

Alumni Engagement



United Surge

When is a game more than just a game? Can a sports franchise represent more than just a city and its fans? UCalgary grad Jason Ribeiro, PhD'24, is building community and legacy through sport and culture. The journey for the co-owner and GM of the Calgary Surge is a story of timing, a positive philosophy, relentless passion and a deep-seated love for the game of basketball.

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SLAM FEST SPECIAL ALUMNI PRICING | JUNE 15

Join us to cheer on the [UCalgary Dinos](#) and the [Calgary Surge](#) at SLAM FEST on June 15th. Bring the whole family out to enjoy contests, giveaways and basketball featuring Surge and Dinos players and more! Celebrate the University's partnership with the Calgary Surge, a proud alumni (co-owned) CBEL team! [>>BUY ALUMNI TICKETS HERE<<](#)

*Note: The Calgary Surge will donate \$1.50 from every ticket sold to the [UCalgary Student Food Security Fund](#).

Alumni Engagement Corner

Alum Night

Alum Night: Celebrate with the Class of 2024 | June 19

The Class of 2024 has officially graduated! Celebrate them and join fellow alumni next Wednesday, June 19th at the Last Defence Lounge to mix, mingle and hear from recent grad and passionate youth advocate Shagufta Farheen, BComm'22.

Register Now



Spark Change with UCalgary Alumni Entrepreneurism | June 25

Hear from three alumni who have all started something and have valuable insights on the entrepreneurial ecosystem: [Danielle Gifford, MBA'20](#), [Jason Ribeiro, PhD'24](#) and [Jane Griffith, BA'96](#). Find out more in this free lunchtime career-development webinar.

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Campfire Chats: A Celebration of Indigenous Music and Culture | June 21

June 21 marks National Indigenous People's Day in Canada. Join the University of Calgary, in partnership with Heritage Park, for the 9th Annual Campfire Chats and celebrate Indigenous peoples' culture and history through live music.

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Volunteer With Us For Stampede 2024 | July 3 & 5

Kick-off the 2024 Calgary Stampede by volunteering with us! We are recruiting now for the annual President's Stampede BBQ on main campus **July 3** and a chance to walk the 5km parade route with the UCalgary Space Rex float in the Calgary Stampede Parade on **July 5!**

Register to Volunteer



Alumni Summer Scavenger Hunt | July 19 to Aug. 18

The hunt is on once again! Show off your UCalgary knowledge by completing in-person and virtual missions featuring iconic campus locations, UCalgary alumni and Alumni Built Businesses. New missions have been added this year! Are you up for the challenge?

Sign Up



Save the Date: Alumni Field Trip | Aug. 17

Join fellow UCalgary alumni in an exploration of the richness of Indigenous culture during this summer field trip. Bring your whole family and experience Indigenous wisdom as we take a guided nature walk through Fish Creek Provincial Park in Mohkinstsis (Calgary).

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Alumni Exclusives



Finding Balance

Danielle Gifford, MBA'20, has embraced challenges and established a unique presence in the dynamic world of startups and AI. Her remarkable career in the technology and innovation sectors is marked by her steadfast advocacy for inclusion of women in tech, while never forgetting to stop and see where she is and where she is going next.

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Peak Wisdom for Hiking This Season

It's finally summer, the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors! Rachel Oggy, a hiking expert and the Hiking Program Coordinator at the UCalgary Outdoor Centre, offers advice on preparation, skill development, and knowledge building to ensure you have a safe, fun, and enriching hiking experience this season.

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1964 UCalgary Graduate Recalls Spring Convocation Fondly

In honour of convocation season, we took the opportunity to meet with global health advocate and one of our longest standing alumni Dr. Irving Rootman, BA'64. Explore a snapshot of his academic journey and read the transcript of his valedictory address from over six decades ago!

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Life Lessons From a Visionary Medical Philanthropist

When University of Calgary alum, advisor and business leader Geoff Cumming, BA'76, Hon.LLD'16, reflects on some of the experiences and relationships; adventures and missteps; and travels and triumphs that have shaped his life so far, he sees a road paved with a little luck and a lot of love.

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Campus Connect



Class of 2024: Nursing Graduate Headed to 2024 Paris Olympics

Rebecca Smith, BN'24 will be competing at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris this summer. Smith was a silver medalist at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, competing in the 4x100 metre freestyle relay, the same competition she's bound for this summer in France.

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2024 UCalgary Spring Convocation

A huge thank you goes out to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who made the 2024 UCalgary Spring Convocation a success! We are thrilled to welcome over 6000 new alumni to our community. Check out these photos and stories from the Class of 2024!

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Meet the Spring 2024 President's Award Recipients

The University of Calgary is pleased to announce the spring 2024 recipients of the President's Award for Excellence in Student Leadership. Congratulations to Semhar Abrahma, JD'24, Connor Hass, BSc'24, and Robyn Paul, PhD'24.

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Thank You for Being a Part of Giving Day!

A huge thank you to everyone who made UCalgary Giving Day 2024 one of our best yet, with nearly 2400 alumni, faculty, students, staff and community members coming together to raise an incredible \$2.3 million. You made a difference!

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Upcoming Events and Programs

- June 1 - 30 | National Indigenous History Month
- June 1 - 30 | Pride Month
- June 15 | SLAM FEST
- June 17 | Indigenous Writing Circle
- June 19 | Alum Night: Celebrate with the Class of 2024
- June 19 | Anti-Indigenous Racism Workshop Series
- June 20 | Pathways to Healing Circle
- June 21 | Campfire Chats
- July 3 | President's Stampede BBQ Volunteer Opportunity

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