

## Alumni Engagement

### Alumni All-Access

## Want to go Back to University? You Can During Alumni All-Access

In this feature, author **Deb Cummings, MEd'17**, introduces **Dr. Christopher Framarin, PhD**, who will be hosting an insightful Alumni All-Access (AAA) lecture titled **The Joyful Sage: Renunciation and the Good Life in the Mahābhārata**. Dr. Framarin poses thought-provoking questions such as: How should we rationalize guilt and grief — or should we even try? And what is the proper response to loss? He delves into these questions through the lens of the Mahābhārata. This is just one of many eye-opening events taking place during Alumni All-Access 2024, which kicks off next week!

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## What's on Deck?



### Bolster Your Professional Development Skills at Alumni All-Access | Oct.22, 23 & 25

Join UCalgary's Continuing Education team for free webinars during AAA on [staying ahead with digital transformation](#) and [influencing without authority](#) and a free in-person session on [improving your writing](#).

[Register Now](#)



### Dinos Basketball Doubleheader | Nov.2

Come out and support your UCalgary Dinos women's and men's basketball teams as they take on the Saskatchewan Huskies in a double-header! **Alumni can register to attend the Nov. 2 games for FREE!** Join us and show off your Dinos pride!

[Register Now](#)



### Register to Volunteer for Fall Convocation | Nov.13-14

Volunteer to help make this fall's [Convocation Ceremonies](#) memorable for our newest graduates, while welcoming them into our vibrant alumni community! Register and sign up for various shifts on both Nov.13 and Nov.14 through our online volunteer portal.

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## Alumni Features



### Meet Mr. Black

Ever heard the one about the haunting of MacKimmie Tower? As the season of chills and thrills approaches, we sat down with UCalgary grad **Brennan Black, BA'18**—an accomplished storyteller, communicator, and passionate Halloween horror fanatic. Black tells us about his unique journey and the special place that UCalgary holds in his history with horror stories and eerie legends. He even has some suggestions on his favorite horror books and films!

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### Alumni All-Access 2024 is Here!

The biggest alumni event of the year is back with 15 days of exciting in-person and virtual sessions, activities and special offers from Oct.15-30. Last month, we shared a preview of the [first half of this year's Alumni All-Access \(AAA\) lineup](#), and the response has been incredible. We're now excited to preview the second half! From the always-popular Science in the Cinema to fun Halloween-themed family experiences, there's something for everyone in this year's AAA events!

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### Alumni Built Business Spotlight: Heritage Roasters

How fighting fires inspired a coffee-making journey and an alumni-built business.

**University of Calgary grad Jamie Parker, BSc'15** and business partner Mike Wenzlawe launched Canadian Heritage Roasting Company (CHRC) in 2015, selling organic whole-bean coffee and focusing on wildlife conservation.



## Save The Date: December 8, 2024



## Campus Connect

### Parents Establish Law School Scholarship to Honour Daughter's Courage

In honour of their daughter **Christina Lam's, BSc'10, JD'13** unwavering courage, her parents have established a law school scholarship at the University of Calgary. This scholarship aims to support and inspire future legal scholars, continuing her legacy of resilience and determination.

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### The Latest Now Innovating Podcast: Supporting the Mental Health of First Responder Families

**Dr. Kelly Dean Schwartz, PhD'02, MSc'92** and his research with the Family First Responder project has led to the development of a social innovation to provide mental health supports for first responder families. We also hear from Kelly's collaborator Scott Cowan, battalion chief for the Calgary Fire Department, who speaks to the value of this mental health programming..

[Give It A Listen](#)

### Med Students Use Augmented Reality to Spark New Conversations About Indigenous Health

A new augmented reality (AR) art exhibit brings to life a colourful mural created by local Indigenous artists. The striking visuals hold deeply meaningful stories that are now digitally accessible thanks to two alumni of the Cumming School of Medicine, **Arzina Jaffer, BHSc'22**, and **Laine Grace, BSc'21**, and the work of the Urban Society of Aboriginal Youth.

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### Schulich's Indigenous Pathways Program Receives Major Donation

In the spirit of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation held Sept. 30, 2022, Alumni Arch Award recipient **Milton Carrasco, MEng'92** announced his global software company Transoft Solutions will donate \$125,000 over five years to the Schulich Indigenous Pathways Program, which supports Indigenous students in pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree.

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## Creating Tomorrow

Big challenges, **bold ideas**



### Creating Tomorrow: Water | Oct.22

'Water' we up to? Check out what's happening with water research at UCalgary. We are at the forefront of developing innovative technologies and strategies for ensuring long-term water sustainability. At our next Creating Tomorrow series event, you'll hear from a panel of experts currently working on crucial water security and wastewater research projects. Join us at Telus Spark Science Centre on Oct. 22 as we explore the relationships, partnerships and people involved in addressing water security concerns.

## Upcoming Events and Programs

Oct.9 | Understanding the Impact of Stress on Mental Health

Oct.15-30 | Alumni All Access

Oct.17 | Arch Awards

Oct.19 | Dinos Volleyball Games

Oct.21 | Ladle UP! Volunteer for Food Prep

Oct.22 | Journey into Innovation: Life Sciences Hub Tour

Oct.23 | Science in the Cinema: The Imitation Game

Oct.22 | Creating Tomorrow | Exploring the Ripple Effect of Water Research

Oct.26 | UCalgary Open House

Oct.27 | Halloween Spooky Family Skate

Oct.28 | Dinos Hall of Fame Induction

Oct.30 | Oval After Dark

Oct.30 - Nov.15 | UFlourish

Nov.2 | Dinos Basketball Games

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