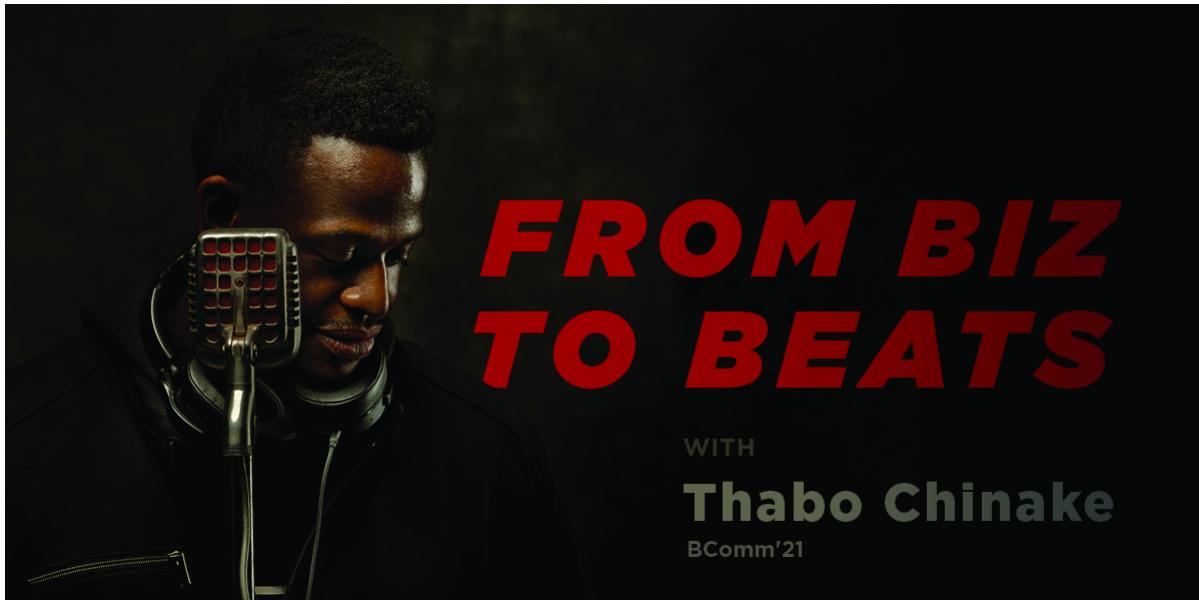


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# AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends



## One to Watch: Alumnus Thabo Chinake

Business-savvy, musically gifted and devoted to lifting others through storytelling,

Thabo Chinake, BComm'21, is a rising hip-hop star (a.k.a. KTheChosen) and an undeniable force of positive change. Learn more about this international student from Zimbabwe in the latest issue of *arch* magazine.

### Checkin' In

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## Alumni Exclusives



### Mega-donor Esmail Bharwani Reveals his Secret Math Formula

How does splitting an order of eggs Benedict and a tea bag allow someone enough capital to create not one, but hundreds, of awards and scholarships?

[Discover How](#)

## **Careers in Motion Takes a Peek Inside Emma May's Closet a.k.a. SophieGrace**

Much to her family's dismay, this law alumna decided business — whether that's real estate, politics or founding a fashion boutique — was more her thing. Chutzpah, however, and a legal mind got her to these places.

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## **UCalgary Alumni Launches New Career Programs**

After poring over alumni surveys, job-market intel and reports on career trends, two new career programs are being released in the next month, followed by others in the fall.

[Why Wait?](#)

## **What's on Deck?**



### **Science in the Cinema Returns to the Plaza Theatre**

Join Cumming School of Medicine's free screening of *Gravity* on June 1, followed by a lively discussion on the effects of gravity on our bones, led by McCaig Institute researchers.



### **The Final Frontier: Mythologies of Outer Space**

Who owns outer space? Join a space archaeologist, an Indigenous astrophysicist and a science fiction expert as we explore humanity's relation to the cosmos.



### **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. Convocation runs May 30-June 3.

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# University News

## **Starting position: UCalgary Signs Jon Cornish, CFA, as 15th Chancellor**

The University of Calgary recently named former CFL player Jon Cornish, 37, as its 15th chancellor-elect. The native of New Westminster, B.C. will begin his four-year term July 1 when he replaces Deborah Yedlin, a former journalist and president of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. "Becoming the Chancellor of the University of Calgary is the greatest honour of my life," Cornish said in a statement. "In serving the students, alumni, staff, volunteers and faculty of the university, and the city of Calgary, I will champion the values of safety, inclusivity and achievement, helping make our great university the best in Canada."

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## **UCalgary's Outdoor Centre Launches a Massive Roster of Summer Fun**

Regardless of how experienced you are, exploring or travelling with a guide can elevate your adventure. From mountain-bike lessons and family-friendly canoe trips to SUP fitness, fly fishing, paragliding, mountaineering, climbing and summer rentals at Bowness Park — UCalgary's Outdoor Centre just launched their summer program guide. We're not convinced there's a summer activity that isn't listed on their epic roster of summer fun.

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## **UCalgary Alumnae Create Female Focused Health-tracking App**

As UCalgary undergraduate students and varsity rowing athletes, Danika Kelly, BA'15, MSc'18, and Renee Kokts-Porietis BA'18, MSc'20, used a fitness app to manage their training programs, but quickly realized that fitness apps were built for men. After completing grad school, Kelly and Kokts-Porietis were still perplexed by the lack of holistic solutions, and decided to form My Normative — an app that focuses on female specific fitness and health data. Their app launched in 2021 — and now the duo are looking for participants in an app research study. If interested, please visit the University of Calgary's [study recruitment site](#) to search for studies that are currently recruiting volunteers. You can also email [mynormastudy@ucalgary.ca](mailto:mynormastudy@ucalgary.ca).

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## New campaign focuses on university's commitment to entrepreneurial thinking and innovation

The University of Calgary is taking the next step in its evolution as a globally impactful institution, a place where anyone can come and start something transformational in health, the arts, public policy, energy and technology, amongst many others. "The University of Calgary is Canada's entrepreneurial university," says Dr. Ed McCauley, president and vice-chancellor. "We don't wait for change. We drive change."

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

- May 13 | Career Connect: The Hidden Job Market
  - May 16 | Canadian Innovation Week
  - May 17 | NFTs: The 21st-century Gold Rush (webinar)
  - May 27 | Career Connect Q&A
  - May 28 | CRESCENDO, presented by Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation
  - May 30-June 3 | Convocation 2022
  - June 1 | Indigenous History Month
  - June 6 | Alberta Seniors' Week
  - June 30 | Chancellor's Ride
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