

# AlumniNews

A monthly newsletter for UCalgary alumni and friends

Office of Advancement



## Top 40 Under 40 — Part 1

**Warning:** unless you're a trust-fund baby or some carefree *bon vivant*, reading our annual series on *Avenue Magazine's* Top 40 under 40 program, may spark a deep sense of inadequacy. The people who rise above the cut to win a Top 40 Under 40 Award are — simply put — highly motivated initiators of change. To be one of those influential honourees you must possess some — if not all — of these traits: drive, innovative mind, agility, speed, persuasiveness and charisma, with seemingly boundless amounts of ambition. Precisely why UCalgary is thrilled that of the 42 recipients who were recently toasted at the Eau Claire Tower — 18 have links to UCalgary.

In Part 1, you'll meet: **Jon Cornish, UCalgary Chancellor; Mark Blackwell, BComm'11; Brendan MacArthur-Stevens, LLB; Katie Smith-Parent, BA'10; Dr. Jiami Guo, PhD; and Iman Bukhari, BA'12.**

Prepare to be Inspired!

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## Alumni Exclusives



## Top 40 Under 40 — Part 2

In Part 2, you'll meet influential citizens who are doctors, athletes, researchers, entrepreneurs and civic leaders who still find time to give back to their communities: **Sam Effah, BComm'14; Evan Legate, BA'10; Dr. David Campbell, MD'12, PhD'17; Dr. Kerry Black, PhD; Dr. Ali Pormohammad, PhD; and Nagwan Al-Guneid, BA'05, MSc'15.**

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## Top 40 Under 40 — Part 3

In Part 3, you'll meet six young powerhouses who are paving the way for what comes next: **Dr. Doug Brown, PhD'17; Tomi Ajele, MPP'22; Dr. Leslie Skeith, MD'10; Dr. Jordan Raugust, BSc'05, MD; Dr. Kenneth Fuh, PhD'17; and Shannon Doram, BKin'07.**

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## Advice from All-Star Alumni

The list may be long but, interestingly, no one mentions wealth as a marker of a happy and fulfilling life. Recently, a group of Arch Award recipients dispensed advice to today's students. The wisdom of these exemplars deserves to be shared with all curious minds.

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# What's on Deck?



## Convocation: Nov. 10

We are thrilled to welcome a new cohort of grads to the UCalgary alumni community. The big day is Thursday with graduates from specific faculties crossing the stage at two different times, in the a.m. and p.m.

Haul out Your Pompoms!



## Career Webinar

Join us on Nov. 24 and learn about Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS). Designed to help you understand how this filtering software system may affect your job search, this webinar will provide you with tips on what you can do to improve your odds.

Register NOW!



## Skate with Santa

On Dec. 3, bring your family to this UCalgary Alumni tradition where you can skate with the jolly ol' gent on the fastest ice in the world. Admission is free for alumni and their families with a non-perishable food item for the SU Campus Food Bank.

Register NOW!

# University News

## Honouring the Past as we Prepare our Students for the Future

Remember the old MacKimmie Block — the university's first library? Now, standing in its place, next to the beloved prairie chicken, is the new Hunter Student Commons, a four-storey marvel of glass, concrete and steel ready to support a new generation of students, innovators, community partners and others. "What our students needed back in 1963 is simply not what they need today," said UCalgary President Ed McCauley at its recent opening. "UCalgary is transforming. Hunter Student Commons is about enabling a student experience previous generations could only imagine."

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## How to Work from Home (and the Office) Like a Pro

A hybrid-work researcher, Dr. Thomas O'Neill, BA'05, PhD, on how he structures his days, the value of a walk-and-talk meeting, and why we all need to be less worried about judgment. His research looks at how work teams and individuals can maximize efficiency, personal wellness and team health, specifically in hybrid-work situations.

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## Dinos Celebrate 2022 Hall of Fame Class

Kellen Forrest played football for the Dinos from 2012-14 and, earlier this fall, he attended the induction ceremony which he captures in this candid personal column.

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## Joan Snyder's Legacy Lives on at UCalgary



Innovative and industrious as a business leader, Joan Snyder, Hon. LLD'11, CM, brought those same qualities to her philanthropy, seeking to not only improve the lives of others, but also to elevate the community and inspire the same passion in others.

That dedication made her one of the University of Calgary's most impactful and ardent supporters during her lifetime — and, in true Snyder fashion, she continues to drive positive change even after her passing earlier this year. In a final act of generosity, she left an exceptional legacy gift of more than \$100 million to community organizations — including \$67.5 million that will boost research, student learning and athletics at UCalgary.

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

- Nov. 9 | *Goodnight Moon*, Telus Spark's Digital Immersion Series
- Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day at The Military Museums
- Nov. 14 | Celebrate Métis Week
- Nov. 16 | Careers in Science Night
- Nov. 21-27 | Innovation Week YYC
- Nov. 23 | Science in the Cinema Presents *The Dallas Buyers Club*
- Nov. 24 | Career Webinar: Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS)
- Dec. 3 | Skate with Santa

A photograph of Santa Claus smiling and holding a framed diploma. The diploma is from the University of Calgary, Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours. The background is red.

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